

Oral statement in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.51,
entitled "Smooth transition for countries graduating from the
list of least developed countries"

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 24 of draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.51, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session a progress report on the implementation, the effectiveness and the added value of smooth transition measures, including initiatives taken by the United Nations system to support countries during their graduation from the least developed country category.
3. The request for documentation contained in operative paragraph 24 will constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management for one document of 8,500 words in all six languages. This would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$50,900 for documentation services in 2015.
4. In conclusion, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.51, the requirements of \$50,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.