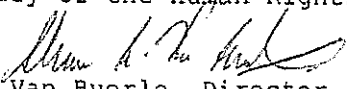


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TO: Mr. Eric Tistounet  
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

DATE: 20 March 2007

  
FROM: Sharon Van Buerle, Director  
DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPBA

SUBJECT: Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from draft  
OBJET: resolution A/HRC/4/L.2 of the Human Rights Council

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.2, entitled "Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to the Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1."

CC: Ms. Matsuura-Mueller  
Ms. Wong  
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Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft  
resolution, A/HRC/4/L.2

"Human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: follow-up to the Human Rights Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1"

This statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 2 of draft resolution A/HRC/4/L.2, the Human Rights Council, would:
  - a. call for the implementation of its resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1, including the dispatching of the urgent fact-finding missions;
  - b. request the President of the Human Rights Council and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to report to the Council at its fifth session on their efforts for the implementation of Council resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 and on the compliance of Israel, the occupying Power, with these two resolutions;
2. It may be recalled that at the first special session of the Human Rights Council, an oral statement of programme budget implications was presented to it on its resolution S-1/1, which informed the Council that while no provisions had been made in the 2006-2007 programme budget to dispatch an urgent fact-finding mission to the Occupied Palestinian Territory, the related travel costs, estimated at \$27,300, for the mission, would be absorbed within overall resources included in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, under Section 23, Human Rights. With regard to the Human Rights Council resolution S-3/1, although owing to time constraints, an estimate of the programme budget implications of the resolution was not presented to it, the Council was informed at the time it adopted the resolution that to the extent possible resources required to implement the decision to dispatch a high-level fact-finding mission to Beit Hanoun and to provide all administrative, technical and logistical assistance to the mission would be met from resources approved for the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, under Section 23, Human Rights. Subsequent to the third

special session of the Human Rights Council, it was estimated that \$130,500 would be required to implement the Human Rights Council, resolution S-3/1. The Secretary-General in his reports A/61/530 and Add.1 on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council informed the General Assembly at the main part of its 61<sup>st</sup> session of the aforementioned budgetary requirements.

3. This oral statement is presented to inform the Council that the resources required to implement its resolutions S-1/1 and S-3/1 estimated at \$27,300 and \$130,500, respectively, remain unchanged. At this time, the Secretary-General, maintains his prior position, as reported to the General Assembly at the main part of its 61<sup>st</sup> session that to the extent possible, the requirements would be met from resources approved by the General Assembly under section 23, Human Rights of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.