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SUBJECT: **Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft
resolution A/75/L.119/Rev.1 entitled "Establishment of the
OBJET: Permanent Forum of People of African Descent" as orally amended**

It would be appreciated if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution A/75/L.119/Rev.1 as orally amended.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan
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Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/75/L.119/Rev.1 as orally amended entitled "Establishment of the Permanent Forum of People of African Descent"

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. The Secretariat would like to highlight operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 of draft resolution A/75/L.119/Rev.1 with regard to activities which have programme budget implications. Operative paragraph 9 has been orally amended.
3. The activities referred to in those operative paragraphs relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 20, Human rights, programme 25, Management and support services, and to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for 2022 as presented in A/76/6(Sect.2), A/76/6(Sect.24) and A/76/6(Sect.29E).

Conferencing-servicing requirements

4. With regard to operative paragraph 4, the annual report of the Permanent Forum to the Human Rights Council and the General Assembly, for translation in all six official languages, would be of 10,700 words, which is the standard word count limit for reports which do not originate in the Secretariat.
5. With regard to operative paragraphs 6 and 10, the annual meeting of the Permanent Forum, rotating between Geneva and New York would comprise of four working days with interpretation in the six official languages. The dates for the meetings should be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.
6. Existing provisions in the amount of \$79,700 are included in the proposed programme budget for 2022 in relation to General Assembly resolution 73/262 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management and section 29E, Administration, Geneva. These provide for the translation of an annual report of 8,500 words, and conferencing services, including sound technician and recording services, for the annual meeting of the Permanent Forum for three working days. As such, additional resources in the range of \$22,400 to \$32,800 would be required

to implement the activities in 2022 and each year thereafter. A range of additional resource requirements is provided as it has not been determined at this time whether the Permanent Forum would meet in Geneva or New York in 2022.

Non-conference-servicing requirements

7. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9, it is envisaged that additional resources would be required to cover the travel of representatives for: (a) five additional Government appointed high-level experts for four days of the Permanent Forum; (b) one additional day of DSA for the current representatives in the Forum; and (c) one additional day of DSA for participation of the 25 members of civil society.
8. Existing provisions in the amount of \$477,700 are included in the proposed programme budget for 2022 in relation to General Assembly resolution 73/262 under section 24, Human rights. These would provide for one post at the P-4 level and six months of general temporary assistance at the General Service (OL) level as well as the requirements for the travel of representatives for the current membership of the forum and 25 participants from civil society for three days. In addition, resources are provided for the travel of three eminent personalities for the annual Forum. As such, additional resources in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000 would be required to implement the activities in 2022 and each year thereafter.
9. Accordingly, adoption of draft resolution A/75/L.119/Rev.1 as orally amended would give rise to budgetary implications of between \$72,400 and \$92,800 under the proposed programme budget for 2022 and each year thereafter under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights, and section 29E, Administration, Geneva.
10. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/75/L.119/Rev.1 as orally amended, the Secretariat would present a revised estimates report to the main part of the 76th session of the General Assembly detailing the additional requirements needed under the proposed programme budget for 2022.
11. The resource requirements related to requested activities which are envisaged to take place in 2023 and thereafter would be presented in the context of the proposed programme budget for the respective years.