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

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FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director
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SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from
OBJET: draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.29 of the Human Rights Council

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/25/L.29, entitled "Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity".

cc: Ms. Casar
Ms. Veaudour
Mr. Ward

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/25/L.29 ENTITLED "PROMOTION OF THE ENJOYMENT
OF THE CULTURAL RIGHTS OF EVERYONE AND RESPECT FOR CULTURAL
DIVERSITY"

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.29, the Human Rights Council would:

- (a) Decide to organize, at its twenty-seventh session, a panel discussion on history teaching and memorialization processes, which will, inter alia, contribute to the sharing of good practices in this area, and invites the High Commissioner to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, relevant special procedures in particular the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights and the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, civil society and other stakeholders with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;
- (b) Request the High Commissioner to prepare and submit a summary report on the panel discussion to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session; and
- (c) Request the Special Rapporteur to present her next report to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth session.

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

- (a) Travel to Geneva and DSA for the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, and one additional expert to participate in the panel discussion; and
- (b) Conference servicing requirements for translation and processing of the summary report.

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 proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$50,900 would arise as follows:

	<i>Total requirements (Biennial)</i>	<i>Included in the 2014-2015 Budget</i>	<i>Net additional requirements 2014-2015</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Pre-session documentation	34,300	-	34,300
Other requirements	800	-	800
Subtotal section 2	35,100	-	35,100
Section 24, Human rights			
Travel of experts to participate on one day panel in Geneva	15,800	-	15,800
Subtotal section 24	15,800	-	15,800
Total	50,900	-	50,900

6. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.29, the related additional requirements of \$50,900 would arise, including \$35,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$15,800 under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

7. Provisions for the requested activities have not been included under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

8. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 69th session, in the context of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council during 2014, in which it would be determined whether some of the additional requirements could be met within the provisions of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015. The balance of those additional requirements is to be requested in the context of the contingency fund, established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.

