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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:
RENEWAL OF THE DIALOGUE OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 97 (see A/52/628, para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 26th and 50th meetings, on 31 October and 9 December 1997. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/52/SR.26 and 50).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/52/L.11 AND L.11/Rev.1

2. At the 26th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" (A/C.2/52/L.11).

3. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania orally corrected it as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this agenda item will be issued in several parts, under the symbol A/52/628 and addenda.

(a) Operative paragraph 3 should read: "Requests the President of the General Assembly, bearing in mind resolution 51/174, to start consultations with Member States so as to arrive at an early decision on the modalities, focus of the discussions and timing - including at a time shortly before the fifty-third session of the General Assembly - of the first two-day high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, to be held during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly";

(b) Operative paragraph 4 should read: "Invites Member States to provide inputs on the high-level dialogue and on the modalities and themes for such future high-level dialogues".

The draft resolution as corrected read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 48/165 of 21 December 1993, 49/95 of 19 December 1994, 50/122 of 20 December 1995 and 51/174 of 16 December 1996,

"Noting the adoption of the Agenda for Development¹ and the relevant provision on its follow-up and implementation, and the need to give impetus to international economic cooperation for development so as to effectively follow up on the Agenda,

"Noting also the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership',²

"1. Reaffirms the continued need to strengthen constructive dialogue and genuine partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development;

"2. Also reaffirms that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development and for improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations system should play a central role in strengthening such a dialogue;

"3. Requests the President of the General Assembly, bearing in mind resolution 51/174, to start consultations with Member States so as to arrive at an early decision on the modalities, focus of the discussions and

¹ See resolution 51/240.

² A/52/425.

timing - including at a time shortly before the fifty-third session of the General Assembly - of the first two-day high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, to be held during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly;

"4. Invites Member States to provide inputs on the high-level dialogue and on the modalities and themes for future high-level dialogues;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system, relevant intergovernmental organizations and other development actors, to make initial preparations for such a dialogue;

"6. Encourages all Member States to participate in the high-level dialogue;

"7. Recognizes the need to work out modalities and themes for future high-level dialogues, building on the experience of the first high-level dialogue;

"8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session an item/sub-item entitled 'Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership'."

4. At the 50th meeting, on 9 December, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1) submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11.

5. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hans-Peter Glanzer (Austria) made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of United States of America, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the Russian Federation and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) (see A/C.2/52/SR.50). The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.11/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 151 to 2 (see para. 9). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran

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(Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: None.

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia, China, Canada and Australia (see A/C.2/52/SR.50).

8. The Chairman of the Committee made a statement in response to the letter dated 18 November 1997 of the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/52/10).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/165 of 21 December 1993, 49/95 of 19 December 1994, 50/122 of 20 December 1995 and 51/174 of 16 December 1996,

Noting the adoption of the Agenda for Development³ and the relevant provision on its follow-up and implementation, and the need to give impetus to

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international economic cooperation for development so as to effectively follow up on the Agenda,

Noting also the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Sustainable Development and International Economic Cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership",⁴

1. Reaffirms the continued need to strengthen constructive dialogue and genuine partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development;

2. Also reaffirms that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development as well as for improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations system should reinforce its activities in order to facilitate such a dialogue;

3. Requests the President of the General Assembly to start consultations with Member States so as to arrive at an early decision on the modalities, focus of the discussion and timing of the two-day high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, to be held at an appropriate time conducive to maintaining the entity and character of the two-day high-level dialogue;

4. Invites Governments to contribute views to the high-level dialogue, including its preparation, and encourages them to participate in the dialogue;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system, relevant intergovernmental organizations and other development actors, to initiate preparations for such a dialogue;

6. Recognizes the need to work out modalities and themes for following high-level dialogues, building on the experience of the high-level dialogue and, in this context, invites Member States to provide inputs to this process;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-third session under the appropriate item, the sub-item entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership".

⁴ A/52/425.