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SUBJECT: **Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from  
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.16 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/20/L.16, entitled "United Nations Declaration on the right to peace".

cc: Ms. Casar  
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT  
RESOLUTION A/HRC/20/L.16 ENTITLED "UNITED NATIONS  
DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT TO PEACE"

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 paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 6 of draft resolution A/HRC/20/L.16, the Human Rights Council would:

- (a) Decide to establish an open ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of negotiating, finalizing and submitting to the Council a draft United Nations Declaration on the right to peace, on the basis of the draft submitted by the Advisory Committee, and without prejudging relevant past, present and future views and proposals;
- (b) Decide that the working group shall hold its first session for five working days in 2013, before the twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council;
- (c) Request the President of the Council to invite the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee drafting group on the draft declaration to participate at the first session of the working group;
- (d) Request the working group to submit a report on progress made to the Council for consideration at its twenty-third session.

3. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the establishment of the working group and the holding of its first session would require:

- (a) Interpretation services for five working days in all six official United Nations languages;
- (b) Translation of the report on progress made into all six official United Nations languages and publication as an official document;
- (c) Return travel and daily subsistence allowance for five working days of the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee drafting group on the draft declaration;
- (d) General temporary assistance at P-3 level for 6 work-months to undertake consultations with the concerned stakeholders, as well as communications with delegations and other actors in the preparation of the working group session; draft a concept note and

programme of the session; contact and liaise with the relevant experts and civil society representatives; organize the session; and draft and ensure the submission of the report to the Council; and

- (e) General temporary assistance at G-5 level for 6 work-months to provide administrative and secretarial support in the preparation and organization of the working group session; liaise with the Conference and Documentation Services; dispatching of correspondence; email and telephone contacts with stakeholders; formatting and processing of documentations.

4. The activities referred to above relate to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 24, Human rights; and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$329,300 would arise as follows:

	Total requirements (biennial)	Included in the 2012-2013 budget	Net additional requirements
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>			
Simultaneous interpretation	94,700	-	94,700
Pre-session documentation	27,600	-	27,600
Post-session documentation	34,300	-	34,300
<b>Total section 2</b>	<b>156,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>156,600</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights</b>			
Travel of the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee to Geneva for 5 working days	8,400	-	8,400
General Temporary Assistance, P-3 for six months	92,400	-	92,400
General Temporary Assistance, GSOL for six months	69,000	-	69,000
<b>Total section 24</b>	<b>169,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>169,800</b>

<b>Section 29E, Administration, Geneva</b>			
Sound technician/recording	2,900		2,900
<b>Total section 29E</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,900</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>329,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>329,300</b>

6. Provisions for the requested activities have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013; hence, additional appropriations of \$329,300 would be required to support this new mandate as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.

7. At this stage, it is not possible to identify activities within the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It would therefore be necessary for additional resources in the amount of \$329,300 to be provided through an additional appropriation in the context of the contingency fund.

8. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/19/L.16, the related additional requirements of \$329,300 would arise, including \$156,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; \$169,800 under section 24, Human rights; and \$2,900 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

9. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 67<sup>th</sup> 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 2012, in which it would be determined whether some of the additional requirements could be met within the provisions of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. The balance of those additional requirements is to be requested in the context of the contingency fund, established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.