

Statement by Mr. Abbas Yazdani

Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran before the Fifth Committee on “Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session”

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation would like to make a statement on “Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth sessions and twenty-third special session”, contained in document A/70/562.

At the outset, I would like to thank Ms Bettina Tucci Bartsiatas, Assistant Secretary-General and Controller, Office of Program Planning and Budget, and Mr. Carlos Ruiz Massieu, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for introducing the related reports.

Mr. Chairman,

On paragraphs 58 to 60 of the Report of the Secretary-General, my delegation considers the requested amounts as an irresponsible waste of the limited financial resources of the United Nations to satisfy political interests of the sponsors of the Mandate.

Few are unaware that “country specific mandates” of the Human Rights Council are politically motivated and run counter to the basic building principles of the Council itself namely, impartiality, universality and non-politicization of human rights issues.

My delegation continues to believe that such allocation would be harmful to the cause of human rights and insists that in place of spending the scarce financial resources of the Organization in vain, we need to allocate it more reasonably to fund the areas that would truly and tangibly improve promotion and protection of human rights.

At the end, Mr. Chairman, my delegation would like to assure you of its continued commitment to participate in constructive deliberations with the aim of reaching a positive outcome on this important agenda item.

I thank you.