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

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FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director

FROM: 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.34, entitled “Technical assistance and capacity-building for South Sudan”.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
Mr. Fofana
Ms. Alirzaeva
Ms. Veaudour
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/49/L.34 ENTITLED “TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR SOUTH SUDAN”.

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 8, 9, 10 and 11 of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.34, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the Office of the High Commissioner, in cooperation with the Government of South Sudan and relevant mechanisms of the African Union, to urgently assist South Sudan to address human rights challenges in the post-conflict transition, by:

i) In close consultation with the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity, to determine the capacity-building needs of the South Sudanese institutions to pursue transitional justice and to investigate and prosecute conflict-related crimes, in consultation with the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity on identified needs;

ii) Provide technical assistance to the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity on the establishment of transitional justice institutions under Chapter V of the Revitalized Agreement and to build the capacity of local courts to investigate and prosecute conflict-related crimes, with a view to improving accountability and promoting reconciliation and healing in South Sudan;

iii) Reporting to the Human Rights Council on the support provided to the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity in the form of technical and capacity-building support in accordance with the terms of this Resolution;

iv) Provide technical assistance and capacity building necessary to enable the Government to deliver services;

v) Engage the Revitalized Transitional Government of National Unity, international and regional mechanisms, including the United Nations Mission in South Sudan and the African Union with a view of addressing human rights violations and abuses committed during the conflict by the parties;

(b) Request the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to present an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-first session, followed by an interactive dialogue, including on progress made with the participation of representatives of the
African Union, and to present a comprehensive written report to the Council at its fifty-second session, followed by an interactive dialogue;

(c) Request also the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to submit its report and recommendations to the Human Rights Council and then to share them with the African Union and all relevant organs of the United Nations, including the United Nations Mission in South Sudan;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to provide all the resources necessary to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to provide such administrative, technical and logistical support as necessary to implement the provisions of the present resolution.

3. In order to implement the requests contained in paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required in 2022 and 2023:

(a) General temporary assistance:

- One P-4 Human Rights Officer (12 months: 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023) for a Transitional Justice Advisor, based in Juba, to complement the current UNMISS staff capacity with specialist knowledge of the subject matter; determine the capacity-building needs of the South Sudanese institutions to pursue transitional justice and to investigate and prosecute conflict-related crimes; provide technical guidance on transitional justice, make recommendations on technical assistance to support accountability, reconciliation and healing; engage with the Government of South Sudan, international and regional mechanisms and civil society, with a view to promoting accountability for human rights violations and abuses committed by all parties; and make recommendations on capacity-building, including to law enforcement institutions, on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including on addressing sexual and gender-based violence;

- One P-3 Human Rights Officer (12 months: 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023) for a Human Rights Officer based in Geneva, to gather up-to-date information on the human rights situation; to provide regular briefings to the High Commissioner, UN agencies, and other relevant partners; to coordinate and liaise with all relevant stakeholders; to prepare an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-first session, including on progress made for provisions within the present resolution and to draft a comprehensive written report for the fifty-second session of the Human Rights Council.

(b) Consultants
• One international consultant at the level equivalent to P-4, based in Juba, for six months (in 2022) to support the Government of South Sudan to implement the Resolutions from the workshop on Transitional Justice held in Nairobi in December 2021.

(c) Travel of staff:

• Three trips of 5 working days in 2022 by the Transitional Justice Advisor to travel from Juba, once to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and twice within South Sudan to deliver technical cooperation activities,
• One trip of 5 working days in 2022 by the Human Rights Officer from Geneva to South Sudan to liaise with relevant stakeholders and gather up-to-date information with a view to preparing the comprehensive report,
• Two trips of 3 working days by the Transitional Justice Advisor to organize and convene the two workshops on transitional justice in South Sudan Regions.

(d) Grants and contributions:

• Three workshops of 3 working days each on transitional justice, with the participation of relevant stakeholders; 1 in Juba and 2 in South Sudan Regions and the related workshop costs.

(e) General operating costs including rental, utilities, communication costs, and other miscellaneous expenses.


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.34 would give rise to total requirements of $617,300 as follows:

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

a) $485,200 in 2022. The Secretariat would make all efforts to accommodate these requirements within the approved appropriation for 2022.

b) 132,100 in 2023, which would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023 for the consideration of the General Assembly in its 77th session.

7. With regard to operative paragraph 11, the attention of the Human Rights Council is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 76/245 of 24 December 2021, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with the responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.