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### Report of the Human Rights Council

#### Programme budget for 2021

## **Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council: revised estimates resulting from the statement by the President entitled “Methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council”, adopted at the organizational session for the fifteenth cycle of the Human Rights Council**

### Report of the Secretary-General

## I. Introduction

1. The present report provides estimated resource requirements of \$154,800 for 2021 resulting from the statement of the President of the Human Rights Council ([A/HRC/PRST/OS/14/2](#)), adopted by the Human Rights Council at the organizational session for its fifteenth cycle, held on 16 December 2020. The present report serves as the second addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions ([A/75/588](#)).

## II. Organizational session for the fifteenth cycle

### Statement by the President entitled “Methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council”

2. Under the terms of the President’s statement ([A/HRC/PRST/OS/14/2](#)), the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the methods of work of the Consultative Group of the Human Rights Council as set out in the annex to the President’s statement, including:

(a) The working languages of the United Nations Secretariat shall be the working languages of the Consultative Group;



(b) The call for applications shall be published by the secretariat in all six official languages of the United Nations;

(c) The secretariat shall make available on its website, and attach to the call for applications, public information material on the application and selection process of mandate holders in all six official languages of the United Nations;

(d) The interview process should, whenever possible, take place via video call. In a situation in which an interview cannot take place via video call, it shall be conducted via telephone;

(e) The secretariat shall make the recordings of the interviews available to the members of the Consultative Group;

(f) Candidates shortlisted by the Consultative Group may request to be interviewed in any of the official languages of the United Nations, and persons with disabilities may request that interviews be conducted in accessible format.

3. As detailed in table 1 below, the President's statement gives rise to additional annual and one-time resource requirements in 2021 for:

(a) Conference services for documentation comprising translation of the calls for applications in the six languages of the United Nations; translation and reproduction of public information material on the application and selection process, and translation and reproduction of information material illustrating the work of independent experts; 10 days of simultaneous interpretation of the interviews of candidates in the six official languages of the United Nations, including sign language interpretation and recording, sound technicians and recording services, as well as video conference facilities to carry out the interviews via video (WebEx technical support);

(b) Contractual services for the production of a two- to three-minute video on special procedures mechanisms to be posted on the websites of the Human Rights Council and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for public information purposes, including subtitling in the six official languages of the United Nations.

### Resource requirements to implement the statement by the President

(United States dollars)

	<i>Total requirements for 2021</i>	<i>Included in the 2021 budget</i>	<i>Additional annual requirements for 2021</i>	<i>Additional one-time requirements for 2021</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>				
Simultaneous interpretation	170 000	85 000	85 000	–
Sign language interpretation	1 700	–	1 700	–
Documentation services	40 100	–	14 400	25 700
<b>Subtotal, section 2</b>	<b>211 800</b>	<b>85 000</b>	<b>101 100</b>	<b>25 700</b>
<b>Section 24, Human rights</b>				
Contractual services for production of video	10 000	–	–	10 000
<b>Subtotal, section 24</b>	<b>10 000</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>10 000</b>

	<i>Total requirements for 2021</i>	<i>Included in the 2021 budget</i>	<i>Additional annual requirements for 2021</i>	<i>Additional one-time requirements for 2021</i>
<b>Section 29E, Administration, Geneva</b>				
Sound technician/recording services	7 700	3 500	4 200	–
Webex technical support during the interviews	13 800	–	13 800	–
<b>Subtotal, section 29E</b>	<b>21 500</b>	<b>3 500</b>	<b>18 000</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>243 300</b>	<b>88 500</b>	<b>119 100</b>	<b>35 700</b>

4. The above additional requirements have not been included in the programme budget for 2021. **Therefore, additional annual resources of \$119,100, comprising \$101,100 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$18,000 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget, starting from the year 2021, would be required. In addition, additional one-time resources of \$35,700, comprising \$25,700 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$10,000 under section 24, Human rights, for 2021, would be required.**

### III. Summary and actions required of the General Assembly

5. The General Assembly is requested:

(a) To approve an additional appropriation, representing a charge against the contingency fund for 2021, in the amount of \$154,800, comprising \$126,800 (of which \$25,700 is non-recurrent) under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, \$10,000 under section 24, Human rights (of which all is non-recurrent), and \$18,000 under section 29E, Administration, Geneva (of which none is non-recurrent), of the programme budget for 2021;

(b) To approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$17,400 (of which \$3,100 is non-recurrent) under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for 2021, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.