

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft  
resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, entitled "Specific actions related to  
the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing  
countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference  
of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor  
Countries and International Financial and Development  
Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

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 paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 26 and 27 of draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene, as called for by the General Assembly in paragraph 21 of its resolution 66/214, a comprehensive ten-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action, in 2014, at the highest possible level, for a duration of three days, in the most cost-effective manner, at a venue and time to be determined, in consultation with the host Government;

(b) Decide that the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee envisaged by the General Assembly in paragraph 22 of its resolution 66/214 will be held in New York in January 2014 and April 2014, each for a duration of two working days, in the most cost-effective manner;

(c) Request the Office of the High Representative, as the United Nations system-wide focal point for the preparations for the ten-year Review Conference, pursuant to resolution 66/214, to ensure effective, efficient and timely preparations for the Conference and to further mobilize and coordinate the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system;

(d) Request the Secretary-General, with the assistance of concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative, to take the necessary measures to intensify their public information efforts and other appropriate initiatives to enhance public awareness in favour of the Conference, including by highlighting its objectives and its significance;

(e) Request the executive secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, in close coordination and cooperation with the Office of the High Representative, to provide the necessary substantive and organizational arrangements and to organize the preparatory review meetings at the regional level in 2013.

3. As regards the venue of the comprehensive ten-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action to be determined in consultation with the host Government, it shall be noted that if the venue for the Review Conference is away from New York, the hosting Government will need to defray the additional costs directly or indirectly involved, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, which stipulated that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

4. With regard to the Review Conference to be held in 2014 for a duration of three days and the sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee to be held in New York in January 2014 and April 2014 each for a duration of two working days, it is estimated that the non-post requirements of \$316,300 for 2014-2015 pertain to: (i) a non-recurrent provision under general temporary assistance in the amount of \$186,300 equivalent to one P-3 position for 14 months to provide substantive and organizational preparations and servicing of two sessions of the meetings of the intergovernmental preparatory committee, and to provide substantive services to the committee of the whole and plenary meeting of the Review Conference; (ii) a non-recurrent provision of \$70,000 for consultant services for specialized expertise not available in the Secretariat for undertaking studies and background documents required in support of the intergovernmental negotiations and for the preparation of report/assessment of the Almaty Programme of Action; and (iii) a non-recurrent provision of \$60,000 for layout and printing of advocacy materials and publications for the Conference.

5. Pursuant to operative paragraph 20, the three-day Review Conference in 2014 will comprise six plenary meetings, and four parallel meetings, with interpretation in all six languages as well as documentation services. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, 10 meetings with interpretation in all six languages as well as documentation will constitute an addition to the meetings and documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for 2014. The dates of the Review Conference should be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

6. Pursuant to operative paragraph 21, the two two-day sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee in January and April 2014 will comprise four meetings each, with interpretation in all six languages as well as documentation. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, eight meetings with interpretation in six languages as well as documentation will constitute an addition to the meetings and documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for 2014. The dates of the sessions will have to be decided in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.

7. It is estimated, therefore, that the request contained in operative paragraphs 20 and 21 of the draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39 for meetings and documentation would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$598,600 in the biennium 2014-2015, details of which are reflected in the Annex.

8. With regard to operative paragraph 26 of draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, necessary measures to intensify public information efforts and other appropriate initiatives to enhance public awareness in favour of the Review Conference, would be undertaken with the assistance of concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.

9. With regard to operative paragraph 27 of draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, the requirements for providing the necessary substantive and organizational arrangements and for organizing the preparatory review meetings at the regional level in 2013 would be met from voluntary contributions received to fund the activities for landlocked developing countries.

10. In conclusion, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.39, no additional requirements would arise for the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. The additional requirements of \$914,900, including \$598,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and \$316,300 under section 10, Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

**Annex**

(in United States dollars)

	<b>2014-2015</b>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>	
Comprehensive ten-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action in 2014	
I. 10 meetings with interpretation in 6 languages	111,400
II. Pre-session documentation	36,400
III. In-session documentation	19,100
IV. Post-session documentation	29,700
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>196,600</b>
Intergovernmental preparatory committee session in January 2014, New York	
I. 4 meetings with interpretation in 6 languages	44,800
II. Pre-session documentation	159,400
III. In-session documentation	6,500
IV. Post-session documentation	29,300
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>240,000</b>
Intergovernmental preparatory committee session in April 2014, New York	
I. 4 meetings with interpretation in 6 languages	44,800
II. Pre-session documentation	81,400
III. In-session documentation	6,500
IV. Post-session documentation	29,300
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>162,000</b>
<b>Total Section 2</b>	<b>598,600</b>