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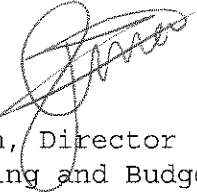
TO: Mr. Goro Onojima
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

21 March 2016

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

SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from
OBJET: draft resolution A/HRC/31/L.39 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/31/L.39, entitled "Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan".

cc: Ms. Bartsiotas
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ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/31/L.39 ENTITLED "ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM, AND
IN THE OCCUPIED SYRIAN GOLAN"

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 17 and 18 of draft resolution A/HRC/31/L.39, the Human Rights Council would:

(a) Request the High Commissioner, in close consultation with the Working Group on Business and Human Rights, in follow up to the report of the independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and as a necessary step for the implementation of recommendation 117 thereof, to produce a database of all business enterprises involved in the activities detailed in paragraph 96 of the aforementioned report, to be updated annually, and to report it to the Council at its thirty-fourth session; and

(b) Request the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution, with particular emphasis on the human rights and international law violations involved in the production of settlement goods, and the relationship between trade in these goods and the maintenance and economic growth of settlements, at its thirty-fourth session.

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

(a) General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for 8 months for one staff who will, in close consultation with the Working Group on Business and Human Rights, create a database of all business enterprises involved in the activities detailed in paragraph 96 of the report of the independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem; and draft a report presenting the above requested tasks to the Council at its thirty-fourth session. S/he will research, gather information, and analyze human rights and international law violations involved in the production of settlement goods in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, research and draw relationships between trade in these goods and the

entrenchment, maintenance and economic growth of the settlement enterprise and the situation of occupation, as well as third party obligations in this regard, draft and present a report to be submitted to the Council at its thirty-fourth session.

(b) Conference services for the translation and processing of the 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 programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$138,700 would arise as follows:

(United States dollars)

	<i>Total requirements 2016-2017</i>	<i>Included in 2016-2017 budget</i>	<i>Additional requirements 2016-2017</i>
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Pre-session documentation	36 300	-	36 300
Subtotal, section 2	36 300	-	36 300
Section 24, Human rights			
General temporary assistance at P-3 level for 8 months	102 400		102 400
Subtotal, section 24	102 400	-	102 400
Total	138 700	-	138 700

6. The related provisions have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017; therefore additional resources of \$138,700 would be required as a result of the adoption of this draft resolution.

7. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/31/L.39, the related additional requirements of \$138,700 would arise, including \$36,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$102,400 under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017.

8. These requirements, in accordance with established procedures, would be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, at its 71st 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 2016, in which it would be determined whether some of the additional requirements could be met within the approved appropriations for the biennium 2016-2017. The balance of those additional requirements will be requested in the context of the contingency fund, established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211.