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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.32 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.32, entitled "Ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism & military operations in accordance with international law including international human rights and humanitarian law".

cc: Ms. Casar
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Mr. Ward

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/HRC/25/L.32 ENTITLED "ENSURING USE OF REMOTELY
PILOTED AIRCRAFT OR ARMED DRONES IN COUNTER-TERRORISM &
MILITARY OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW
INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW"

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 4 and 5 of draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.32, the Human Rights Council would:

- (a) Decide to organize an interactive panel discussion of experts at its twenty-seventh session on the issues raised in the report of the Special Rapporteurs on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, within existing resources, and invites the Office of the High Commissioner to liaise with States, relevant United Nations bodies and agencies, relevant special procedures, civil society and other stakeholders with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion;
- (b) Request the OHCHR to present summary of the deliberations of the panel discussion 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 three expert panelists to participate in the panel discussion;
- (b) Two months of consultancy at the P-4 level to organize the panel and prepare the report; and
- (c) Conference services for the 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 programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

5. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, total requirements of \$63,500 would arise as follows:

	<i>Total requirements</i>	<i>Net Additional Requirement 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	12,800	12,800
Consultant for 3 months at P-4 level	15,600	15,600
Subtotal section 24	28,400	28,400
Total	63,500	63,500

6. Accordingly, should the Council adopt draft resolution A/HRC/25/L.32, the related requirements of \$63,500 would arise, including \$35,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$28,400 under section 24, Human rights.

7. Provisions for the requested activities have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015; hence, an additional appropriation of \$63,500 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.

