

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/68/L.62 ENTITLED "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development"

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. In operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.62, the General Assembly would decide to hold a series of four one-day structured dialogues, supported by the UN system and enabling the involvement of relevant stakeholders, including international and regional organizations, multilateral and regional financial and development institutions, universities and research institutions, the private sector and civil society, to consider possible arrangements for a facilitation mechanism to promote the development, transfer and dissemination of clean and environmentally sound technologies by identifying and addressing, where appropriate, fragmentation, synergies, areas of duplication and opportunities for cooperation between existing mechanisms and processes, thus improving overall coherence and enhancing inter-linkages, identifying and addressing gaps throughout the full technology-life cycle, from research to development, demonstration, market formation, transfer and diffusion, fostering innovation, and promoting an enabling environment at all levels, while respecting the mandates of existing institutions, frameworks and processes; and further decide that the dialogues will result in a summary of discussions and recommendations emerging from the dialogues, including on possible modalities and organization of such a mechanism, to be submitted by the President of the General Assembly to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly and for consideration and appropriate action at UNGA69 with the aim of reaching a conclusion in this regard.

3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 11, it is envisaged that each of the four one-day dialogues will comprise two meetings with interpretation in all six languages, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, for a total of 8 meetings. However, the interpretation services for these meeting will be provided on an "if available" basis. Accordingly, the dates of the meetings will have to be determined in consultation with the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management. Therefore, these meetings will not constitute additions to the meetings workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management.

4. Accordingly, adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.62 would not give rise to any financial implications under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.