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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Agenda item 21: Globalization and interdependence (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.25/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on promoting and fostering the efficiency, accountability, effectiveness and transparency of public administration by strengthening supreme audit institutions (A/C.2/69/L.25/Rev.1)

- 1. **Mr. Machor** (Austria) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.25/Rev.1 and said that Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Hungary, India, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Poland, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Sweden and Turkey had become sponsors.
- 2. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) announced that Costa Rica, Iceland and Slovakia had joined the sponsors.
- 3. **The Chair** said that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 4. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.25/Rev.1 was adopted.

Agenda item 17: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*)

(a) International trade and development (*continued*) (A/69/179, A/69/15 (parts I, II, III and IV), A/C.2/69/L.28 and A/C.2/69/L.52)

Draft resolutions on international trade and development (A/C.2/69/L.28 and A/C.2/69/L.52)

- 5. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.52, submitted by Mr. Iziraren (Morocco), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.28. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 6. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.52 was adopted.
- 7. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.28 was withdrawn.
- 8. **The Chair** proposed that the Committee take note of the report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (A/69/179) and the reports of the Trade and Development Board on its 2013-2014 sessions (A/69/15 (parts I, II, III and IV)).
- 9. It was so decided.

(b) International financial system and development (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.48)

Draft resolution on the international financial system and development (A/C.2/69/L.48)

10. **The Chair** said that the version of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.48 that had been issued was not the version that had been agreed in informal consultations and, therefore, action on that draft resolution would be postponed in order to allow time for the correct version to be issued.

Agenda item 19: Sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/69/L.13/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on the role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation for sustainable development (A/C.2/69/L.13/Rev.1)

- 11. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on A/C.2/69/L.13/Rev.1, submitted by the delegation of Turkmenistan on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 12. Ms. Ataeva (Turkmenistan) said that the draft resolution sought to foster cooperation in the development of sustainable transport Sustainable transport was being discussed as part of a completely new, multiform dialogue that covered the issue's economic, environmental and social aspects. In that regard, a number of events had taken place in recent months. The High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport had held its first meeting in November 2014 and had been tasked with the preparation of recommendations for the development of transport systems at the global, national and local levels in cooperation with Governments, United Nations organizations, suppliers of transport services and representatives of financial institutions and civil society. In future meetings, the Group would address the accessibility and cost of transport infrastructure, road safety and the impact of transport on the environment. The Global Partnership for Sustainable Transport, organized by the United Nations Global Compact and the International Road Transport Union, had received broad support at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and the Group of Friends on Sustainable Transport had been holding regular meetings since 2012.

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- 13. The draft resolution was a pillar on which the international transport agenda would be built and it emphasized environmental sustainability, road transport safety, sustainability and accessibility and the effective transportation of goods and people along road, rail, air and sea corridors that were connected through intermodal logistics centres.
- 14. Armenia, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Nepal, the Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe had become sponsors.
- 15. **Ms. de Laurentis** (Secretary of the Committee) announced that Bosnia and Herzegovina, Guinea, Luxembourg, Morocco, Nicaragua and Panama had also joined the sponsors.
- 16. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.13/Rev.1 was adopted.

Agenda item 21: Globalization and interdependence (continued)

(b) Culture and sustainable development (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.27 and A/C.2/69/L.47)

Draft resolutions on culture and sustainable development (A/C.2/69/L.27 and A/C.2/69/L.47)

- 17. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.47, submitted by Ms. Stepowska (Poland), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.27. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 18. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.47 was adopted.
- 19. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.27 was withdrawn.

Agenda item 23: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (continued)

(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.5 and A/C.2/69/L.50)

Draft resolutions on the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (A/C.2/69/L.5 and A/C.2/69/L.50)

- 20. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.50, submitted by Mr. Tham (Singapore), Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.5. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 21. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.50 was adopted.
- 22. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.5 was withdrawn.

Agenda item 25: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.30 and A/C.2/69/L.49)

Draft resolutions on agriculture development, food security and nutrition (A/C.2/69/L.30 and A/C.2/69/L.49)

- 23. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.49, submitted by Mr. Iziraren (Morocco), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.30. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 24. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.49 was adopted.
- 25. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.30 was withdrawn.

Agenda item 133: Programme planning

26. **The Chair** recalled that the General Assembly had decided to allocate agenda item 133 entitled "Programme planning" to all Main Committees and the plenary Assembly in order to enhance discussion of evaluation, planning, budgeting and monitoring reports. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/236, the plenary and the Main Committees were to review and take action on the appropriate recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work. For the time being, there were no matters that required

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the Second Committee's attention under the item. He proposed that the item remain open until the Committee finished its work in case there was a need for the Committee to be seized of any issues under it.

27. It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 3.45 p.m.

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