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79/230. Graduation of Cambodia and Senegal from the least developed country category

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution [2024/7](#) of 5 June 2024 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-sixth session,¹

Taking into account its resolutions [59/209](#) of 20 December 2004, [65/286](#) of 29 June 2011 and [67/221](#) of 21 December 2012 on a smooth transition for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries,

Recalling paragraph 10 of its resolution [67/221](#), in which it decided to take note of the decisions of the Economic and Social Council regarding the graduation of countries from the least developed country category, as well as the inclusion of countries in that category, at the first session of the General Assembly following the adoption of the decisions,

Emphasizing that graduation from the least developed country category is a major milestone for the country involved as it means that significant progress has been made towards reaching at least some of its development goals,

Noting with great concern the multiple and widespread effects of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, conflicts and climate change, which have brought about a deterioration in the situation of food security, energy security, global trade and market stability, affecting all developing countries, with the least developed countries being disproportionately affected, further undermining the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,²

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2024, Supplement No. 13 (E/2024/33).*

² See resolution [70/1](#).



1. *Reaffirms* that graduating from the category of least developed countries should not result in a disruption or reversal of development plans, programmes and projects;
2. *Takes note* of the endorsement by the Economic and Social Council of the recommendation of the Committee for Development Policy that Cambodia and Senegal be graduated from the least developed country category;
3. *Also takes note* of the finding of the Committee for Development Policy that a five-year preparatory period would be necessary for all countries recommended for graduation at the 2024 triennial review to effectively prepare for a smooth transition;
4. *Decides* to provide Cambodia and Senegal, on an exceptional basis, with a five-year preparatory period leading to graduation;
5. *Invites* Cambodia and Senegal to prepare, during the five-year period between the adoption of the present resolution and their graduation from the least developed country category, their national smooth transition strategy, with the support of the United Nations system and in cooperation with their bilateral, regional and multilateral development and trading partners.

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