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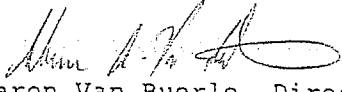
TO: Mr. Eric Tistounet
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

DATE: 27 September 2007

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FROM: Sharon Van Buerle, Director

DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPBA

SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from draft
OBJET: resolution A/HRC/6/L.8/Rev.1 of the Human Rights Council

Although no changes are required to the financial aspects of my earlier oral statement on draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.8, the attached oral statement is issued to reflect the revisions in the text of the draft resolution. I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.8/Rev.1, entitled "Elaboration of International Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination".

cc: Ms. Matsuura-Mueller
Mr. Ward

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.8/Rev.1 entitled "ELABORATION OF INTERNATIONAL COMPLEMENTARY STANDARDS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION"

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph (a) of draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.8/Rev.1, the Human Rights Council, would, decide to convene the inaugural session of the Ad Hoc Committee on Complementary Standards during the first semester of 2008, to commence its mandate.
3. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, it is estimated that conference-servicing requirements will arise. It may be recalled that at its third session in December 2006, upon adoption of its decision 3/103 the Human Rights Council was informed in an oral statement of the programme budget implications of its decision to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Human Rights Council on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards. At that time, it was estimated that requirements of \$607,100 would arise for the biennium 2006-2007, of which \$227,700 related to the Ad Hoc Committee and \$379,400 related to an additional session of the Intergovernmental Working Group. Requirements of \$451,800 were also expected to arise for conference services in the biennium 2008-2009, for the Ad Hoc Committee. No request for additional appropriations is anticipated in the biennium 2006-2007 since the inaugural session of the Ad Hoc Committee is expected to be held during the first semester of 2008.
4. With regard to the requirements for the biennium 2008-2009, conference-servicing provisions have been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and section 28 E, Administration Geneva.