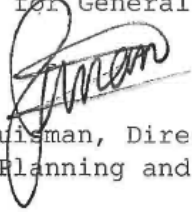


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TO: Ms. Ruth De Miranda, Director
A: General Assembly Affairs Branch
Department for General Assembly and Conference
Management

DATE: 6 May 2020


FROM: Johannes Huisman, Director
DE: Programme Planning and Budget Division, OPPFB

SUBJECT: Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with
OBJET: draft decision A/74/L.63 entitled "Twenty-first meeting
of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative
Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea"

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

CC: Mr. Ramanathan
Ms. Alirzaeva

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft decision A/74/L.63 entitled "Twenty-first meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea"

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 the third paragraph of draft decision A/74/L.63, the General Assembly would postpone the twenty-first meeting of the Informal Consultative Process to 2021, to be held at a date to be decided by the General Assembly.

3. The adoption of the draft decision would not entail any budgetary implications with regard to the programme budget. Upon a further decision by the General Assembly on the modalities, including the date, of the twenty-first meeting of the Informal Consultative Process, the Secretary-General would reassess the budgetary implications and advise the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly. Furthermore, in accordance with established practice, the date of the twenty-first meeting would be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.