

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/C.2/71/L.41, ENTITLED "Follow-up to and
implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action
(SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further
Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable
Development of Small Island Developing States"

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 19 of draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.41, the General Assembly would decide to review progress made in addressing the priorities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Samoa Pathway, with a view to generating renewed political will and commitment, assessing the progress made, lessons learned, trends, gaps and new and emerging challenges, as well as mobilizing further action to accelerate implementation, and for this purpose also decides to convene a one-day high-level review, in September 2019 at United Nations Headquarters, as part of its seventy-fourth session, which will result in a concise, action-oriented and intergovernmentally agreed political declaration.

3. It is anticipated that the request contained in operative paragraph 19 will constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one in-session document of 5,000 words and one post-session document of 5,000 words to be issued in all six languages. This would entail additional requirements in the amount of \$44,800 for documentation services in 2019.

4. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.41, the additional resource requirements of \$44,800 which would arise for 2019 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, will be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.