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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.2/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/25/L.2/Rev.1, entitled "Freedom of opinion and expression: Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression."

cc: Ms. Casar
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/25/L.2/REV.1 ENTITLED "FREEDOM OF OPINION AND
EXPRESSION: MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE PROMOTION
AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF OPINION AND
EXPRESSION"

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 2 of draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.2/Rev.1, the Human Rights Council would decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a further period of three years.

3. Under terms of operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution, the Human Rights Council would request the Special Rapporteur to submit an annual report to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly covering all activities relating to his/her mandate, with a view to maximizing the benefits of the reporting process.

4. Under terms of operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution, the Human Rights Council would request the Secretary-General to provide the assistance necessary to the Special Rapporteur to fulfil his/her mandate, in particular by placing adequate human and material resources at his/her disposal.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, the following activities and resources would be required:

- (a) Travel of the Special Rapporteur: i) for country visits (2 missions of an average of 10 days per annum); ii) to travel to Geneva to report to the Human Rights Council (1 trip of 5 days per annum); iii) to travel to New York to report to the General Assembly (1 trip of 5 days per annum); iv) travel to Geneva to hold an annual consultation with States, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and relevant stakeholders (1 trip of 5 days per annum); and v) to attend the annual meeting of special procedures (1 trip of 5 days per annum);
- (b) Travel of staff to accompany the Special Rapporteur during country visits (2 missions of an average of 10 days per annum);

- (c) Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions; and;
- (d) Conference services for the translation of the annual report and interpretation during field missions.

6. 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 biennia 2014-2015 and 2016-2017.

7. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$327,300 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
Post-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 annually	48,200	96,400	96,400	96,400
Travel of staff: to accompany special rapporteur on country missions including Security Officer	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	76,200	152,400	152,400	152,400
Total	327,300	654,600	654,600	654,600

8. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.2/Rev.1, the related additional requirements of \$327,300 per year would arise, including \$251,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and \$76,200 under section 24, Human rights.

9. The related provisions have been provided under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 and will be included under the proposed programme budget 2016-2017; hence no additional appropriations would be required to support this mandate as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.