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

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SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from
OBJET: draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.5 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.5, entitled "Integrity of the judicial system".

cc: Ms. Casar
Ms. Veaudour
Mr. Ward

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/25/L.5 ENTITLED "INTEGRITY OF THE JUDICIAL
SYSTEM"

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 12, 13 and 14 of draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.5, the Human Rights Council would:

- (a) Request the High Commissioner to convene, prior to the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council, an expert consultation for an exchange of views on human rights considerations relating to the issues of the administration of justice through military tribunals and the role of the integral judicial system in combating human rights violations, with the participation of representatives of States, Special Procedures, including the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, Chairpersons-Rapporteurs of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, treaty bodies, regional human rights mechanisms, as well as non-governmental organizations and national human rights institutions;
- (b) Request the High Commissioner to present a summary of the discussions held during the expert consultation to the Council at its twenty-eighth session; and
- (c) Request the High Commissioner to provide all necessary assistance and support for the expert consultation.

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

- (a) Travel and DSA to Geneva by 16 experts, including mandate holders from six human rights mechanisms, and 10 other experts on i) human rights considerations relating to the issues of administration of justice through military tribunals, and ii) the role of the integral judicial system in combating human rights violations, including from regional human rights mechanisms, NHRIs and NGOs, covering all regions;
- (b) General temporary assistance for a P-3 for nine months to substantively and logistically plan, organize and support the expert consultation as well as drafting the summary outcome report for the 28th session of the Council;

- (c) Conference servicing requirements, which would include simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations for the two-day consultation; sound technician and recording services; conference room officer; pre-session documentation in six languages; and post-session documentation in the form of a report (8,500 words) in six languages.

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 29F, Administration, Geneva of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$291,700 would arise for the biennium 2014-2015 as follows:

	<i>Total requirements (Biennial)</i>	<i>Net additional requirements 2014-2015</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management		
Simultaneous interpretation	26,000	26,000
Pre-session documentation	8,700	8,700
Post-session documentation	31,100	31,100
Other requirements	1,700	1,700
Subtotal section 2	67,500	67,500
Section 24, Human rights		
Travel of the participants to the meeting	85,000	85,000
One P-3 for 9 months	137,700	137,700
Subtotal section 24	222,700	222,700
Section 29F, Administration, Geneva		
Sound technicians/recording	1,500	1,500
Subtotal section 29F	1,500	1,500
Total	291,700	291,700

6. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.5, the related additional requirements for 2014-2015 of \$291,700 would arise, including \$67,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council

Affairs and Conference Management, \$222,700 under section 24, Human Rights, and \$1,500 under section 29F, Administration, Geneva of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

7. Provisions for the requested activities have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015; hence, an additional appropriation of \$291,700 would be required to support this new mandate as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.

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.