

Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with draft resolution A/C.6/77/L.16 entitled "Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-third session"

1. The present statement is made in the context of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The present statement will also be distributed to Member States.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 17 of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would take note of paragraph 281 of the report of the International Law Commission and request the Secretariat to proceed with the necessary administrative and organizational arrangements to facilitate the holding of the first part of a session of the Commission in New York during the next quinquennium.

3. The adoption of the draft resolution would not entail any budgetary implications with regard to the programme budget. Upon a decision on the date of the first part of the session of the Commission in New York, the Secretary-General would assess the budgetary implications and advise the General Assembly in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedures of the General Assembly. Furthermore, in accordance with established practice, the date would be determined in consultation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management.