

**Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.2/Rev.1 entitled "The United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028"**

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 paragraphs 2 and 3 of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.2/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

- (a) Also reaffirm its decision, in accordance with its resolution 73/226, to convene, in New York, from 22 to 24 March 2023, coinciding with World Water Day, the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028, which are a greater focus on the sustainable development and integrated management of water resources for the achievement of social, economic and environmental objectives, the implementation and promotion of related programmes and projects, as well as on the furtherance of cooperation and partnerships at all levels, in order to help to achieve the internationally agreed water-related goals and targets, including those contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which will result in a summary of the proceedings of the conference, to be prepared by the President of the General Assembly, as its outcome document, that will feed into the high-level political forum on sustainable development; and
- (b) Welcome the generous offer by the Governments of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands to co-host and assume the costs of the Conference.

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 3, it is understood that the Governments of Tajikistan and the Kingdom of the Netherlands would co-host the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028, and would assume all the costs associated with the Conference.

4. Accordingly, at this time, the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.2/Rev.1 would not give rise to any programme budget implications.