

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.65, entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation"

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 paragraphs 21 and 22 of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.65, the General Assembly would:

"(a) Decide to hold a comprehensive ten-year review conference of the Almaty Programme of Action in 2014, in accordance with paragraph 49 of the Almaty Programme of Action and paragraph 32 of the Declaration on the midterm review, preceded, where necessary, by regional and global as well as thematic preparations in a most effective, well-structured and broad participatory manner; underline that intergovernmental mechanisms at the global and regional levels, including those of the United Nations regional commissions, as well as relevant substantive material and statistical data, should be effectively utilized in the review process; recall that, also in accordance with the aforesaid paragraph 49, the Office of the High Representative is designated as the United Nations system-wide focal point for the preparatory review process; and note that United Nations system organizations, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and relevant international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, should provide necessary support and actively contribute to the preparatory review process and the comprehensive ten-year review conference itself; and

(b) Also decide to take a decision on the organizational aspects, venue, duration and dates of the comprehensive ten-year review conference of the Almaty Programme of Action and of possible intergovernmental preparatory committee meetings, to be held in 2014 in a most effective manner, at its sixty-seventh session."

3. As regards the comprehensive ten year review conference of the Almaty Programme of Action and the possible meetings of the intergovernmental preparatory committee, both to be held in 2014, as called for in the operative paragraphs 21 and 22, the resources required to service the review conference and possible meetings of the intergovernmental preparatory committee will be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 based on the decision to be taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the organizational aspects of the conference and meetings of the

preparatory committee, in particular, the duration and estimated workload for conference services.

4. As regards the venue of the review conference to be decided by the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, it shall be noted that both the review conference and the meetings of the intergovernmental preparatory committee will be held in New York, its established headquarters in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 40/243. However, if the venue for the review conference to be decided by General Assembly is away from New York, the hosting government will need to defray the additional costs directly or indirectly involved, in accordance with paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, which stipulated that United Nations bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a Government issuing an invitation for a session to be held within its territory has agreed to defray, after consultation with the Secretary-General as to their nature and possible extent, the actual additional costs directly or indirectly involved.

5. In conclusion, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.65, no additional requirements would arise for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 while the requirements in 2014 to service the review conference and the possible meetings of the intergovernmental preparatory committee will be dealt with in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.