

Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft  
resolution A/C.2/65/L.32/Rev.1, entitled "Co-operative measures  
to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects  
related to waste originating from sea-dumped chemical  
munitions"

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly.
2. In operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would invite the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations on issues related to the environmental effects of waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, as well as on possible modalities for international cooperation to assess and increase awareness on this issue and to circulate such views to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session for further consideration.
3. The Secretary-General has yet to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations for circulation to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, as specified in operative paragraph 3, and therefore it is not possible at the present time to estimate the volume of documentation that will need to be translated and submitted to the General Assembly. Accordingly, the full potential financial implications related to documentation requirements can be determined only after the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations have been obtained. The Secretary-General would submit such requirements, if any, in accordance with established procedures, at that time.