

**Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft
resolution A/C.2/66/L.67, entitled "Second United Nations
Decade for the Eradication of Poverty"**

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 20 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

"Reaffirm the need to give the highest priority to its consideration of the question of poverty eradication, and in that regard reiterates its decision, in resolution 63/230, as a contribution to the Second Decade, to convene, at its sixty-eighth session, a meeting of the General Assembly at the highest appropriate political level centred on the review process devoted to the theme relating to the issue of poverty eradication, and stresses that the meeting and the preparatory activities should be carried out within the budget level proposed by the Secretary-General for the biennium 2012-2013 and should be organized in the most effective and efficient manner."
3. In reference to the above operative paragraph, it is understood that the intention of the General Assembly is to convene a meeting and preparatory activities at its sixty-eighth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/230. However, in the absence of specific information on the format, scope and modalities for meetings and documentation of the Meeting of the General Assembly and the preparatory activities, the Secretariat is unable to determine the conference-servicing requirements at this time.
4. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.67, the Secretary-General would submit details of the financial implications to the General Assembly, if applicable, in accordance with established procedures when the modalities of the meeting and preparatory activities are known. Accordingly, the date of the meeting will have to be determined in consultation with the Secretariat.
5. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010 in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.