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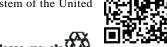
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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Agenda item 16: Information and communications technologies for development (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.40)

Draft resolution on information and communications technologies for development. (A/C.2/68/L.40)

1. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.40 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 19: Sustainable development (continued)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.33)

Draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (A/C.2/68/L.33)

- 2. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.33 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
- (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.41)

Draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/C.2/68/L.41)

- 3. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.41 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
- (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.39)

Draft resolution on an international strategy for disaster reduction (A/C.2/68/L.39)

4. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.39 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.42)

Draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development (A/C.2/68/L.42)

- 5. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.42 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
- (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its first universal session (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.32)

Draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its first universal session (A/C.2/68/L.32)

- 6. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.32 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
- (h) Harmony with Nature (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.43)

*Draft resolution on harmony with nature* (A/C.2/68/L.43)

7. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.43 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 21: Globalization and independence (continued)

(c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.35)

Draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (A/C.2/68/L.35)

- 8. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.35 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
- (d) Culture and development (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.34)

Draft resolution on culture and sustainable development (A/C.2/68/L.34)

9. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.34 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China. General Assembly resolution 66/208, adopted by consensus, had sent a very important message concerning the integration of the cultural dimension into development policies, and the role of Member States and the United Nations development system in

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that process. Greater efforts must be made to build on the progress made thus far; culture could play a vital role in accelerating the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals.

Agenda item 25: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.28)

Draft resolution on agriculture development, food security and nutrition (A/C.2/68/L.28)

10. **Mr. Daunivalu** (Fiji) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.28 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

**Agenda item 19: Sustainable development** (*continued*) (A/C.2/68/L.30, L.37 and L.38)

Draft resolution on sustainable tourism and sustainable development in Central America (A/C.2/68/L.30)

11. **Mr. Ruiz Hernández** (Panama) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.30. He drew attention to the activities carried out during the Year of Sustainable Tourism in Central America (2012), and to the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 66/196, in particular by the States members of the Central American Integration System (SICA) (A/68/278). Finland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Spain and the United States of America also wished to become sponsors.

Draft resolution on cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea (A/C.2/68/L.37)

12. **Ms. Kazragienė** (Lithuania) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.37. The draft resolution was based on the report of the Secretary-General providing an update on incidents, challenges, and scientific research and findings since the adoption of resolution 65/149 (A/68/258). Georgia, Honduras, Monaco, Norway, Panama, Serbia, Somalia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia wished to join the sponsors.

Draft resolution on agricultural technology for development (A/C.2/68/L.38)

13. **Ms. Levavi** (Israel) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.38 and said that Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and the Republic of Moldova had joined the sponsors. The draft resolution focused on the role of technology

for farmers, especially smallholders; youth in agriculture; and the role of agricultural cooperatives in agricultural development and food security.

(j) The role of the international community in the prevention of the radiation threat in Central Asia (continued) (A/C.2/68/L.36)

Draft resolution on the role of the international community in averting the radiation threat in Central Asia (A/C.2/68/L.36)

- 14. **Mr. Kydyrov** (Kyrgyzstan) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.36 and said that Azerbaijan, Canada and the United States of America wished to join the sponsors. He referred to the explanatory note in his request for the inclusion of the sub-item in the Committee's agenda (A/68/143/Rev.1) and also drew attention to the more than 800 million tons of uranium waste and other radioactive and toxic materials in Central Asia. Tailings ponds were located in seismically active areas prone to mudflow and flooding, and near river banks that formed the basis of the region's water supply. Under those circumstances, ineffective solutions would have an impact on the lives and health of millions of people in Central Asia.
- 15. He hoped that other delegations would become sponsors of the draft resolution and that it would be adopted by consensus.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.

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