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, OPPFB

SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from
draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.17 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/48/L.17, entitled “The
question of the death penalty”.

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 13 and 14 of draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.17, the Human Rights Council would:

   a. Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the high-level panel discussion and to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, treaty bodies, special procedures and regional human rights mechanisms, as well as with parliamentarians, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and national human rights institutions with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion, and to make the biennial panel discussion fully accessible;

   b. Also request the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the panel discussion, also in an accessible format, and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session.

3. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the following activities resources would be required in 2023 and every odd year onwards:

   (a) Conference services to ensure that the panel is fully accessible, including international sign interpretation and captioning.

   (b) An individual contractor for two weeks to prepare the report in accessible formats, including “Plain Language” and “Easy-to-Read”.

4. The activities referred to above relate to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the year 2023 and every odd year onwards.

5. The adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to total additional odd year requirements of $14,300, in addition to the existing odd year requirements of $95,400, as follows:
(United States dollars)

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6. Should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/43/L.17, the related additional requirements of $14,300 would arise, including $11,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $3,200 under section 24, Human rights of the programme budget for 2023 and every odd year thereafter.

7. 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, and would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2023.