

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/71/L.48 ENTITLED "International migration and development"

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 paragraphs 9, 34 and 35 of draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.48, the General Assembly would:

(a) Welcome the decision to launch the process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018 at which the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, will be presented for adoption;

(b) Decide to hold the Third High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in the first half of 2019, early enough to feed into the HLPF which will review goals and targets relevant to migration and also decide to hold the High-level Dialogues every fourth UN General Assembly session, beginning with the 73rd UN General Assembly session, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to review the follow-up to the outcomes of the previous High-level Dialogues, advance the discussion on the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development, assess progress towards the achievement of the migration-related Goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including migration-related commitments of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, and taking into account other migration and development related processes;

(c) Further decide that the modalities of the Third High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in 2019 will be decided upon at its 73rd session and recommend a review no later than the 85th session of the UN General Assembly of the organizational arrangements of future High Level Dialogues, taking into account the alignment with all relevant United Nations processes;

3. With regard to the request contained in operative paragraphs 9, 34 and 35, it is understood that all issues related to the intergovernmental conference to be held in 2018 and the Third High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in the first half of 2019, including the date, format, organization and scope are yet to be determined. Accordingly, in the absence of modalities for the meetings, it is not possible at the present time to estimate the potential costs implications of the requirements for meetings and documentation. Upon the

decision on the modalities, format and organization of the meetings, the Secretary-General would submit the relevant costs of such requirements in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly. Furthermore, the dates of the meetings will have to be determined in consultation with the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management.

4. Accordingly, adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.48 would not give rise to any financial implications under the programme budget.