

Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft
resolution A/C.2/65/L.30/Rev.1, entitled "Harmony with Nature"

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
2. In operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to convene, at its sixty-fifth session, an interactive dialogue, to take place at two plenary meetings during the commemoration of International Mother Earth Day on 22 April 2011, with the participation of Member States, United Nations organizations, independent experts and other stakeholders, to actively and effectively contribute to and support efforts in the preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012, on the following topics:
 - (a) Ways to promote a holistic approach to sustainable development in harmony with nature;
 - (b) Sharing national experiences on criteria and indicators to measure sustainable development in harmony with nature.
3. Attention of the Second Committee is drawn to the fact that the scheduled date of the interactive dialogue, 22 April 2011, is an official holiday (Good Friday) of the United Nations in New York.
4. An oral correction to the draft resolution concerning the date of the interactive dialogue will be made by the Secretary of the Second Committee. On the understanding that this will amend the date to state that the interactive dialogue will be held on 26 April 2011 instead of 22 April 2011, it would use the entitlements of the General Assembly for two meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on that date with interpretation services in all six official languages and verbatim records for the plenary portion of the commemorative meeting, provided that there are no parallel meetings of the General Assembly during the same time period.
5. Further, it is estimated that documentation services are required to translate two documents totaling 5,000 words into all six official languages. Although resources amounting to \$30,600 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management to process these documents, the Secretariat will seek to identify areas from which resources can be redeployed to meet the requirements within the provisions approved under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management for the biennium 2010-2011.
6. In summary, should the draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.30/Rev.1 be adopted, no additional programme budget implications would arise for the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.