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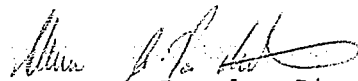
TO: Mr. Eric Tistounet  
A: Secretary of the Human Rights Council

DATE: 26 September 2007

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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/6/L.26 of the Human Rights Council

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read prior to the adoption of draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.26, entitled "Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous People"

cc: Ms. Matsuura-Mueller  
Mr. Ward

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT  
RESOLUTION A/HRC/6/L.26 ENTITLED "MANDATE OF THE SPECIAL  
RAPPORTEUR ON THE SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL  
FREEDOMS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE"

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 1, 1 (j) and 4 of draft resolution A/HRC/6/L.26, the Human Rights Council, would;
  - (i) decide to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous People for a period of three years;
  - (ii) request the Special Rapporteur to submit a report on the implementation of his/her mandate to the Council in accordance with its annual programme of work
  - (iii) request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the necessary human, technical and financial assistance to the Special Rapporteur for the effective fulfillment of his/her mandate.
3. Should the draft resolution be adopted by the Human Rights Council, a total amount of \$62,900 per year will be required to implement the activities called for in operative paragraphs 1 and 1 (j), as follows:
  - (i) travel of the Special Rapporteur to attend the annual meeting of special procedures and to present a report to the Human Rights Council, for 2 field missions per year and a trip to New York each year to present a report to the General Assembly (\$45,900);
  - (ii) travel of staff to accompany the Independent Expert during field missions (\$9,800); and
  - (iii) local transportation, security, communications and other miscellaneous expenses during field missions (\$7,200).
4. The requirements to implement the activities for the mandate of the Special Rapporteur have already been included under Section 23, Human Rights, of the programme budget for the

biennium 2006-2007 and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Since the period for renewal of the mandate extends into the biennium 2010-2011 the requirements for that period would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. No additional appropriations would be required as a result of the adoption of the draft resolution.

5. With regard to operative paragraph 11, attention is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.