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

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

SUBJECT: **Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from**
OBJET: **draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.28 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/25/L.28, entitled "Mandate of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of states on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights".

cc: Ms. Casar
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/25/L.28 ENTITLED "MANDATE OF THE INDEPENDENT
EXPERT ON THE EFFECTS OF FOREIGN DEBT AND OTHER RELATED
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF STATES ON THE FULL
ENJOYMENT OF ALL HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
AND CULTURAL RIGHTS"

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 paragraphs 8, 11 and 12 of draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.28, the Human Rights Council would:

- (a) Decide to extend the mandate of the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, for a period of three years;
- (b) Request the High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all necessary human and financial resources for the effective fulfilment of the mandate by the independent expert; and
- (c) Request the Independent Expert to report regularly to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly in accordance with their respective programmes of work.

3. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required:

- (a) 3 travels to Geneva per year (each for 5 days) for consultations/to attend the annual meeting of special procedures and to present report to the Human Rights Council;
- (b) 2 country visits per year of an estimated duration of 10 working days each;
- (c) 1 travel to New York per year (for 5 days) to report to the General Assembly;
- (d) Travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during 2 country visits per year of an estimated duration of 10 working days each;

- (e) Local transportation, security, communication and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions; and
- (f) Conference services for the translation of his annual reports (thematic and country visits) and interpretation during field missions.

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 bienniums 2014-2015 and 2016-2017.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$329,400 per year would arise as follows:

	<i>Total requirements (Annual)</i>	<i>Total requirements (Biennium)</i>	<i>Included in 2014-2015 budget</i>	<i>Estimated requirements for 2016-2017</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management				
Simultaneous interpretation	89,800	179,600	179,600	179,600
Pre-session documentation	158,900	317,800	317,800	317,800
Other requirements	2,400	4,800	4,800	4,800
Subtotal section 2	251,100	502,200	502,200	502,200
Section 24, Human rights				
Annual travel of the Special Rapporteur : 3 to Geneva, 1 to New York and 2 country missions	50,300	100,600	100,600	100,600
Travel of staff: to accompany special rapporteur on country missions	12,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
Local costs: transportation, security, communication, miscellaneous	16,000	32,000	32,000	32,000
Subtotal section 24	78,300	156,600	156,600	156,600
Total	329,400	658,800	658,800	658,800

6. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.25, the related requirements of \$329,400 per year would arise, including \$251,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$78,300 under section 24, Human rights.

7. The related provisions have been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and will be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium

2016-2017; hence no additional appropriations would be required as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.