

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT  
RESOLUTION A/C.2/68/L.75 ENTITLED "Follow-up to the  
International Conference on Financing 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 paragraphs 43 and 44 of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.75, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene in 2015 or 2016 a third international conference on financing for development to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on Financing for development, reinvigorate and strengthen the financing for development follow-up process, identify obstacles and constraints encountered in the achievement of the goals and objectives agreed therein, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome these constraints, and to address new and emerging issues, including in the context of the recent multilateral efforts to promote international development cooperation, and taking into account the current evolving development cooperation landscape, the inter-relationship of all sources of development finance, the synergies between financing objectives across the three dimensions of sustainable development, as well as the need to support the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015;

(b) Request the President of the General Assembly to convene as soon as possible, inclusive and transparent intergovernmental consultations, with the participation of the major institutional stakeholders involved in the financing for development process, as appropriate, on all issues related to the conference, including the date, format, organization and scope, taking into account the elements contained in this resolution, and requests the Financing for Development Office of the Secretariat to provide secretariat support to the consultations.

3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraphs 43 and 44, the General Assembly would convene in 2015 or 2016 a third international conference on financing for development. It is understood that the President of the General Assembly will consider all issues related to the conference, including the date, format, organization and scope during the intergovernmental consultations. Accordingly, in the absence of modalities for the Conference, 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, format and organization of the

Conference, 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. With regard to operative paragraph 44, the intergovernmental consultations will be included in the programme of work of the resumed part of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly from January to August 2014 on the understanding that it will not meet in parallel with the plenary or other meetings of the General Assembly. 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.

5. Accordingly, adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.75 would not give rise to any financial implications under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.