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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The General Assembly, in part V of its resolution 63/263, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in which the Committee concluded in its report (A/63/629) as to the merit of annual presentations to the General Assembly of revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council (see A/63/541). The present report therefore details budgetary requirements estimated at \$4,708,500 for the biennium 2010-2011 and \$283,100 for the biennium 2012-2013 resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions held in 2009 and 2010, as contained in its report to the General Assembly (A/65/53). Of the total estimated requirements of \$4,708,500, provisions of \$1,284,400 have already been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and it is proposed to meet an amount of \$2,940,300 from the resources already appropriated for the biennium 2010-2011. Regarding the remaining amount estimated at \$483,800, the General Assembly is requested to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of \$483,800 for the biennium 2010-2011. The expenditure performance will be reported in the context of the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The amount of \$283,100 envisaged for the biennium 2012-2013 will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

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I. Introduction

1. The present annual report is in line with the conclusion of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, contained in its report (A/63/629), as endorsed in part V of General Assembly resolution 63/263, on the merit in the annual presentation to the General Assembly of the revised estimates arising from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council. The current report is submitted to inform the General Assembly of the requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions in 2009 and 2010 (A/65/53). It should be noted that the requirements resulting from the resolutions and/or decisions of the fifteenth session of the Council, to be held from 13 September to 1 October 2010, will be considered in the next annual report.

2. Although the Council held two special sessions (twelfth and thirteenth special sessions in October 2009 and January 2010, respectively), additional resources did not arise under the regular budget with regard to the decisions taken by the Council (see A/64/53/Add.1 and A/65/53, forthcoming). The Secretary-General therefore continues to maintain his earlier opinion in paragraph 23.15 of A/64/6 (sect. 23), that additional experience needs to be gained before presenting a comprehensive proposal on the treatment of the additional resources arising from mandates relating to special missions.

3. The Council adopted a number of resolutions and two decisions by which it authorized relevant human rights bodies and special procedures to continue or undertake additional activities, including meetings. Accordingly, under rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council was provided, where appropriate, with a statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of relevant resolutions and decisions, with the exception of resolution 14/1, whereby due to the urgency of the issue in question, the Council held an urgent debate on the question of the grave attacks by Israeli forces against the humanitarian boat convoy and immediately proceeded to adopt the resolution without a financial implications statement being able to be provided. However, the Council was orally informed that, on the basis of the preliminary review, there were programme budget implications in the implementation of resolution 14/1 and that no provision had been included under section 23, Human rights, or other sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. In addition, the Council was informed that the detailed resource requirements will be submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval.

4. For those resolutions and decisions that were orally revised prior to adoption by the Council, the revisions introduced did not impact the statements of programme budget implications submitted to the Council.

5. Some of the requirements resulting from resolutions adopted by the Council relate to activities of a "perennial nature" for which provisions have already been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 and will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 for mandates that were extended beyond the current biennium. It should be noted that the implementation of the activities of a "perennial nature" called for in resolutions 12/4, 12/23, 12/25, 12/26, 13/4, 13/14, 13/25, 14/6, 14/10 and 14/11, for which provisions are estimated at \$1,284,400 (before recosting), have already been made

in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Regarding resolutions 12/1, 12/15, 12/17, 12/18, 12/21, 12/28, 13/9, 13/11, 13/15, 13/16, 13/24, 14/1, 14/5, 14/10, 14/16, and decisions 12/119 and 13/117, as these are new mandates, requirements estimated at \$3,424,100 have not been provided in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. However, it is the intention of the Secretary-General to accommodate the amount of \$2,940,300 from within the existing appropriation of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 with the balance of the amount estimated at \$483,800 relating to resolution 14/1 to be sought as commitment authority under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. A listing of all the requirements (new and perennial) is summarized in the annex to the present report.

6. In addition, resolution 14/8 gives rise to new resources of \$283,100 (before recosting) in the period 2012-2013 and will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

7. With regard to resolutions 12/1, 12/23, 12/26, 13/4, 13/11, 13/14, 13/24, 13/25, 14/6, 14/10, 14/11 and decisions 12/119 and 13/117, the attention of the Human Rights Council was drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the most recent of which is resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, 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.

II. Additional requirements relating to the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council

A. Resolution 12/1: Open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council

8. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 of resolution 12/1, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate to review the work and the functioning of the Council;

(b) Also decided that the working group will hold two sessions for five working days each, in Geneva, after its fourteenth session;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to provide the working group with all the necessary resources and facilities in order for it to carry out its mandate.

9. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to a total amount of \$614,600 for the holding of two sessions for five working days each in Geneva in 2010, under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$607,000); and (b) section 28E, Administration, Geneva (\$7,600).

10. The requirements to implement activities in response to the resolution have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Although it is anticipated that a total additional amount of \$614,600 would be required for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested at this time, as the Secretariat will seek to identify areas from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved for sections 2 and 28E for the biennium 2010-2011.

B. Resolution 12/15: Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

11. Under the terms of paragraph 4, of resolution 12/15, the Human Rights Council requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to hold a workshop on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights on a regular basis and to convene the next one in the first semester of 2010, within existing resources, to allow further sharing of information and concrete proposals on ways and means to strengthen cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements in the field of human rights and the identification of strategies to overcome obstacles to the promotion and protection of human rights at the regional and international levels, with the participation of representatives of the relevant regional and subregional arrangements from different regions, experts and interested States Members of the United Nations, observers, national human rights institutions and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

12. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to a total additional amount of \$445,800 required to implement activities under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for conference services (\$176,100); (b) section 23, Human rights for travel of participants and experts and consultant services (\$267,500); and (c) section 28 E, Administration, Geneva for conference support services (\$2,200).

13. The requirements to implement activities called for under the resolution have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Although it is anticipated that a total additional amount of \$445,800 would be required for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested, at this time, as the Secretariat will seek to identify areas from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved for sections 2, 23 and 28E for the biennium 2010-2011.

C. Resolution 12/17: Elimination of discrimination against women

14. Under the terms of paragraphs 15 and 16 of resolution 12/17, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the High Commissioner to prepare a thematic study on discrimination against women, in law and practice, and on how the issue is addressed throughout the United Nations human rights system, in consultation with States, relevant United Nations bodies and mechanisms and agencies, including the Committee on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the agencies within the United Nations composite entity on gender equality and

empowerment of women and all other relevant stakeholders, taking into account the efforts made in this regard, particularly by the Commission on the Status of Women;

(b) Decided to address the above-requested thematic study at its fifteenth session, and to hold a half-day discussion on the issue in order to consider taking further possible action on discrimination against women at that session.

15. Adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, gives rise to total additional requirements of \$18,000 under section 23, Human rights to provide for travel of experts from various regions to participate in a one-day panel discussion. The requirements have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

16. Although a total additional amount of \$18,000 was estimated for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested, at this time, as the Secretariat will seek to absorb the requirements within the provisions approved under section 23 for the biennium 2010-2011.

D. Resolution 12/18: The adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights

17. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of resolution 12/18, the Human Rights Council decided to hold a panel discussion on the matter at its thirteenth session, with equitable geographic and gender participation of relevant experts and representatives of civil society, with a view to inform the future work of the Special Rapporteur.

18. Adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, gives rise to total additional requirements of \$18,000 under section 23, Human rights, for experts from various regions to participate in a one day panel discussion. The requirements were not included in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

19. Although a total additional amount of \$18,000 was estimated for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested at this time as the Secretariat will seek to absorb the requirements within the provisions approved for section 23 for the biennium 2010-2011.

E. Resolution 12/21: Promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind

20. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 12/21, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to convene, in 2010, a workshop for an exchange of views on how a better understanding of traditional values of humankind in conformity with international human rights norms and standards can contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, with the participation of representatives from all interested States, regional organizations, national human rights institutions

and civil society, as well as experts selected with due consideration given to the appropriate representation of different civilizations and legal systems;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to present to the Council a summary of the discussions held at the workshop in conformity with the programme of work of the Council.

21. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to additional requirements in a total amount of \$197,000 to implement activities, under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management for conference services (\$114,400); (b) section 23, Human rights for travel requirements for 10 experts (two from each region) and consultancy services for two months (\$81,000); and (c) section 28E, Administration, Geneva, for conference support services (\$1,600).

22. The requirements to implement activities in response to the resolution were not included under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Although it is anticipated that a total additional amount of \$197,000 would be required for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested at this time as the Secretariat will seek to identify areas from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved for sections 2, 23 and 28E for the biennium 2010-2011.

F. Resolution 12/28: Follow-up to the tenth special session of the Human Rights Council on the impact of the global economic and financial crises on the universal realization and effective enjoyment of human rights

23. Under the terms of paragraph 5 of resolution 12/28, the Human Rights Council decided to hold a panel discussion during the high-level segment of its thirteenth session to discuss and evaluate the impact of financial and economic crises to the realization of all human rights worldwide, with a view to contribute to the work of the Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly to follow up on the issues contained in the outcome document of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, and requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a summary of the panel to be submitted to the Open-ended Working Group.

24. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, gives rise to a total additional amount of \$18,000 required under section 23, Human rights, for travel of experts from various regions. The requirements were not included in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

25. Although a total additional amount of \$18,000 was estimated for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested at this time as the Secretariat will seek to absorb the requirements within the provisions approved under section 23 for the biennium 2010-2011.

G. Decision 12/119: The effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

26. Under the terms of paragraphs (a) and (b) of decision 12/119, the Human Rights Council, recalling its resolution 11/5 of 17 June 2009:

(a) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to assist the independent expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights in the implementation of the activities envisaged in Council resolution 11/5;

(b) Requested the Office of the High Commissioner to allocate sufficient budgetary resources for the implementation of the activities envisaged in its resolution 11/5, including the organization and holding of regional stakeholder consultations on the draft general guidelines on foreign debt and human rights, during the present term of the mandate-holder.

27. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to total additional requirements of \$603,400 to implement activities under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for conference services and interpretation services during regional consultations (\$201,800); (b) section 23, Human rights for travel of experts, participants and staff and consultant services for five regional stakeholder consultations to be held before April 2011 (\$393,600); and (c) section 28E, Administration, Geneva, for conference support services (\$8,800). Since the exact venues for the regional consultations are not known, four venues have been assumed for costing purposes. In that regard the estimates do not include other costs usually incurred during the holding of regional meetings such as the rental of conference facilities, special security arrangements and miscellaneous expenses.

28. The requirements to implement activities called for under the resolution were not included under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Although it is anticipated that a total additional amount of \$603,400 would be required for the biennium 2010-2011, no additional resources are requested at this time under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will seek to fund the activities from extrabudgetary resources if they are available. In the event sufficient extrabudgetary resources are not available for the activities, the Secretariat will resort to identifying areas under the programme budget from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved for sections 2, 23 and 28E for the biennium 2010-2011.

H. Resolution 13/9: Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict

29. Under the terms of paragraphs 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 of resolution 13/9 the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided in the context of the follow-up to the report of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission to establish a committee of independent experts in international humanitarian and human rights laws to monitor and assess any domestic, legal or other proceedings undertaken by both the Government of Israel and the Palestinian side, in the light of General Assembly resolution 64/254, including the independence, effectiveness and genuineness of these investigations and their conformity with international standards;

(b) Requested the High Commissioner to appoint the members of the committee of independent experts and to provide them with all the administrative, technical and logistical assistance required to enable them to fulfil their mandate promptly and efficiently;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to transmit all the information submitted by the Government of Israel and the Palestinian side pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 64/254 to the committee of independent experts;

(d) Requested the committee of independent experts to present its report to the Council at its fifteenth session;

(e) Requested the Secretary-General to present a comprehensive report on the progress made on the implementation of the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Mission by all concerned parties, including United Nations bodies, in accordance with paragraph 3 of section B of resolution S-12/1, to the Council at its fifteenth session;

(f) Requested the High Commissioner to present a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Council at its fifteenth session;

(g) Requested the High Commissioner to submit to the Council, at its fourteenth session, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

30. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to an estimated additional amount of \$531,100 to implement the activities under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, the cost of pre-session documentation and interpretation (\$169,500); and (b) section 23, Human rights, for the cost of travel of the experts and staff, general temporary assistance for one and a half months and general operating expenses (\$361,600).

31. Provisions were not made to meet the estimated additional requirements under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Additional resources are, however, not required at this time, as the Secretariat will, to the extent possible, seek to identify areas to redeploy from within the provisions approved for sections 2 and 23 under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

I. Resolution 13/11: Human rights of persons with disabilities: national implementation and monitoring and introducing as the theme for 2011 the role of international cooperation in support of national efforts for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities

32. Under the terms of paragraphs 13, 14, 16 and 18 of resolution 13/11, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided that its next annual interactive debate on the rights of persons with disabilities will be held at its sixteenth session, and that it will focus on the role of international cooperation in support of national efforts to realize the purpose and objectives of the Convention;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a study to enhance awareness of the role played by international cooperation in support of national efforts for the realization of the purpose and objectives of the Convention, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, including States, regional organizations, including regional integration organizations, the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, and national human rights institutions and requested that the study be made available on the website of the Office of the High Commissioner, in an accessible format, prior to the sixteenth session of the Council;

(c) Requested the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that the Office of the High Commissioner, in its mandates on the rights of persons with disabilities, and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities are adequately resourced for the fulfilment of their tasks;

(d) Requested the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to continue the progressive implementation of standards and guidelines for the accessibility of facilities and services of the United Nations system, also taking into account relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and underlined that the Council, including its Internet resources, should be fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

33. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to additional requirements in a total amount of \$50,100 to implement activities under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, the cost relating to the provision of sign language interpretation and simultaneous text translation (\$1,600); and (b) section 23, Human rights, the cost of the travel of experts to participate in the interactive dialogue (\$48,500).

34. The Secretariat does not have in-house capacity for specialized translation nor international sign language interpretation. However, based on recent experience, it is estimated that for the one-day interactive debate the cost would amount to \$1,600. Although provision has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for the associated costs of the event outlined in paragraph 33 above, the Secretariat will, to the extent possible, seek to identify areas from which resources may be redeployed from within the provisions approved for sections 2 and 23 under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

35. With regard to paragraph 14, the requested study will be carried out within resources available under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

36. In respect of paragraph 18 of the resolution, it is recalled that, in paragraph 14 of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol Thereto (A/63/583), the view was expressed that comprehensive arrangements in accordance with article 9 of the Convention, including standards and guidelines for the accessibility of facilities and services by the United Nations system, would be progressively developed. The Secretary-General, in his recent report on the implementation of the capital master plan (A/64/346), informed the General Assembly on measures taken to eliminate physical communication or technical barriers to persons with disabilities at United Nations Headquarters in the framework of the capital master plan. As yet, no standards have been established for the production of official documentation for persons with sight disabilities, including which languages and/or formats of Braille should be utilized. Likewise, standards for simultaneous interpretation for persons with hearing disabilities are yet to be formalized, including languages and type of sign language interpretation and/or simultaneous text translation. Access to the Internet resources is also yet to be determined. Until these fundamental issues are addressed so that official standards of accessibility for United Nations meetings can be promulgated, measures for the implementation of standards and guidelines for accessibility as requested in the resolution can only be ad hoc in nature and scope. The determination of the full financial implications of a comprehensive programme of accessibility equally requires an agreed set of standards for the provision of services. It is anticipated that this issue of the establishment of standards and guidelines for accessibility will be taken up by the General Assembly as a matter of priority.

J. Resolution 13/15: United Nations declaration on human rights education and training

37. Under the terms of paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5 of resolution 13/15, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of negotiating, finalizing and submitting to the Council the draft United Nations declaration on human rights education and training on the basis of the draft submitted by the Advisory Committee;

(b) Also decided that the working group shall meet for a maximum of five working days before its sixteenth session;

(c) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide the working group with the necessary assistance for it to fulfil its mandate, including by circulating to all Member States and in all official languages of the United Nations the draft declaration contained in the study of the Advisory Committee;

(d) Requested the President of the Council to invite the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee drafting group on the draft declaration to participate in the meetings of the working group.

38. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to estimated additional requirements of \$181,200 to implement activities under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for conference servicing (\$154,000); (b) section 23, Human rights, for travel of the Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee and general temporary assistance at the P-4 level for one month (\$23,500); and (c) section 28E, Administration, Geneva, for conference services support (\$3,700).

39. Although no provisions under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 were made to meet the estimated additional requirements, resources are not required at this time, as the Secretariat will, to the extent possible, seek to identify areas from which the anticipated additional requirements of \$181,200 can be redeployed within the provisions approved for sections 2, 23 and 28E for the biennium 2010-2011.

K. Resolution 13/16: Combating defamation of religions

40. Under the terms of paragraph 21 of resolution 13/16, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance to report on all manifestations of defamation of religions, and in particular on the ongoing serious implications of Islamophobia, for the enjoyment of all rights by their followers, to the Council at its fifteenth session.

41. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to total additional requirements of \$36,000 under section 23, Human rights for (a) travel of the Special Rapporteur to present the report to the Human Rights Council (\$8,000); and (b) general temporary assistance at the P-3 level for 2 months (\$28,000).

42. The requirements for the Special Rapporteur forms part of the programme of work envisaged under section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. Although it is anticipated that an additional requirement of \$36,000 is required for the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, in order to implement the activities called for under the resolution to report, in particular, on the ongoing serious implications of Islamophobia, and on the enjoyment of all rights by their followers, no additional resources are requested, as the Secretariat will seek to identify areas from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved for section 23 under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

L. Resolution 13/24: Protection of journalists in situations of armed conflict

43. Under the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of resolution 13/24, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to convene, within existing resources, a panel discussion at its fourteenth session on the issue of protection of journalists in armed conflict;

(b) Requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to liaise with the Special Rapporteur on the right to freedom of opinion and expression, the International Committee of the Red Cross and all concerned parties and stakeholders, including relevant press organizations and associations and United Nations bodies and agencies, with a view to ensuring their participation in the panel discussion.

44. At the time of adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, the Council was informed that the participation of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression in the panel will be absorbed within existing resources, as the Rapporteur was scheduled to present his annual report to the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council. The participation of a Geneva-based representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross will be arranged without financial implications to the United Nations.

45. It was estimated, however, that additional requirements of \$18,000 would arise in the biennium 2010-2011 for the travel to Geneva of three additional representatives of concerned parties and stakeholders, including relevant press organizations and associations and United Nations bodies and agencies to participate on the panel. As a result of the adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, the additional resources required will be absorbed within the provisions approved for section 23 for the biennium 2010-2011.

M. Decision 13/117: Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

46. Under the terms of subparagraphs (a) and (b) of decision 13/117, the Human Rights Council, decided:

(a) To hold a panel discussion at its fourteenth session to give voice to victims of trafficking in persons, with due consideration for the psychological well-being of the victims involved, with a view to reinforcing the centrality of their human rights and needs, and taking into account their recommendations when devising actions to combat human trafficking;

(b) To request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel, within existing resources, with the participation of the High Commissioner, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and the victims of trafficking in persons.

47. Although the Human Rights Council was informed that estimated additional requirements of \$20,300 would be required under section 23, Human rights, in the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for the travel of five victims/survivors of trafficking from five different regions to participate in the panel, the total actual expenditure amounted to \$15,000. Additional requirements will not arise for travel of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons as provision has been made in the 2010-2011 programme budget.

48. Additional resources are not requested in relation to the adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council, as the Secretariat has met the additional

requirements of \$15,000 within the provisions approved for section 23, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

N. Resolution 14/1: The grave attacks by Israeli forces against the humanitarian boat convoy

49. Under the terms of paragraphs 8 and 9 of resolution 14/1, the Human Rights Council:

(a) Decided to dispatch an independent, international fact-finding mission to investigate violations of international law, including international humanitarian and human rights law, resulting from the Israeli attacks on the flotilla of ships carrying humanitarian assistance;

(b) Also decided to authorize the President of the Council to appoint members to the above-mentioned fact-finding mission, who should report on their findings to the Council at its fifteenth session.

50. In order to implement the terms of the resolution, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights anticipated the following:

(a) Establishment of a task force with the objective of facilitating the organization of the fact-finding mission; the selection of the fact-finding mission members; and the establishment of an OHCHR-supported secretariat composed of five Professional Human Rights Officers (1 P-5, 2 P-4 and 2 P-3) and one logistician to assist the three experts who shall be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council;

(b) To carry out the required investigation, the experts and the Secretariat are expected to travel to Turkey, Cyprus, Jordan and Israel. In Turkey and Jordan, they will meet with witnesses and victims and in Cyprus they will visit the port authorities. Further meetings and interviews of European victims and witnesses are expected to be carried out in Geneva. The mission is anticipated to require at least 20 work days in Geneva to analyse the facts and documents and to draft the final report.

51. Given that the incidence took place at the start of the fourteenth session, the Council decided to hold an "urgent debate" during its fourteenth session to address the issue (a "special session" was therefore not held). The Council adopted resolution 14/1 immediately on the third day of its fourteenth session, hence, there was no advance circulation of a draft resolution enabling the Secretariat to submit a statement of programme budget implications to the Council in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The Council was verbally advised that based on a very preliminary review there will be programme budget implications in the implementation of the said resolution. However, given the insufficient time to review the resources requirements arising under the terms of the resolution, it was anticipated that the costs would be estimated at \$500,000, similar to the costs that arose under the terms of its resolution 13/9, on the follow-up to the report of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict.

52. Following a thorough review of the implications of the resolution, it has been determined that the adoption of resolution 14/1 by the Human Rights Council gives

rise to total estimated requirements of \$483,800 to implement activities under (a) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for the costs of interpretation and documentation (\$147,000); and (b) section 23, Human rights, for the travel of experts, staff and witnesses (\$242,800), consultants for a period of one month consisting of one forensic pathologist, one military expert and one law of the sea expert (\$67,600) and general operating expenses (\$26,400).

53. The estimates enumerated above are considered conservative and no provision has been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 under sections 2 and 23 for the required activities. Given that the terms of resolution 14/1 of the Human Rights Council, result from an extraordinary ad hoc event, it is proposed to meet the additional requirements of \$483,800 to implement the terms of the resolution, through a commitment authority under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

O. Resolution 14/5: The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

54. Under the terms of paragraphs 6 and 7 of resolution 14/5, the Human Rights Council requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:

(a) To consult States, national human rights institutions, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, using a questionnaire format, on the conceptual and practical dimensions of prevention with regard to the promotion and protection of human rights, and to compile and publish the responses on the website of the Office;

(b) To convene a workshop, within existing resources, based on the above-mentioned consultations, on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights, with a view to contributing to further discussion on the issue, and to present a summary of the workshop proceedings to the Council at its eighteenth session.

55. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to estimated total additional requirements of \$163,500, to hold a one-day workshop under (a) section 23, Human rights, of an amount \$79,400 consisting of travel costs for 10 experts (2 from each regional group) (\$64,500) and consultant services for two months (\$14,900); (b) section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management for conference servicing (\$84,100); and (c) section 28E, Administration, Geneva, for administrative support (\$700).

56. Although provision has not been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 to provide for the total costs of \$163,500 for the event outlined above, the Secretary-General will, to the extent possible, seek to identify areas from where the anticipated additional requirements of \$163,500 can be redeployed within the appropriations approved under sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

P. Resolution 14/8: Regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia-Pacific region

57. Under the terms of paragraph 2 of resolution 14/8, the Human Rights Council decided to convene the next session of the workshop on regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia-Pacific region in the Maldives in 2012.

58. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to a total amount of \$283,100 required under section 23, Human rights, to cover the travel costs of participants and experts and OHCHR staff to attend and service the workshop.

59. Since the period of the terms of the resolution relates to the biennium 2012-2013, the requirements will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

60. Conference servicing costs, including translation and documentation, are expected to arise during the workshop, which will be held for a duration of three days in the Maldives in 2012. Although a summary report will be prepared by the Secretariat after the meeting, the costs will be met within the entitlements for document processing for the Human Rights Council that would be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

Q. Resolution 14/10: Enforced or involuntary disappearances

61. Under the terms of paragraphs 7 and 10 of resolution 14/10, the Human Rights Council requested:

(a) The Secretary-General to ensure that the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances receives all the assistance and resources it requires to perform its mandate;

(b) The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize, within existing resources, a one-day event to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the Working Group.

62. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to estimated additional requirements of \$31,300 for holding the one-day event relating to the travel of five participants to Geneva and conference-servicing costs.

63. Requirements in support of the activities of the Working Group have been included under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. With regard to the additional requirements of \$31,300 for the event, it will be funded from extrabudgetary resources.

R. Resolution 14/16: From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

64. Under the terms of paragraph 2 of resolution 14/16, the Human Rights Council decided to convene a panel discussion during its high-level segment at its sixteenth

session focusing on the full enjoyment of the human rights of peoples of African descent, to mark the International Year for People of African Descent.

65. The adoption of the resolution by the Human Rights Council gives rise to estimated total additional requirements of \$29,800 under section 23, Human rights, to cover the travel costs of five panel members.

66. The estimated requirements of \$29,800 were not included under section 23, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Secretary-General will, to the extent possible, seek to identify areas from where the anticipated additional requirements of \$29,800 can be redeployed within the provisions approved for section 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

III. Conclusions and action required of the General Assembly

67. As reflected in the annex to the present report, the implications of the resolutions and decisions, adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions in 2009 and 2010, give rise to a total requirement of \$4,991,600, of which \$4,708,500 relates to the biennium 2010-2011 and \$283,100 relates to the biennium 2012-2013. With regard to additional requirements for the biennium 2010-2011 amounting to \$4,708,500:

(a) An estimated amount of \$1,284,400 arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Council relate to activities of a “perennial nature” for which provisions have already been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011;

(b) An estimated amount of \$3,424,100 are additional requirements for the biennium 2010-2011, of which (i) \$2,940,300 are proposed to be met from within the resources appropriated under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011; and (ii) the balance estimated at \$483,800 is proposed to be funded through a commitment authority under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

68. For the biennium 2012-2013, the total estimated requirements amounting to \$283,100 are for the implementation of activities of a “perennial nature” and will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

69. The attention of the General Assembly is also drawn to the fact that there are several reports on human rights-related issues that will be considered at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in particular, revised estimates relating to:

(a) The increase in the membership of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

(b) The increase in membership of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers;

(c) The increase in membership of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the entry into force of the International Convention on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

70. Accordingly, it is estimated that the additional requirements arising from the aforementioned mandates will also command a certain level of increases for sections 2, 23 and 28E of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

71. In connection with paragraphs 53 and 67 (b) above, the General Assembly is requested to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of \$483,800 under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 under sections 2 and 23 for the implementation of the activities foreseen in resolution 14/1. The expenditure performance will be reported in the context of the second performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The requirements by section would be as follows:

(a) \$147,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;

(b) \$335,800 under section 23, Human rights.

Summary of requirements resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council at its twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions, including perennial and new activities

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions	Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		Requirements to be sought through commitment authority	2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions paragraphs
			Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation		Requirements to be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	New	Perennial		
12/1 Open-ended intergovernmental working group on the review of the work and functioning of the Human Rights Council	2	607.0	—	607.0	—	—	607.0	—	paras. 1, 2 and 7	
	28E	7.6	—	7.6	—	—	7.6	—		
12/4 World Programme for Human Rights Education	23	163.5	163.5	—	—	—	—	163.5	paras. 4 and 7	
12/15 Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights	2	176.1	—	176.1	—	—	176.1	—	para. 4	
	23	267.5	—	267.5	—	—	267.5	—		
	28E	2.2	—	2.2	—	—	2.2	—		
12/17 Elimination of discrimination against women	23	18.0	—	18.0	—	—	18.0	—	paras. 15 and 16	
12/18 The adverse effects of the movement and dumping of toxic and dangerous products and wastes on the enjoyment of human rights	23	18.0	—	18.0	—	—	18.0	—	para. 5	
12/21 Promoting human rights and fundamental freedom through a better understanding of traditional values of humankind	2	114.4	—	114.4	—	—	114.4	—	paras. 1 and 2	
	23	81.0	—	81.0	—	—	81.0	—		
	28E	1.6	—	1.6	—	—	1.6	—		

Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions	Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		Requirements to be sought through commitment authority	2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions paragraphs
			Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation		Requirements to be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	New	Perennial		
12/23 The right to development	2	370.8	370.8	—	—	370.8	—	370.8	paras. 2 (d) and 2 (e)	
	23	35.4	35.4	—	—	35.4	—	35.4		
	28E	7.6	7.6	—	—	7.6	—	7.6		
12/25 Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia	23	56.2	56.2	—	—	—	—	56.2	para. 9	
12/26 Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights	23	127.8	127.8	—	—	—	—	127.8	paras. 10 and 13	
12/28 Follow-up to the tenth special session of the Human Rights Council on the impact of the global economic and financial crises on the universal realization and effective enjoyment of human rights	23	18.0	—	18.0	—	—	18.0	—	para. 5	
12/119 The effect of foreign debt (decision) and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights ^a	2	201.8	—	201.8	—	—	201.8	—	paras. 5 (a) and (b)	
	23	393.6	—	393.6	—	—	393.6	—		
	28E	8.8	—	8.8	—	—	8.8	—		
Subtotal (twelfth session)		2 676.9	761.3	1 915.6	—	—	1 915.6	761.3		
13/4 The right to food	23	111.6	111.6	—	—	—	—	111.6	paras. 36 and 38	
13/9 Follow-up to the report of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict	2	169.5	—	169.5	—	—	169.5	—	paras. 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16	
	23	361.6	—	361.6	—	—	361.6	—		

Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions	Budget section	Requirements per biennium	2010-2011		Requirements to be sought through commitment authority	2012-2013		Nature of activity		Relevant Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions paragraphs
			Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget	Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation		Requirements to be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013	New	Perennial		
13/11 Human rights of persons with disabilities	2	1.6	—	1.6	—	—	1.6	—	paras. 13, 14, 16 and 18	
	23	48.5	—	48.5	—	—	48.5	—		
13/14 Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	23	60.1	60.1	—	—	—	—	60.1	paras. 3, 7 and 8	
13/15 United Nations Declaration on human rights education and training	2	154.0	—	154.0	—	—	154.0	—	paras. 1, 2, 4 and 5	
	23	23.5	—	23.5	—	—	23.5	—		
	28E	3.7	—	3.7	—	—	3.7	—		
13/16 Combating defamation of religions	23	36.0	—	36.0	—	—	36.0	—	para. 21	
13/24 Protection of journalists in situations of armed conflict	23	18.0	—	18.0	—	—	18.0	—	paras. 1 and 2	
13/25 Situation of human rights in Myanmar	23	70.2	70.2	—	—	—	—	70.2	paras. 20 and 22	
13/117 Trafficking in persons, especially women and children	23	15.0	—	15.0	—	—	15.0	—	paras. (a) and (b)	
Subtotal (thirteenth session)		1 073.3	241.9	831.4	—	—	831.4	241.9		
14/1 The grave attacks by Israeli forces against the humanitarian boat convoy	2	147.0	—	—	147.0	—	147.0	—	paras. 8 and 9	
	23	336.8	—	—	336.8	—	336.8	—		
14/5 The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights	2	83.4	—	—	—	—	83.4	—	paras. 6 and 7	
	23	79.4	—	—	—	—	79.4	—		
	28E	0.7	—	—	—	—	0.7	—		
14/6 Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons	23	140.6	140.6	—	—	—	—	140.6	paras. 11, 12 (h), 16 and 17	

<i>Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions</i>	<i>Budget section</i>	<i>Requirements per biennium</i>	<i>2010-2011</i>			<i>2012-2013</i>		<i>Nature of activity</i>		<i>Relevant Human Rights Council resolutions/decisions paragraphs</i>
			<i>Existing provision in the 2010-2011 programme budget</i>	<i>Requirements to be accommodated within the existing appropriation</i>	<i>Requirements to be sought through commitment authority</i>	<i>Requirements to be considered within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013</i>	<i>New</i>	<i>Perennial</i>		
14/8	Regional cooperation for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asia-Pacific Region	23	283.1	—	—	—	283.1	283.1	—	para. 2
14/10	Enforced or involuntary disappearances ^b	23								paras. 7 and 10
14/11	Freedom of religion or belief: mandate of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief	23	140.6	140.6					140.6	paras. 9, 12 and 14
14/16	From rhetoric to reality: a global call for concrete action against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance	23	29.8	—	29.8	—	—	29.8	—	para. 2
Subtotal (fourteenth session)			1 241.4	281.2	193.3	483.8	283.1	677.1	281.2	
Total			4 991.6	1 284.4	2 940.3	483.8	283.1	3 424.1	1 284.4	

^a OHCHR will seek extrabudgetary resources to fund the activities. In the event sufficient resources are not available the Secretariat will resort to identifying regular budget resources approved for sections 2, 23 and 28E for biennium 2010-2011 to fund the activities. Therefore, the amount reflected in the table is for accommodation within existing appropriations.

^b Estimated at \$31,300 to be met from extrabudgetary resources to be made available under section 23, Human rights, for the biennium 2010-2011.