o: 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.3, entitled “Strengthening the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan  
Mr. Fofana  
Ms. Alirzaeva  
Ms. Veaudour
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION
A/HRC/49/L.3 ENTITLED “STRENGTHENING THE VOLUNTARY TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES AND SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES IN THE WORK OF THE HUMAN
RIGHTS COUNCIL”.

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 12 of draft resolution
A/HRC/49/L.3, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for
Human Rights to prepare a report, based on the outcomes of the
consultations in the four regional groups, in which the Office
evaluates the activities of the Trust Fund to increase the engagement
of the least developed countries and small island developing States
in the work of the Human Rights Council and to present the report to
the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fourth session.

3. In order to implement the requests contained in the paragraph
12 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources
would be required in 2026 and 2027:

(a) One General Temporary Assistance, P3 level, Human Rights Officer
in Geneva, for 3 months in 2026, to prepare a report, based on the
outcomes of the consultations in the four regional groups, in which
the Office evaluates the activities of the Trust Fund to increase the
engagement of the least developed countries and small island
developing States in the work of the Human Rights Council;

(b) Conference services for the translation and production of the
report to the Human Rights Council at its sixty-fourth session.

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 2026 and 2027.

5. The adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.3 would give rise to
total requirements of $73,800 as follows:
(United States dollars)

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

   a. **$46,700 for 2026**, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2026 for consideration of the General Assembly at its 81st session;

   b. **$27,100 for 2027**, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2027 for consideration of the General Assembly at its 82nd session.