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

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.19, entitled “Situation of human rights in Burundi”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
Mr. Pearce
Ms. Veaudour
Ms. Alirzaeva
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/48/L.19 ENTITLED “SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BURUNDI”

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 20, 21, 23 and 24 of draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.19, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Decide to appoint a Special Rapporteur to monitor the situation of human rights in Burundi and to make recommendations for its improvement, to collect, examine and assess information from all relevant stakeholders pertaining to the human rights in Burundi and building upon the work of the Commission of Inquiry; to advise the Government of Burundi in fulfilling its human rights obligations arising from international treaties; to offer support and advice to civil society and to the National Commission for Human Rights (CNIDH) in executing its independent mandate of promoting and protecting human rights as well as in raising awareness on human rights issues;

(b) Request the Special Rapporteur to present to the Human Rights Council, at its fiftieth session, an oral update on the situation of human rights in Burundi, and also to submit to the Council, at its fifty-first session, and to the General Assembly, at its seventy-seventh session, a comprehensive written report;

(c) Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure there is no monitoring gap while awaiting the appointment of the Special Rapporteur and to provide the Special Rapporteur with the assistance and all resources necessary to fulfil the mandate; and

(d) Request the High Commissioner to ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are consolidated, preserved, accessible and usable in support of ongoing and future accountability efforts.

Contract Extension for six staff of Secretariat in the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi and recruitment of one staff to bridge the gap between the cessation of the Commission of Inquiry and the appointment of the Special Rapporteur

3. In order to implement the requests contained in operative paragraphs 23 and 24 of the draft resolution, the following
activities and one-time resources would be required in 2021 and 2022:

(a) General temporary assistance (GTA) for continuation of the Secretariat with 6 staff based in Geneva, Switzerland, to ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are consolidated, preserved, accessible and usable in support of future accountability efforts:

i. One Coordinator, P5 (from 1 October to 15 November 2021) for overall management of the team that will ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are consolidated, preserved, accessible and usable in support of future accountability efforts, as well as for all necessary tasks to ensure smooth transition of the work to the Special Rapporteur on Burundi;

ii. One Reporting/Legal Officer, P4 (from 1 October to 15 November 2021) to ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are consolidated, preserved, accessible and usable in support of future international accountability efforts, in particular by finalizing the identification of perpetrators of human rights violations requested in resolution 33/24 (para. 23(b));

iii. One Chief of Investigation, P4 (from 1 October to 15 November 2021) to ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are consolidated, preserved, accessible and usable in support of future international accountability efforts, in particular by finalizing the identification of perpetrators of human rights violations requested in resolution 33/24 (para. 23(b));

iv. Two Interpreters (French/English/Kirundi), P-3 (from 1 October to 15 November 2021) to ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are accessible and usable in support of future national accountability efforts, in particular by translating as much of the materials as possible in the Kirundi language; and
v. One Administrative Assistant, GS6 (from 1 October to 15 November 2021) to ensure that information and evidence of human rights violations and abuses occurred in Burundi collected by the Commission of Inquiry are consolidated, preserved, accessible and usable in support of future accountability efforts, particularly by ensuring that the information and materials of the Commission of Inquiry on Burundi are stored in accordance with United Nations archival standards.

(b) One General Temporary Assistant at P-3 level, for six months (3 months in 2021 and 3 months in 2022) in Geneva to ensure a smooth transition between the Commission of Inquiry and Special Rapporteur.

4. The activities referred to above relate to 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 requirements of $249,400 as follows:

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6. The related provisions have not been included under the programme budget for the year 2021 or the proposed programme budget for the year 2022. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.19, the related additional one-time requirements of $202,400 for the year 2021 and $47,000 for the year 2022 would arise under section 24, Human rights of the programme budget.

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.
8. 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.

Appointment of the Special Rapporteur on Burundi

9. In order to implement the requests contained in operative paragraphs 20 and 21 of the draft resolution, the following activities and one-time resources would be required in 2022:

a) Annual travel of the Special Rapporteur: 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 to Geneva for three trips of five working days each and during the two country visits per year of ten working days each;

c) Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions;

d) One General Temporary Assistance at P-3 level, for twelve months, based in Yaoundé, Cameroon to support the mandate holder in fulfilling the mandate by, inter alia: collecting and analyzing information, preparing talking points, briefing notes and press statements, facilitating country visits, accompanying the mandate holder during missions to the region or country and assisting with the preparation of reports to the Council; and

e) Conference services for the translation of annual reports and interpretation during field missions.

10. 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 years 2021 and 2022.

11. The adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to additional requirements of $449,100 as follows:

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12. The related provisions have not been included under the proposed programme budget for the year 2022. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.19, the related additional requirements of $449,100 would arise, including $215,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; and $233,500 under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for 2022.

13. 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.

14. 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
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