

Oral statement by the secretariat in connection with
draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.59 entitled "Implementation
of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on
Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the
United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-
Habitat)"

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 9, 9 (b), 9 (c), 9 (d), 10, 14, 15 and 19 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly:
 - (a) Mindful of the need to carry out the Conference and the preparatory process in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and improved manner, decides that,
 - (b) The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in New York during the 69th session of the General Assembly for a period of two days,
 - (c) The second meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in Nairobi in 2015 for a period of three days taking full advantage of the 25th Session of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat,
 - (d) The venue and duration of the third and final Preparatory Committee meeting will be considered no later than its 69th session before the end of 2014,
 - (e) Further decides to consider the final dates, format and organizational aspects of the Conference no later than at its 69th session before the end of 2014,
 - (f) Requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to prepare, using the expertise of the United Nations System, a proposal for consideration by the Governing Council of Habitat at its 24th session, as to how best provide inputs for and support to the preparatory process of the Conference in the most inclusive, efficient, effective and improved manner, and to proceed accordingly.
 - (g) Requests the Secretary-General to provide, in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, all appropriate support to the Secretary-General of the Conference and to the work of the preparatory process and the Conference, while promoting to the maximum possible extent inter-agency support,

(h) Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including an update on progress made in the preparations for the Conference

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 9(b), the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in New York in 2014. This will constitute an addition of 6 meetings with interpretation in all six languages to the meetings workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management for 2014 which would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$66,600 in 2014. In addition, the request for documentation will constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management for 2014 for the translation of 12 documents into the six official languages as well as report writing services which would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$511,600.
4. Pursuant to operative paragraphs 9(c), the second meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be held in Nairobi in 2015. This will constitute an addition of 10 meetings with interpretation in all six languages to the meetings workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management for 2015 which would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$334,700 in 2015. In addition, the request for documentation will constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management for 2015 for the translation of 8 documents into the six official languages as well as report writing services which would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$150,100.
5. Pursuant to operative paragraph 9 (d) and 10 which refer respectively to the third Preparatory Committee and the Conference itself, a statement on conference-servicing implications will be submitted for both meetings and documents when there is more clarity on the dates, duration and format of both meetings.
6. Pursuant to paragraph 14, the Secretary-General will, in accordance with established procedures, revert on the resource requirements, if any, on the non-conference servicing services needed to support the preparatory process of the Conference and the conference itself once the Governing Council of Habitat decides on the proposal of the Secretary-General of the Conference, to be submitted to the Governing Council at its 24th session.

7. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopts the draft resolution A/C.2/67/L.59, additional resources in the amount of \$ 1,063,000 will be required in the biennium 2014-2015 for conference servicing and documentation requirements pursuant to paragraphs 9 (b) and 9 (c) and will be included under Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.