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

5 October 2021

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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.9 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.9, entitled “The right to privacy in the digital age”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
Mr. Pearce
Ms. Veaudour
Ms. Alirzaeva
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/48/L.9 ENTITLED “THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE”

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 10 and 11 of draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.9, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a written report identifying recent trends and challenges with regard to the human right to privacy, including those addressed in the present resolution, and to identify and clarify related human rights principles, safeguards and best practices and to present it to the Council at its fifty-first session to be followed by an interactive dialogue; and

(b) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, when preparing the abovementioned report, to seek input from and to take into account the work already done by relevant stakeholders from diverse geographical regions, including States, international and regional organizations, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the treaty bodies, other relevant United Nations offices, agencies, funds and programmes, within their respective mandates, national human rights institutions, civil society, the private sector, the technical community and academic institutions.

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 (GTA) at the P-4 level for three months to seek input from all relevant stakeholders from diverse geographical regions, undertake research, analyse and assess a broad range of trends and challenges with regard to the right to privacy in the fast evolving digital space, to identify and clarify human rights principles, safeguards and best practices, prepare the written report of the High Commissioner and prepare the interactive dialogue;

(b) Conference services for the translation of the report.

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 year 2022.

5. The adoption of the draft resolution would give rise to total one-time requirements of $84,200 as follows:
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6. The related provisions have not been included under the proposed programme budget for 2022. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/48/L.9, the related additional requirements of $84,200 would arise, including $27,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $56,500 under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for 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.