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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/26/L.22 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/26/L.22, entitled "Elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights"

cc: Mr. Ramanathan

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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/HRC/26/L.22 ENTITLED "ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS"

- 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 1, 2, 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/HRC/26/L.22, the Human Rights Council would:
- (a) Decide to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate to elaborate an international legally binding instrument on Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises with respect to human rights;
- (b) Decide also that the open-ended intergovernmental working group shall hold its first session for five working days in 2015, before its thirtieth session;
- (c) Request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the open-ended intergovernmental working group with all the assistance necessary for the effective fulfillment of its mandate; and
- (d) Request also the open-ended intergovernmental working group to submit a report on progress made to the Human Rights Council for consideration at its thirty-first session.
- 3. In order to implement the requests contained in the draft resolution, the following activities and resources would be required:
- (a) One P-4 staff for 6 months per year to act as Secretary of the Working Group, prepare the meeting, and prepare the report;
- (b) One P-3 staff for three months per year to provide support to ensure that the Working Group is provided by inputs from States and relevant stake holders of possible principles and elements of such an international legally binding instrument, and to consolidate these;
- (c) One General Service staff for three months per year, to assist with preparations, support and follow-up to the session;

- (d) Travel to Geneva and DSA for five experts (one from each region) each year to provide independent expertise and expert advice to the Working Group; and
- (e) Conference services for a five working days annual meeting of the Working Group.
- 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 \$360,400 per year would arise as follows:

	Total requirements per year
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	\$
Simultaneous interpretation	90,700
Pre-session documentation	2,800
Post-session documentation	38,500
Other requirements	4,100
Total section 2	136,100
Section 24, Human rights	
Travel of experts to Geneva to advise the IGWG	30,100
General Temporary Assistance: 1 P-4 for 6 months, 1 P-3 & 1 GS for 3 months each	190,500
Total section 24	220,600
Section 29F, Administration, Geneva	
Sound technician/recording	3,700
Total section 29F	3,700
Grand Total	360,400

6. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/26/L.22, the related requirements of \$360,400 would arise, including \$136,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$220,600 under section 24, Human rights, and \$3,700 under section 29F, Administration, Geneva.

- 7. Provisions for the requested activities have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015; hence, additional appropriations of \$360,400 would be required to support this new mandate as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.
- requirement, in accordance with established 8. These 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.
- 9. Provisions for the 2016-2017 will be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.