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

30/3/2022  

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FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director  
DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPPB  


OBJET:  

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.4, entitled “Situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea”.  

cc: Mr. Ramanathan  
Mr. Fofana  
Ms. Alirzaeva  
Ms. Veaudour
ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/49/L.4 ENTITLED “SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF KOREA”.

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 16, 23 and 33 of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.4, the Human Rights Council would:

   (a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 37/28, for a period of one year (para 16);

   (b) Request the Special Rapporteur to submit regular reports to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly on the implementation of his mandate, including on the follow-up efforts made in the implementation of the recommendations of the commission of inquiry (para 23);

   (c) Request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur and the Office of the High Commissioner with regard to the field-based structure with sufficient resources and the support necessary to carry out the mandate effectively, including to support the information and evidence repository, and to ensure that the mandate holder receives the support of the Office of the High Commissioner (para 33).

3. In order to implement the mandate contained in the paragraphs 16, 23 and 33 of the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required. Owing to the perennial nature of the mandate, the activities and resources are presented on an annual basis, and would be applicable to 2022 and 2023:

   (a) Annual travel of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea: three trips of 5 working days each to Geneva (to report to the Council, to hold an annual consultation with States, OHCHR and relevant stakeholders and to attend the annual meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Council); one trip of 5 working days to New York to report to the General Assembly; and two country visits of 10 working days each;

   (b) Travel of one staff to accompany the mandate holder during the two country visits per year of 10 working days each;
(c) Simultaneous interpretation costs for two country visits of ten days each;

(d) Local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions;

(e) Conference services for the translation of annual reports, government replies and interpretation during field missions.

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, Geneva of the programme budget for 2022 and 2023.

5. The adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/49/L.4 would give rise to total annual requirements of $297,100, and an equal amount for the mandate period, as follows:

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6. As reflected in the table above, annual requirements of $297,100 would arise. These requirements have already been included in the approved programme budget for 2022 and would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2023, to be considered by the General Assembly, at its 77th session, owing to the perennial nature of the mandate.

7. With regard to operative paragraph 33, 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.