

Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.21, entitled "Information and communications technologies for development"

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 11 of the draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.21, the General Assembly would:

"Reaffirm the role of the United Nations General Assembly in the overall review of the implementation of WSIS [World Summit on the Information Society] outcomes to be held in 2015, as recognized by paragraph 111 of the Tunis agenda on information society and further decide to conclude during its sixty-seventh session modalities for the review process."

3. With reference to the operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.21, it is understood that it is the intention of the General Assembly to review the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, as recognized by paragraph 111 of the Tunis agenda on information society. However, in the absence of specific information on the format, scope and modalities for meetings and documentation of the review process, 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.21, the Secretary-General would submit details of the financial implications to the General Assembly, if applicable, in accordance with established procedures as soon as specific decisions on the format, scope and modalities of the meeting and documentation of the review process are known. Accordingly, the date of the meeting will have to be determined in consultation with the Secretariat.