



6 On the issue of utilization of conference services, the Group notes that overall

utilization for 2011 was 85 per cent, same as in 2010. Whereas the utilization

rate is above the established benchmark of 80 per cent, it is desirable that improvement is realized every subsequent year.

7. Members States may wish to recall that the utilization rate of the Conference

11. Concerning the concept of paper-smart meetings, the Group noted that the information requested by the General Assembly in paragraph 23 of Section IV of its resolution 66/233 was not fully provided by the Secretary General. Further details are needed on its implications when it comes to human resources, finances, proceedings of the intergovernmental bodies, transfers of staff,

15. Concerning the audio recording of meetings, the African Group wishes to stress that this should NOT substitute the Summary and Verbatim records that continue to constitute an important part of documentation used by the majority of Member States for the intergovernmental decision-making processes. In this

regard, the Group recalls section IV, Paragraph 29, of General Assembly