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SUBJECT: **Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution**
OBJET: **E/2021/L.29 entitled “Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti”**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution E/2021/L.29 entitled “Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti.”

cc: Ms. Pollard
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**Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution E/2021/L.29
entitled “Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti”**

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of draft resolution E/2021/L.29, the Council would:
 - (a) Decide to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the conclusion of the 2022 session, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti, and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms; and
 - (b) request the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration at its 2022 session.
3. It is estimated that the support to be provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group would consist of: (a) the travel expenses for fourteen members of the Group and up to two staff members of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to Washington, D.C. to meet with international financial institutions and the Organization of American States in 2022, and to undertake a mission to Haiti in the same year; and (b) meeting support services and other expenses in Haiti.
4. The resource requirements to undertake the consultative missions to Haiti and Washington, D.C. in 2022 are estimated at \$47,900, as detailed in the table below, for which no provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for 2022 (A/76/6 Sect.9)).

Resource requirements under section 9, Economic and social affairs

(United States dollars)

	<i>Total requirements 2022</i>
Travel of representatives	39 700
Travel of staff	3 700
Contractual services	4 500
Total	47 900

5. Taking into account previous Council resolutions that extended the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group, the most recent one being resolution 2020/11, the Secretariat advises that, should the Council adopt draft resolution E/2021/L.29, the above resource requirements in the amount of \$47,900 would be accommodated within section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for 2022.
