TO: Mr. Goro Onojima  
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/49/L.29, entitled “Rights of the child: realizing the rights of the child and family reunification”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
    Mr. Fofana
    Ms. Alirzaeva
    Ms. Veaudour

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 31, 32 and 33 of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.29, the Human Rights Council would:

   (a) Welcoming ongoing efforts to mainstream the rights of the child into the work of the United Nations system, request the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a comprehensive report in an accessible format in follow up to the High-Level Panel on human rights mainstreaming held in 2020, with concrete recommendations on how to strengthen a child rights-based approach in the work of the United Nations, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, including the United Nations Children’s Fund, other relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, relevant special procedure mandate holders, regional organizations and human rights bodies, and civil society, including children themselves; and to present it to the Human Rights Council in its fifty-fifth session (para 31);

   (b) Decide to continue its consideration of the question of the rights of the child in accordance with its programme of work and its resolutions 7/29 of 28 March 2008 and 19/37 of 23 March 2012, and request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize its 2023 annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on the theme “the rights of the child and the digital environment”, and to make the discussion fully accessible to persons with disabilities (para 32);

   (c) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on the rights of the child and inclusive social protection in an accessible format and child-friendly manner, in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, including States, the United Nations Children’s Fund, other relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, relevant special procedure mandate holders, regional organizations and human rights bodies, national human rights institutions and civil society, including through consultations with children themselves, and to present the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-fourth session and request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner
for Human Rights to organize the 2024 annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on this theme, and to make the discussion fully accessible to persons with disabilities (para 33).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 31, 32 and 33 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2023 and 2024:

(a) General Temporary Assistance of one Human Rights Officer (P-3) in Geneva, for 6 months in 2023, to draft a comprehensive report in follow up to the High-Level Panel on human rights mainstreaming held in 2020, containing concrete recommendations on how to strengthen a child rights-based approach in the work of the United Nations, in consultation with all stakeholders, including consultation with children paying due attention to child safeguarding considerations;

(b) Conference services in 2024 for the translation of the comprehensive report on how to strengthen a child rights-based approach in the work of the United Nations;

(c) Contractual services for four weeks to produce the accessible versions of the reports: two weeks in 2023 for the report on the rights of the child and inclusive social protection to persons with disabilities, and two weeks in 2024 for the comprehensive report on how to strengthen a child rights-based approach in the work;

(d) Consultancy at the P4 level for 3 months in 2023 for the preparation of a child friendly version of the report on the rights of the child and inclusive social protection;

(e) Conference services to make the 2023 annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child and the digital environment accessible to persons with disabilities;

(f) Conference services to make the 2024 annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child and inclusive social protection accessible to persons with disabilities;

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 2023 and 2024.

5. The adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.29 would give rise to total requirements of $168,500 as follows:
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6. As reflected in the table above, requirements would arise as follows:

a. $126,600 for 2023, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its 77th session.

b. $41,900 for 2024, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2024 for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its 78th session.