

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT  
RESOLUTION A/C.2/68/L.73 ENTITLED "Information and  
communications technologies for 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 22 of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.73, the General Assembly would decide to finalise the modalities for the General Assembly's overall WSIS+10 review, in accordance with paragraph 111 of the Tunis Agenda as early as possible but no later than end of March 2014, and invites the President of the General Assembly to appoint two Co-Facilitators to convene open intergovernmental consultations for that purpose.
3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 22, the General Assembly would decide to finalise the modalities for the General Assembly's overall WSIS+10 review. Accordingly, in the absence of modalities, it is not possible at the present time to estimate the potential costs implications of the requirements for meetings and documentation. Upon the decision on the modalities by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General would submit the relevant costs of such requirements in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
4. Accordingly, adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.73 would not give rise to any financial implications under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.