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to: Mr. Goro Onojima
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

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SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from
OBJET: draft resolution A/HRC/18/L.13 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/18/L.13, entitled "Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order".

cc: Mr. Yamazaki
Mr. Srethwattanakul
Mr. Ward

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH
DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/18/L.13 ENTITLED "PROMOTION OF A
DEMOCRATIC AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ORDER."

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 12 of draft resolution A/HRC/18/L.13, the Human Rights Council would "decide to establish, for a period of three years, a new special procedure entitled 'Independent expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order', with the following mandate:

- (a) To identify possible obstacles to the promotion and protection of a democratic and equitable international order, and to submit proposals and/or recommendations to the Council on possible actions in that regard;
- (b) To identify best practices in the promotion and protection of a democratic and equitable international order at the local, national, regional and international levels;
- (c) To raise awareness concerning the importance of promoting and protecting of a democratic and equitable international order;
- (d) To work in cooperation with States in order to foster the adoption of measures at the local, national, regional and international levels aimed at the promotion and protection of a democratic and equitable international order through concrete proposals enhancing sub-regional, regional and international cooperation, including by holding sub-regional and regional consultations in that regard;
- (e) To work in close coordination, while avoiding unnecessary duplication, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, other special procedures of the Council, international financial institutions, as well as with other relevant actors representing the broadest possible range of interests and experiences, within their respective mandates, including by attending and following up on relevant international conferences and events;
- (f) To integrate a gender and disabilities perspective into his and her work;

(g) To report regularly to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work".

3. Under terms of operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the Human Rights Council would request the High Commissioner to provide all the necessary human and financial resources for the effective fulfilment of the mandate by the independent expert.

4. Under terms of operative paragraph 15 of the draft resolution, the Human Rights Council would request the independent expert to present his or her first report to the Council at its twenty-first session.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, requirements would arise to implement the new activities called for under the above operative paragraphs, amounting to \$1,886,600 per year as follows:

	Annual requirements
	\$
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	
Interpretation and translation of documents for regional consultations	31,200
Interpretation and translation of the official documents during field missions and country visits	330,200
Interpretation and translation of the official documents during sub-regional consultations	522,100
Total section 2:	883,500
Section 24, Human rights	
Consultant, P-3 for 4 months	26,000
Staff: 2 P-3 for 12 months, 1 P-3 for 6 months and 1 General Service for 12 months each year	534,500
Travel (3 trips) of the independent expert for consultations and to present his report to the Human Rights Council	27,000
Travel of the independent expert to New York to present his report to the General Assembly	8,200
Travel of the independent expert for 2 field missions per year	16,200
Travel of staff to accompany the independent expert during field missions	10,400

Local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions	6,000
Travel of the independent expert to attend international conferences and event (2 trips per year)	33,100
Travel of 2 staff to accompany the independent expert, attending international conferences and event (2 trips per year)	24,000
Travel of the independent expert to for regional and sub-regional meetings	17,500
Travel of 3 staff to accompany the independent expert to regional and sub-regional meetings	23,400
Travel of 30 participants to regional and sub-regional meetings	234,000
Travel of 4 experts to regional and sub-regional meetings	23,400
Travel of 1 treaty body member or special procedure mandate holder to each regional and sub-regional meetings	17,500
Total section 24	1,001,200
Section 29E, Administration, Geneva (sound technician support)	1,900
Grand Total	1,886,600.

6. These requirements have not been requested under the proposed Programme Budget 2012-2013; hence, additional appropriations would be required to support this new mandate as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.

7. It should be noted that the Secretary-General's proposals for his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 and the additional resource requirements estimated at \$1,886,600 per year that would arise from adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/18/L.13 have yet to be considered by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, which may impact the level of resources that would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights and section 29E, Administration, Geneva of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

8. With regard to operative paragraph 14, attention is drawn to the provisions of section IV of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009 in which the General Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was 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.

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10. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/18/L.13, the related additional requirements of \$1,886,600 per year that would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights and section 29E, Administration, Geneva of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 would, in accordance with established procedures, be brought to the General Assembly attention 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 to be reported to the 66th session of the General Assembly, in which it would be determined whether some of the requirements could be met within the provisions of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

