



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Chairpersons of the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 10 May 2019, conveying your concerns regarding the impact of the United Nations budget shortfall on the work of the human rights treaty bodies. Your letter was particularly timely in light of my efforts with Member States to improve the overall financial situation of the Organization.

I deeply appreciate your engagement with me on this matter and am pleased to inform you that my office, in close cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, has sought to identify a solution that ensures that meetings planned for 2019 can take place with minimal disruptions.

However, allow me to reassure you that I am fully aware that a more sustainable solution is still required. Together with the High Commissioner, I am actively engaging Member States on the importance of this matter, highlighting your efforts to enhance the future effectiveness of the treaty body system as requested by the General Assembly.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your commitment and the critical role you play in promoting and upholding the rule of law and human rights.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairpersons of the United Nations
Human Rights Treaty Bodies
Geneva

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