

ORAL STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIAT IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFT
RESOLUTION A/C.2/73/L.53, 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 35 of draft resolution A/C.2/73/L.53, the General Assembly would request the Secretary General, by 2020, within existing resources, to ensure the allocation of adequate resources required to respond to the expanding mandates in support of the sustainable development agenda of the small island developing States, and looks forward to the update by the Secretary-General of the repositioning of the United Nations development system and the alignment of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs with the 2030 Agenda.

3. The resources in support of the sustainable development agenda of the small island developing States will be assessed in the context of the preparation of the upcoming proposed programme budget for the year 2020.

4. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, and subsequent resolutions, the latest of which is resolution 70/247 of 23 December 2015, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and reaffirmed the role of the Fifth Committee in carrying out a thorough analysis and approving human and financial resources and policies, with a view to ensuring full, effective and efficient implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard.