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**Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002
International Conference on Financing for Development and
the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference**

Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.57

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/63/L.57, the General Assembly would endorse the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus.
2. The Declaration, in paragraph 79, calls for holding a conference at the highest level on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development. The conference would be organized by the President of the General Assembly, and the modalities would be defined by March 2009.

II. Financial implications of the proposal

3. At this time, there are insufficient details regarding the modalities of the conference to determine the full range of programme budget implications arising



from the draft resolution. The proposals would require further study, and, as such, only preliminary financial implications can be provided in this regard.

4. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, no additional conference-servicing resources would be required, on the understanding that the aforementioned conference would be part of the regular work programme of the General Assembly and, therefore, would utilize meeting and documentation resources that have already been planned and budgeted for according to its entitlements.

5. Therefore, any additional conference-servicing requirements for related parallel meetings, round tables, panels and civil society hearings and/or dialogues would have to be reviewed and evaluated and their financial implications established at the time the format and modalities of the conference were made clear, after close consultations with Member States regarding relevant organizational arrangements.

6. As regards the substantive work requirements, the current draft resolution does not provide adequate details to allow the determination of the precise scope of the preparatory process for such meetings.

III. Summary

7. **The adoption of draft resolution A/63/L.57 could give rise to additional resource requirements in the current biennium. However, in the absence of sufficient details at this stage regarding the conference, it is difficult for the Secretariat to determine the full extent of the programme budget implications arising from the draft resolution.**

8. **Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution, a detailed statement of programme budget implications would be submitted to it for its consideration during its current session as soon as specific information on the format and modalities of the conference is available.**
