

**Oral statement by the secretariat in connection with  
draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.80 entitled "Information  
and communications technologies for development"**

1. This oral statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 19 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly:

Recalls paragraph 22 of GA resolution 65/141, takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet; and particularly of the consultations convened by the Secretary-General, through the Department of the Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, including the meeting held in New York on 14 December 2010, and invites the Chair of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to convene, in conjunction with the Commission's 15th annual session, a one-day open, inclusive and interactive meeting, involving all Member States and other stakeholders, particularly those from developing countries, including the private sector, civil society and international organizations, with a view to identifying a shared understanding about enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet in accordance with paragraphs 34 and 35 of the Tunis Agenda, and requests the Secretary-General to include information on the outcome of this meeting when preparing his report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the present resolution.

3. The resource requirements for the support to be provided for the convening of the one-day open, inclusive and interactive meeting involving all Member States and other stakeholders, and for the reporting of the information on the outcome of this meeting are estimated at \$61,300, for which provision has not been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. This provision would cover: a) one work-month of general temporary assistance (\$15,000); b) travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for three experts (\$12,000); and c) administrative and conference servicing requirements (\$34,300).
  
4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.80, the Secretary-General will, to the extent possible, make every effort to implement the resolution from within the existing resources of Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (\$33,400); Section 12, Trade and development (\$27,000); and Section 29E, Administration, Geneva (\$900) of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. Hence, no additional programme budget implications would arise for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.