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

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FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director
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.11, entitled “Prevention of genocide”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
Mr. Fofana
Ms. Alirzaeva
Ms. Veaudour
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/49/L.11 ENTITLED “PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE”.

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 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.11, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and with relevant entities of the United Nations system, Governments and other stakeholders, to help to ensure the success of the observance by the United Nations of the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and the Prevention of This Crime and to assist Member States, upon request and in compliance with the provisions of resolution 69/323 relating to funding, in organizing activities for the observance of the International Day (para 37);

(b) Request the Secretary-General to draw up a roster of focal points and networks on the prevention of genocide with updated information from Member States (para 40);

(c) Also request the Secretary-General to prepare a follow-up report based on information provided by States and other stakeholders on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution, with a particular focus on the impact of technological advancements on the prevention of genocide efforts as well as on the risks of perpetration of genocide, and to submit the report to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session and to the General Assembly (para 41);

(d) Decide to convene, before its fifty-sixth session, a one day intersessional meeting to mark the 75th anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and to discuss the role of social media platforms and their instrumentalization by those seeking to spread hate leading to real-world discrimination and violence, which will provide a space for a thorough examination of the issue and a dialogue with various stakeholders (para 42);

(e) Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, the treaty bodies, the special procedures of the Human Rights Council and regional human rights mechanisms, as well as with civil society, including non-governmental organizations, and national human rights institutions and other stakeholders, including
academic experts, transnational corporations and other business enterprises with a view to ensuring their participation in the meeting (para 43);

(f) Also request the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a summary report on the intersessional meeting and to submit it to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-ninth session and to the General Assembly (para 44);

(g) Invite the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide to an interactive dialogue with the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session on the progress made in discharging her/his duties (para 45).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in paragraphs 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2023 and 2025:

(a) General Temporary Assistance for a Human Rights Officer (P-4) in Geneva, for 3 months in 2023, to organize the one-day intersessional meeting, to act as substantive and administrative support to the Chair of the meeting, and to draft the summary report of the meeting;

(b) General Temporary Assistance for a Human Rights Officer (P-4) in Geneva for 2 months in 2023 to draft the follow-up report on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

(c) General Temporary Assistance for one General Service staff for 2 months in 2023 to help with the travel and administrative work behind the organization of the inter-sessional meeting;

(d) Travel of representatives: one trip to Geneva in 2023 by five representatives (two treaty body members, two mandate holders, and the Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide) to participate in the one-day intersessional meeting to mark the 75th anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide that shall take place in Geneva before the fifty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council;

(e) Travel of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide to Geneva in 2023 to participate in an interactive dialogue with the Human Rights Council at its fifty-third session on the progress made in discharging his/her duties;

(f) Grants and contributions: one trip to Geneva in 2023 by two business representatives to participate in the one-day intersessional meeting to mark the 75th anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide that shall take place in Geneva before the fifty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council.
(g) Conference services for the translation of the two reports (one in 2023 and one in 2025) and interpretation during the intersessional meeting, as well as sound technician and recording services in 2023;

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, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva of the programme budget for the years 2023 and 2025.

5. The adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.11 would give rise to total requirements of $229,200 as follows:

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

   a. $202,100 for 2023, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its 77th session.

   b. $27,100 for 2025, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2025 for the consideration of the General Assembly, at its 79th session.