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TO: Ms. Hui Lu  
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

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FROM: Mr. Christophe Monier, Director  
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SUBJECT: **Orals Statement of programme budget implications arising from**  
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.5 of the Human Rights Council**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/61/L.5, entitled "The rights of persons with disabilities: disability inclusive digital technologies and infrastructure, including transport and housing".

CC:

Mr. Ramanathan  
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/61/L.5 ENTITLED "The rights of persons with disabilities: disability inclusive digital technologies and infrastructure, including transport and housing".

1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 of draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.5**, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Office of the High Commissioner to present an oral report to the Human Rights Council on the implementation of the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy across its programmes and operations at its sixty-fifth and sixty-eight sessions, with international sign interpretation and captioning, and also request the Office to make its report to the Secretary-General on the Strategy publicly available in an easy-to-read version and in an accessible format (OP. 8);

(b) Decide that its next annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities will be held at its sixty-fourth session, and will focus on the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: lessons learned and challenges in the development of human rights standards and norms and will have international sign interpretation and captioning (OP. 9);

(c) Also decide to hold at its sixty-seventh session an interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities, which will focus on measures to prevent all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse of persons with disabilities, and will have international sign interpretation and captioning (OP. 10);

(d) Request the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare its next annual thematic study on the rights of persons with disabilities on the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: lessons learned and challenges in the development of human rights standards and norms, and to prepare its subsequent study on measures to prevent all forms of exploitation, violence and abuse of persons with disabilities, in consultation with States and other relevant stakeholders, regional organizations, the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities and other

relevant special procedure mandate holders, civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and national human rights institutions, requiring contributions to be submitted in an accessible format, and request that such stakeholder contributions, the studies themselves and an easy-to-read-version of them be made available on the website of the Office, in an accessible format, prior to the sixty-fourth and sixty-seventh sessions of the Human Rights Council (OP. 11);

(e) Request the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and United Nations offices to continue to work collaboratively on the progressive implementation of standards and guidelines for the accessibility of facilities and services of the United Nations system, taking into account relevant provisions of the Convention, and underline that the Human Rights Council, including its Internet resources, should be fully accessible to persons with disabilities (OP. 16);

(f) Request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the work of the Office of the High Commissioner with respect to the rights of persons with disabilities and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is adequately resourced for the fulfilment of their tasks (OP. 17).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2027 and 2028:

**4. Under Section 24, Human Rights:**

**(a) Consultants:**

- One consultant at B-level (P-3) for 2 months annually, to support the development of thematic studies, including research and drafting with specialized expertise in disability rights (OP.11);

**(b) Contractual services related to:**

- Individual contractual services annually to prepare the thematic studies on the rights of persons with disabilities in an easy-to read version and in an accessible format (OP.11);
- Individual contractual services in each of 2027 and 2028, to prepare the reports to the Human Rights Council on the implementation of the United Nations Disability

Inclusion Strategy in an easy-to read version and in an accessible format (OP.8);

**(c) Grants and Contributions for:**

- 1 trip of 3 days annually by 3 Expert Panelists to Geneva, to participate in the annual interactive debate (OP.9, 10);
- 1 trip of 3 days annually for their respective personal assistants (OP.9, 10).

5. Conference Services under: **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, Section 28, Global communications, Section 29E, Administration, Geneva, for:**

- (a) Documentation services;
- (b) Making the meetings specified accessible to persons with disabilities, which includes International Sign interpretation and live captioning.

6. The activities referred to above relate to **Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, Section 24, Human rights, Section 28, Global communications and Section 29E, Administration, Geneva** of the programme budget for the years 2027 and 2028.

7. The adoption of the draft resolution **A/HRC/61/L.5** would give rise to total requirements as follows:

*United States Dollars)*

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Estimated amount included in the Budget (Annually)</i>	<i>Additional 2027 Non-Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2028 Non-Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional Total Non-Recurrent</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>					
Documentation	23 400	-	-	-	46 800
Accessibility services	13 100	13 100	13 100	26 200	52 400
<b>Subtotal, Section 2</b>	<b>36 500</b>	<b>13 100</b>	<b>13 100</b>	<b>26 200</b>	<b>99 200</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights*</b>					
Consultants	11 000	-	-	-	22 000
Contractual services	2 600	3 500	3 500	7 000	12 200
Grants and contributions	23 800	-	-	-	47 600
<b>Subtotal, Section 24*</b>	<b>37 400</b>	<b>3 500</b>	<b>3 500</b>	<b>7 000</b>	<b>81 800</b>
<b>Section 29E, Administration, Geneva</b>					
Accessibility services	1 100	1 100	1 100	2 200	4 400
<b>Subtotal, Section 29E</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>1 100</b>	<b>2 200</b>	<b>4 400</b>

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<b>Total</b>	<b>75 000</b>	<b>17 700</b>	<b>17 700</b>	<b>35 400</b>	<b>185 400</b>
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8. As reflected in the table above, requirements would arise as follows:

- a. Annual requirements of \$75,000, which have already been included in the programme budget for 2026 and the proposed programme budget for 2027, owing to the perennial nature of the mandate.
- b. Additional non-recurrent requirements of \$17,700 for 2027. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 81st session under the agenda item on proposed programme budget for 2027.
- c. Non-recurrent requirements of \$17,700, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2028.

9. With regard to operative paragraph 17, the attention of the Human Rights Council is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 80/242 of 30 December 2025, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with the responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.