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1. The present statement is made in the context of rule 15 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 2 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. On a decision on the date of the first part of the session of the Commission in New York , the Secretary-General would assess the budget