

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with
Draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.58 entitled
“International Strategy for Disaster Reduction”

1. In connection with draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.58 “International Strategy for Disaster Reduction”, I wish to put on record the following statement of financial implications on behalf of the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. By operative paragraph 15 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would:

“Acknowledge the importance of the work of the United Nations in disaster risk reduction and the growing demand on the Secretariat of the Strategy and the need for increased, timely, stable and predictable resources for the implementation of the Strategy; and in this regard, request that the Secretary-General consider how best to support implementation of the natural disaster reduction strategy taking into account the important role played by the ISDR Secretariat, with a view to ensuring adequate resources for the operation of the Strategy Secretariat.”
3. Consistent with the request contained in the resolution, the Secretary-General will consider how best to support the implementation of the natural disaster reduction strategy in light of the important role played by the ISDR Secretariat, with a view to ensuring adequate resources for the operation of the ISDR Secretariat and bring the outcome of such consideration and assessment to the attention of the General Assembly for action as may be necessary.
4. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.58, no additional requirements would arise point under the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011.
5. The attention of the Committee is drawn to the provisions of section VI of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee was the appropriate Main Committee of the Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters; and reaffirmed also the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.