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Bureau's Proposal in Light of Informal Consultations

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PROPOSED PACKAGE OF COST- AND TIME-SAVING MEASURES

Due to the major liquidity crisis affecting the entire UN system, the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) was requested to reduce its operating costs by at least 10% until the end of 2025. As a consequence, the Bureau prepared a document outlining several cost- and time-saving options for debates and interactive dialogues to be held during the **59th and 60th regular session** of the UNHRC in order to achieve the requested reduction target.

On 27 May 2025, the Bureau exchanged views on the **informal consultations** with UN member and observer States held immediately prior to the Bureau meeting concerning the proposed package of extraordinary cost- and time-saving measures concerning the two regular sessions to be held in 2025.

After thoroughly reviewing the positions expressed by delegations and giving due consideration to the concerns, proposals, and viewpoints raised by UN member and observer States during the informal consultations, the Bureau decided to submit the following **extraordinary measures** to the Council for its consideration and approval at the Organizational Meeting which will be held on 2 June 2025:



- Reducing the **speaking time in the general debates** of HRC60 to 1 minute and 30 seconds for all (estimated reduction: 1.5 meetings).
- Capping the **length of interactive and enhanced interactive dialogues** during HRC59 and HRC60 to 1 hour and 30 minutes, including 15 minutes for mandate holders; 1 hour for States; 15 minutes for NGOs (estimated reduction of 10 meetings, 5 per session), **except for** the interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner on his annual report, which will remain unchanged.
- Clustering **rights of reply within one segment**, with two rounds of rights of reply and a reduced speaking time of 1 minute and 30 seconds (estimated reduction: 1 meeting).
- Scheduling the intersessional panel discussion on the **intensification of efforts to prevent and eliminate domestic violence**, as mandated by HRC resolution 57/18, for early 2026 (estimated reduction: 1 meeting).
- Consolidating the intersessional meetings on **Venezuela and Ukraine** into a single meeting, with each interactive dialogue capped at 1 hour and 30 minutes (estimated reduction: 1 meeting).