

Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft
resolution A/C.2/66/L.42/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 to the President of the General Assembly to convene, at the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, an interactive dialogue, to be held at the plenary meetings to be convened during the commemoration of International Mother Earth Day on 23 April 2012, with the participation of Member States, United Nations organizations, independent experts and other stakeholders, to discuss scientific findings in relation on how human activities are affecting earth's ecosystem.
3. As regards the interactive dialogue, to be held on 23 April 2012, it is determined that the requirements to service this meeting with interpretation and other support services would be covered by using the budgetary provisions provided to service the General Assembly on the understanding that there will be no parallel meetings of the General Assembly or its Working Groups at the same time.
4. Consequently, should the draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.42/Rev.1 be adopted, no additional programme budget implications would arise for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.