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 $_{\text{SUBJECT}}$ : Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with  $_{\text{OBJET}}$ : draft resolution A/74/L.58/Rev.1 entitled "Special

session of the General Assembly against corruption"

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be distributed prior to the adoption of the draft resolution.

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## Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/74/L.58/Rev.1 entitled "Special session of the General Assembly against corruption"

- 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 1, 2, 10 and 18 of draft resolution A/74/L.58/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:
- (a) Decide that the special session of the General Assembly on challenges and measures to prevent and combat corruption and strengthen international cooperation shall be convened for three days, from 26 to 28 April 2021, at United Nations Headquarters, in New York;
- (b) Also decide that the organizational arrangements for the special session shall be as follows:
  - (i) The special session shall consist of plenary meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.;
  - (ii) The opening of the special session shall include statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the President of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
  - The plenary meetings shall include statements by (iii) Member States, States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, observers to the General Assembly and, time permitting, a limited number of representatives from relevant organizations attending the special session, in line subparagraphs (iv) and (v) below, selected by the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, with due regard for geographical balance and gender equity; the list of speakers shall be established in accordance with the established practices of the Assembly, and the time limit for the statements will be five minutes for individual delegations and seven minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;
  - (iv) Representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council are invited to participate in the special

session in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly; and

- (V)Recalling the established practice of the General Assembly, for the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may attend the special session, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for the meaningful participation of women, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly and the list to Member States submit for their consideration on a non-objection basis;
- (c) Request the Conference of the States Parties to produce, in due time, a concise and action-oriented political declaration agreed upon in advance by consensus through intergovernmental negotiations, under the auspices of the Conference for adoption by the General Assembly at its special session; and
- (d) Reaffirm its decision in resolution 73/191 to conduct the special session and its preparatory process from within existing resources.
- 3. With regard to operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 10 of the draft resolution, it is understood that there will be no parallel meetings of the Assembly. It is also expected that two pre-session documents with a total word-count of 4,290 words in all six languages will be required in 2021, which would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management.
- 4. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/74/L.58/Rev.1, and in line with operative paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 73/191, the requested services would be provided from within existing resources.