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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/30/L.29 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/30/L.29, entitled "Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka".

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/30/L.29 ENTITLED "PROMOTING RECONCILIATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN SRI LANKA"

- 1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
- (a) Under the terms of operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/HRC/30/L.29, the Human Rights Council would request the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to assess progress on the implementation of OHCHR's recommendations and other relevant processes related to reconciliation, accountability, and human rights; to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its thirty-second session, and a comprehensive report followed by discussion on the implementation of the present resolution at its thirty-fourth session.
- 2. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the following activities and one-time resources would be required:
- (a) Six missions to Colombo of 14 days each of OHCHR Geneva-based staff with expertise in various thematic areas, including transitional justice and rule of law issues, in order to support and assess progress on the implementation of OHCHR's recommendations and other relevant processes related to reconciliation, accountability and human rights;
- (b) Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions;
- (c) General temporary assistance at the P-4 level for 15 months, to support the ongoing review and assessment of progress on the implementation of OHCHR's recommendations and other relevant processes related to reconciliation, accountability and human rights; and
- (d) Conference services for the translation and processing of final report.
- 3. 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 proposed programme budget for the 2016-2017.
- 4. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$337,800 would arise as follows:

	Total requirements 2016-2017	Included in 2016-2017 proposed budget	Additional requirements 2016-2017
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Post-session documentation	30 600	-	30 600
Subtotal, section 2	30 600	-	30 600
Section 24, Human rights			
Travel of staff for 6 missions to Colombo	37 200	-	37 200
General temporary Assistance at P-4 level for 15 months	246 000	-	246 000
Local costs: transportation, security, communications, miscellaneous	24 000	-	24 000
Subtotal, section 24	307 200		307 200
Total	337 800	-	337 800

- 5. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/30/L.29, the related additional one-time requirements of \$337,800 would arise, including \$30,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$307,200 under section 24, Human rights.
- 6. The related provisions have not been included under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. Hence additional resources would therefore be required as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.
- with established 7. These requirements, in accordance procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 70th 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 2015, in which it would be determined whether some of the additional requirements could be met within the provisions of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The balance of those additional requirements will be requested in the context of the contingency fund, established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.

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