

**Oral statement by the Secretariat in connection with the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on programme 9, United Nations system support for the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want - strategic partnership for progress towards implementation (A/79/16)**

1. The present oral statement is made in the context of rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council and 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 paragraph 237 contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on programme 9, United Nations system support for the African Union's Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want - strategic partnership for progress towards implementation (A/79/16), the Committee welcomed the fellowship programme for young African policymakers in the 2025 programme plan and recommended that the General Assembly approve it and request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session a report of the first two years of implementation.

3. With regard to the aforementioned paragraph 237, the request for documentation would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document with a word count of 8,500 words in all six languages in 2027. Additional resources requirements for documentation would arise in 2027 in the amount of \$24,500.

4. Accordingly, should the Economic and Social Council or the General Assembly endorse the recommendations of the Committee as contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, the additional resource requirements in the amount of \$24,500 would be included in the proposed programme budget for 2027 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its eighty-first session.