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


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.32, entitled “Ensuring equitable, affordable, timely and universal access for all countries to vaccines in response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
Mr. Fofana
Ms. Alirzaeva
Ms. Veaudour
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/49/L.32 ENTITLED “ENSURING EQUITABLE, AFFORDABLE, TIMELY AND UNIVERSAL ACCESS FOR ALL COUNTRIES TO VACCINES IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC”.

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 paragraph 17 of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.32, the Human Rights Council would:

   (a) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in consultation with States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, in particular the World Health Organization, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council, the treaty bodies, civil society organizations and other stakeholders, to prepare a report on the human rights implications on good practices and key challenges in the affordable, timely, equitable and universal access and distribution of quality, safe, efficacious and affordable COVID-19 vaccines and the impact on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, for submission to the Human Rights Council, at its fifty-second session, followed by an interactive dialogue, and to provide an oral update thereon to the Council at its fifty-first session.

3. In order to implement the requests contained in the paragraph 17 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2022 and 2023:

   (a) General Temporary Assistance, Human rights Officer at the P-4 level in Geneva, for three (3) months in 2022, to undertake research, compile background information, coordinate inputs and prepare the report;

   (b) Conference services for the translation of the report in 2023.

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 2022 and 2023.

5. The adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.32 would give rise to total requirements of $82,100 as follows:
(United States dollars)

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6. As reflected in the table above, requirements would arise as follows:

a. $55,000 for 2022. The Secretariat will make all efforts to accommodate these requirements within the approved appropriation for 2022.

b. $27,100 for 2023, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its 77th session.