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

1. It is recalled that, in view of the request contained in operative paragraph 29 of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.8, a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was submitted in document A/C.4/55/L.9.
2. As that request was subsequently modified, a revised draft resolution was issued in document A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1.
3. By operative paragraph 29 of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to begin implementing those measures and activities that are contained in the plan of action to implement the recommendations of UNISPACE III and are currently within the programme of work of the Office for Outer Space Affairs, based on the recommendations of UNISPACE III, and to ensure the full implementation of the plan with necessary resources in 2002.
4. It is therefore the understanding of the Secretary-General that the Office for Outer Space Affairs would begin implementing only those measures and activities that are contained in the plan of action and are also currently within its programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. It is also the understanding of the Secretary-General that the measures and activities reflected in document A/C.4/55/L.9, for which resources in the amount of \$448,900 were being requested, would not be implemented during the current biennium. According to draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1, the related necessary resources for full implementation of the

plan in 2002 would be reflected in the context of the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Should these requirements exceed the resources proposed in the budget outline for 2002-2003, still to be approved by the General Assembly at its current session, any additional requirements would be a first charge to the contingency fund, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/213.

5. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.8/Rev.1, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for 2000-2001.
