

Informal statement of financial implications for draft resolution A/HRC/14/L.1

The [revised] draft resolution now before the Council contains a proposal for the dispatch of an international fact-finding mission, which will require careful planning and analysis of the resource requirements. Owing to the brief duration of the preceding debate, the Secretariat has not benefitted from the requisite 48-hour period in which to prepare and present the related statement of financial implications for the [revised] draft resolution. An indication of the magnitude of the resource requirements may, however, be drawn from the recent statement of financial implications pertaining to the Council's resolution number 9 from its last session, on the follow-up to the report of the fact-finding mission on the Gaza conflict. In that case, the resources required to establish an Expert Panel, very roughly equivalent to the present draft resolution, were estimated at approximately US\$ 530,000. It could be anticipated that the establishment of an international fact-finding mission in the current context will entail a similar level of additional resource requirements.

This oral statement is presented to inform the Council that no provision has been included within the approved Programme Budget for the Biennium 2010-2011 for these activities, and thus additional appropriations will likely be requested. In due course, the Secretariat will conclude a thorough review of the implications of this [revised] draft resolution, and a written statement of the detailed programme budget implications will be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration.