

**Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.9 entitled "South-South cooperation"**

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 3 of draft resolution A/C.2/75/L.9, the twentieth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation would be held at a date to be determined.

3. With regard to operative paragraph 3 of this draft resolution, it is understood that issues related to the twentieth session, including the date, format and scope are yet to be determined. Accordingly, in the absence of modalities for the session, it is not possible at the present time to estimate the potential cost implications of the requirements. Upon the decision on the modalities of the session, the Secretary-General would submit the related resource requirements, if any, 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.9 would not give rise to any programme budget implications.