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TO: Maria Eugenia Casar
A: Assistant Secretary-General, Controller

DATE: 12 March 2014

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THROUGH:
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FROM: The Secretary-General
DE:

SUBJECT: **Unforeseen and extraordinary expenses: UN Human Rights Monitoring in Ukraine**
OBJET:

1. It is estimated that a total of **$850,709** would be required to finance the activities of the human rights monitoring team in Ukraine for a period of three months from 16 March to 15 June 2014.

2. As no appropriation exists to cover this requirement, I hereby authorize you to enter into the necessary commitments up to a maximum of **$850,709** by the authority granted to me under paragraph 1(a) of General Assembly resolution 68/249 relating to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses.

3. I certify that these expenses relate to the maintenance of peace and security.

cc: Mr. Takasu

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1. I have been requested by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to fund the deployment of a human rights monitoring team to the Ukraine.

2. As per the concept note that was part of the request, recent developments in Ukraine have caused an extremely volatile situation with the potential to deteriorate further and impact significantly on the security situation, and consequent violation of human rights. The period leading up to the recently announced presidential elections on 25 May and the Crimean Parliament's declared referendum are highly problematic with the potential for serious human rights violations to be committed.

3. The current situation in the country requires an enhanced engagement to monitor the human rights situation in the country and analysis to guide the UN's response to the crisis. The deployment of an OHCHR team will ensure the UN is aware of the human rights context and that OHCHR regularly provides analysis of main human rights concerns and risks of violations. The team will monitor the human rights situation; recommend concrete follow-up actions to relevant authorities, the UN and the international community to address human rights concerns and prevent human rights violations or mitigate risks; and establish facts and circumstances of alleged human rights abuses and potential violations.

4. The total estimated requirements for the period 16 March to 16 June 2014 amount to $850,709 and comprise the following:

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| Expenditure group | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| General temporary assistance (1 P-5, 2 P-4, 6 P-3, 1 GS-OL, 12 NO, 12 LL) | $ | 598,353 |
| Travel of staff | $ | 46,906 |
| Communications | $ | 50,450 |
| Other operating costs and equipment | $ | 155,000 |
| **TOTAL** | **$** | **850,709** |

5. Accordingly, I am attaching for your signature a memorandum by which you would authorize commitments in the amount up to a maximum of **$850,709** under the authority granted to you in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/249 on unforeseen and extraordinary expenses for the biennium 2014-2015, as you certify, relating to the maintenance of peace and security.

6. The authorization of **$850,709** referred to above would be the **fourth** authorization sought for 2014 as indicated in Annex II to this memorandum, leaving a balance of $5,849,491 for 2014.

cc: Mr. Takasu