

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/73/L.18/Rev.1 entitled "Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

1. The present 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 16 of draft resolution A/C.2/73/L.18/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

"reiterate the urgent need to accelerate the pace for rural poverty eradication, and request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session, a report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the present resolution, in order to identify the gaps and challenges faced in rural poverty eradication, especially in developing countries".

3. With regard to the report requested in operative paragraph 16, which is a new report, it is understood that this report will be developed during 2019 and presented at the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, and that the report is non-recurrent. In order to implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 16, the following activities and resources would be required in 2019:

(a) Expert group meeting (EGM): a three-day expert group meeting on *Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* consisting of approximately 14 experts from different regions. The travel of two staff members would also be required to service the meeting, as well as operating costs to hold the meeting. This would entail additional resource requirements in 2019 for section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, in the amount of \$47,900;

(b) General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for six months; the temporary assistance would allow for the research needed, consultation with relevant United Nations system stakeholders on the preparation of the draft report, serving as the focal point for such consultations and collection and analysis of inputs, including through the organization of an Expert Group Meeting; for drafting the report of the Secretary-General; and for supporting intergovernmental deliberations. This would entail additional resource

requirements in 2019 for section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, in the amount of \$75,600;

(c) Conference services for the processing and translation of the new report into six languages. This would entail additional resource requirements in 2019 for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, in the amount of \$26,000.

(United States dollars)

<b>Resource requirements by budget section</b>	<i>Resource requirements for 2019 to be absorbed</i>
<b>Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management</b>	
Pre-session documentation	26 000
<b>Subtotal, Section 2</b>	<b>26 000</b>
<b>Section 9, Economic and social affairs</b>	
Travel of experts	31 400
Travel of staff	14 500
Operating costs	2 000
General temporary assistance	75 600
<b>Subtotal, Section 9</b>	<b>123 500</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>149 500</b>

4. The total requirements in the amount of \$149,500 for the year 2019 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 9, Economic and social affairs, have not been included under the programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019, however the Secretariat would make efforts to meet these additional requirements within the approved appropriation, and including through extrabudgetary funding.

5. Accordingly, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/73/L.18/Rev.1 would not give rise to any budgetary implications under the programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.