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

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DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPFB


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/48/L.15, entitled “Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan  
Mr. Pearce  
Ms. Veaudour  
Ms. Alirzaeva
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 18, 21, 22 and 23 of draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.15, the Human Rights Council would:

   (a) Decide to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia, under agenda item 10, for a period of one year to assess, monitor and report on the situation of human rights in Somalia with a view to making recommendations on technical assistance and capacity-building in the field of human rights;

   (b) Request the Independent Expert to provide updates to the Human Rights Council in her reports on progress on the implementation of the benchmarks and indicators in the Transition Plan to inform future action at the Human Rights Council;

   (c) Also request the Independent Expert to report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-first session and to the General Assembly at its seventy-eighth session; and

   (d) Request the Office of the High Commissioner and other relevant United Nations agencies to provide the Independent Expert with all the human, technical and financial assistance necessary to carry out the mandate fully.

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

   (a) Annual travel of the Independent Expert: three trips to Geneva of five working days each (to report to the Council, to hold an annual consultation with States, OHCHR and relevant stakeholders and to attend the annual meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Council); one trip of five working days to New York to report to the General Assembly; and two country visits of 10 working days each;

   (b) Travel of one staff to accompany the mandate holder during the two country visits per year of 10 working days each;

   (c) Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions;
(d) Conference services for the translation of annual reports 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 years 2021 and 2022.

5. The adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to total annual requirements of $294,200 as follows:

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6. The mandate of the Independent Expert falls under the category of activities considered to be of a perennial nature and gives rise to total annual requirements of $294,200, comprising $215,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and $78,600 under section 24, Human rights. Owing to the perennial nature of the activities of the Independent Expert, the related provisions have been included under the programme budget for the year 2021 and in the proposed programme budget for 2022.

7. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.15, no additional resources would be required.

8. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General
Assembly, at its 76th 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 2021.

9. With regard to operative paragraph 23, the attention of the Human Rights Council is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 75/252 of 31 December 2020, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is 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.