

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.17 entitled "Disaster risk reduction"

1. The present statement is made in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 13 of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.17, the General Assembly would recognize that the Sendai Framework, including its core provision to "build back better", provides guidance relevant to a sustainable recovery from COVID-19 and also to address underlying drivers of disaster risk in a systemic manner, and decides to hold a midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework in 2023 to assess progress on integrating disaster risk reduction into development policies, programs and investment, identify good practice, gaps and challenges, and accelerating the path to achieve the goal of the Sendai Framework and its seven global targets by 2030.

3. With regard to operative paragraph 13 of this draft resolution, it is understood that issues related to the midterm review to be held in 2023, including the dates, venue, format, organization and scope are yet to be determined. Accordingly, in the absence of modalities for the midterm review, it is not possible at the present time to estimate the potential costs implications of requirements. Upon the decision on the modalities of the midterm review, the Secretary-General would submit the relevant costs of such requirements in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

4. Accordingly, at this time, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.17 would not give rise to any programme budget implications.