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A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

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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.6, entitled “Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of Human Rights”.

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Mr. Pearce
Ms. Veaudour
Ms. Alirzaeva
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/48/L.6 ENTITLED “TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR YEMEN IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS”

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 and 19 of draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.6, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the High Commissioner to continue providing substantive capacity-building and technical assistance to the Government of Yemen and reasonable technical support to the National Commission of Inquiry at the same level as any investigation commission to ensure that the National Commission continues to investigate allegations of violations and abuses committed by all parties to the conflict in Yemen, and in line with international standards, and submits its comprehensive report on alleged human rights violations and abuses in all parts of Yemen, in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 30 of 23 August 2019, as soon as it is available, and encourages all parties to the conflict in Yemen to extend full and transparent access and cooperation to the National Commission;

(b) Request the High Commissioner to present a written report on the implementation of technical assistance, as stipulated in the present resolution, to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-first session.

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

(a) General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for 3 months, based in Aden, to continue work in support of the National Commission of Inquiry initiated under Human Rights Council resolution 33/16; to coordinate, organize and deliver substantive technical assistance and advice through relevant workshops and trainings with the support of relevant experts for the National Commission of Inquiry; to draft the HC’s report to be presented to the fifty-first session of the Human Rights Council;

(b) One home-based national consultant at the NO-C level for a period of 4 months with expertise in international humanitarian law and international human rights law. The consultant will provide expert advice and support on legal issues in relation to the monitoring, investigations and reporting work carried out by the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry;
(c) One home-based national consultant at the NO-C level for a period of 3 months with expertise in military affairs. The consultant will provide expert advice and support on weapon-related/military issues in relation to the monitoring, investigations and reporting work carried out by the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry;

(d) One international consultant at the P-4 level, in Aden, Yemen, for a period of 3 weeks with expertise in legal file archiving. The expert will assist the National Commission of Inquiry to prepare and archive legal files for submission to the Office of the Attorney General;

(e) One international consultant at the P-4 level, in Aden, Yemen for a period of 2 weeks with expertise in investigating and prosecuting gender related violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. The expert will conduct two training workshops for the Commissioners and field monitors;

(f) One international consultant at the P-4 level, in Aden, Yemen for a period of 2 weeks with expertise in digital imagery/open source investigation techniques and tools. The expert will conduct a training workshop for the commissioners and investigators;

(g) Travel for staff, consultants and participants for related activities:

i. Two training workshops in Aden, Yemen for three days each on investigating gender related violations of human rights and international humanitarian law, including:
   - One international consultant (ref. to para 3 (e)) to conduct both trainings;
   - Nine Commissioners, for one workshop, from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);
   - 40 Field Monitors, for the other workshop, from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);

ii. One training workshop in Aden, Yemen for three days on criminal and civil liability for human rights violations, conflict of international law with national laws and the protection of witnesses, including:
   - One national consultant (ref. to para 3 (b)) to conduct the training;
   - Nine Commissioners from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);

iii. Two training workshop in Aden, Yemen for three days each on monitoring, investigating and reporting allegations
of violation and abuses of IHRL and IHL committed by all parties to the conflict in Yemen, including:
- One national consultant (ref. to para 3 (b)) to conduct both trainings;
- Eight Investigators, for one workshop, from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);
- 40 Field Monitors, for the other workshop, from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);

iv. One training workshop in Aden, Yemen for two days on digital imagery/open source investigation techniques and tools for human rights monitoring, including:
- One international consultant (ref. to para 3 (f)) to conduct the training;
- Eight Investigators from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);
- Nine Commissioners from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry (based in several governorates in Yemen);

v. One visit of 5 days to Tunis, Tunisia, for the National Commission of Inquiry to strengthen their knowledge of transitional justice mechanisms and meet with former members of the Truth and Dignity Commission, victims and their families, judges and prosecutors, as well as to share experiences with members of an international commission of inquiry (Libya/Yemen), including:
- One staff from ROLDS/OHCHR (from Geneva);
- One staff from the International Center for Transitional Justice (from Beirut);
- Nine Commissioners from the Yemeni National Commission of Inquiry;

(h) General operating expenses for rental of meeting rooms, local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during workshops;

(i) Conference services for the translation of the High Commissioner’s report to be presented at the fifty-first session of the Human Rights Council.

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 2022.

5. The adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to total requirements of $316,000 as follows:
(United States dollars)

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<th>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</th>
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6. 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.6, the related additional one-time requirements of $316,000 would arise, including $27,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $288,300 under section 24, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the year 2022.

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.