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SUBJECT: **Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft
resolution A/74/L.74 entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth
United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries"**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be distributed prior to the adoption of draft resolution A/74/L.74.

CC: Mr. Ramanathan
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Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/74/L.74 entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries"

1. The present oral 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 and 2 of draft resolution A/74/L.74, the General Assembly would:
 - (a) decide to reschedule the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and to hold it in Doha from 23-27 January 2022 at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government, in line with the mandates specified in resolutions 73/242 and 74/232; and
 - (b) decide also to reschedule the meeting of the intergovernmental preparatory committee and to hold it in New York in two parts, from 24-28 May 2021 and from 26 to 30 July 2021, of no more than five working days each.
3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the five-day meeting for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Doha in 2022 would consist of 18 meetings with interpretation in all six official languages. This would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2022, and additional requirements for meeting services would arise for 2022 in the amount of \$78,500.
4. Furthermore, the requirements for documentation arising from operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution would constitute an addition to the documentation workload in 2022 of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. It is envisaged that for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, there would be three in-session documents (5,000 words) and one post-session document (20,000 words) in all six official languages in 2022. The additional requirements for documentation services that would arise in 2022 amount to \$80,200.
5. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/74/L.74, additional resource requirements estimated in the total amount of \$158,700 would be included in

the proposed programme budget for 2022 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management.