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

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FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director
DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPFB

SUBJECT: **Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from draft
OBJET: resolution A/HRC/53/L.24/Rev.1 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/53/L.24/Rev.1**, entitled "Implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 31/36".

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/53/L.24/REV.1 ENTITLED "IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL RESOLUTION 31/36".

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 paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/HRC/53/L.24/Rev.1, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to allocate the necessary financial and human resources and expertise to enhance the capacity of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure that the mandate requested in Human Rights Council resolution 31/36 is fully implemented, and request the High Commissioner, to ensure that the yearly updates of the database include addition and removal of companies and to present the database on an annual basis to the Council starting from its fifty-seventh session (OP. 1).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required on annual basis:

(a) Staffing resources: establishment of one new Human Rights Officer post at the P-4 level, based in Geneva, starting from November 2023 under general temporary assistance for 2 months, to act as the main interlocutor with all concerned business enterprises, Governments, civil society and other stakeholders; develop and implement the documentation plans, methodology and tools to collect, analyse and preserve information and evidence; carry out research, information gathering, and analysis of all business enterprises involved in the activities detailed in paragraph 96 of the report of the independent international fact-finding mission (A/HRC/22/63); prepare and carry out field missions; draft the report to be submitted to the Human Rights Council on an annual basis.

(b) Travel of staff:

- One trip of 10 working days, plus a weekend, to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory in 2023.
- One trip of 10 working days, plus a weekend, to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory in 2024.

(c) General operating expenses:

- Delivery costs;
- Rental of vehicle for field visits;

- Communication charges.
- (d) Supplies and materials:
- Office supplies.
- (e) Furniture and equipment:
- One-time requirements for the acquisition of office automation equipment, office furniture and communication equipment;
 - Miscellaneous furniture and safety equipment.
- (f) Conference services for the translation of the reports.

4. The activities referred to above relate to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights of the programme budget for the years 2023 and 2024.

5. The adoption of the draft resolution A/HRC/53/L.24/Rev.1 would give rise to the recurrent requirements of \$296,800 and non-recurrent requirements of \$42,000 as follows:

(United States dollars)

<i>Budget section / Object of expenditure</i>	<i>Additional 2023 Recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2023 Non- recurrent</i>	<i>Additional 2024 Recurrent</i>	<i>Total recurrent requirements</i>	<i>Total non- recurrent requirements</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management					
Documentation	-	-	23 400	23 400	-
Subtotal, section 2	-	-	23 400	23 400	-
Section 24, Human Rights					
Posts	-	-	202 400	202 400	-
Other staff costs	-	38 100	-	-	38 100
Travel of staff	4 400	-	4 400	8 800	-
General Operating Expenditures	24 400	-	26 400	50 800	-
Supplies and Materials	200	-	1 200	1 400	-
Furniture and equipment	-	3 900	10 000	10 000	3 900
Subtotal, section 24	29 000	42 000	244 400	273 400	42 000
Total	29 000	42 000	267 800	296 800	42 000

6. As reflected in the table above, requirements would arise as follows:

a. Additional recurrent requirements of \$29,000 and additional non-recurrent requirements of \$42,000 for 2023.

b. Additional recurrent requirements of \$267,800 for 2024, which in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 78th session, in the context of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council during 2023.