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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

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

(b) International financial system and development (continued) (A/C.2/69/L./42 and A/C.2/69/L.48)

Draft resolutions on the international financial system and development (A/C.2/69/L.42 and A/C.2/69/L.48)

- 1. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.48, which had been reissued and submitted by Mr. Iziraren (Morocco), Vice-Chair, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.42. He took it that the Committee agreed to waive the 24-hour provision of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
- 2. It was so decided.
- 3. **The Chair** said that draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.48 had no programme budget implications.
- 4. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.48 was adopted.
- 5. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.42 was withdrawn.

### Agenda item 19: Sustainable development (continued)

(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.2/69/L.8 and A/C.2/69/L.24, A/C.2/69/L.44 and A/C.2/69/L.53)

Draft resolution entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations" (A/C.2/69/L.8 and A/C.2/69/L.44)

- 6. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.44, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.8, and noted that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.
- 7. **Ms. Brown** (Jamaica), facilitator of the draft resolution, said that the words "SAMOA Pathway" should be added in paragraph 21, which would then read: "Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, under the sub-item entitled 'Follow-up to and implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and the

Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States' of the item entitled 'Sustainable development', on the implementation of the present resolution, including a section on the possible legal and financial implications of the concept of the Caribbean Sea as a special area in the context of sustainable development, including its designation as such without prejudice to relevant international law, taking into account the views expressed by Member States and relevant regional organizations."

- 8. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.44, as orally corrected, was adopted.
- 9. **Mr.** Özaydın (Turkey) said that his delegation had joined consensus on the draft resolution, as it fully supported the efforts of the Association of Caribbean States to develop and implement regional initiatives to promote the sustainable development, conservation and management of coastal marine resources. Nevertheless, it disassociated itself from any reference made in the draft resolution to international instruments to which Turkey was not a party; such references could not be construed as a change in his Government's legal position in that regard.
- 10. **Ms. Engelbrecht Schadtler** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) said that her delegation, too, had joined the consensus on the draft resolution, since it covered important matters pertaining to the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea, and her delegation had always supported the Group of 77 and China, particularly on initiatives of Caribbean States. Nevertheless, her delegation did not associate itself with the references made in the draft resolution to international instruments to which her Government was not a party. Such references must not be interpreted as modifying her country's usual position in that respect.
- 11. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.8 was withdrawn.

Draft resolutions 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.2/69/L.24 and A/C.2/69/L.53)

12. **The Chair** informed the Committee that action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.53, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution

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A/C.2/69/L.24, would be postponed as the Committee was awaiting information on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

# (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.18 and A/C.2/69/L.51)

Draft resolutions on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/69/L.18 and A/C.2/69/L.51)

- 13. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.51, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.18, and noted that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.
- 14. **Ms. Francis** (Bahamas), Vice-Chair, said that in order to reflect the agreement reached during informal consultations, the fifth preambular paragraph should now read: "Recalling further resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly,".
- 15. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.51, as orally corrected, was adopted.
- 16. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.18 was withdrawn.
  - (i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.20 and A/C.2/69/L.54)

Draft resolution on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy (A/C.2/69/L.20 and A/C.2/69/L.54)

- 17. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.54, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.20. He took it that the Committee agreed to waive the 24-hour provision of rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.
- 18. It was so decided.
- 19. **The Chair** said that draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.54 had no programme budget implications.

- 20. **Ms. Tomaj** (Hungary), facilitator of the draft resolution, proposed a minor drafting change in paragraph 4.
- 21. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.54, as orally corrected, was adopted.
- 22. **Ms. Engelbrecht Schadtler** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) said that her delegation had joined the consensus on the draft resolution based on its traditional support of the Group of 77 and China.
- 23. Nevertheless, as had been the case in relation to the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) entitled "The future we want" (General Assembly resolution 66/288), her delegation could not endorse references made in A/C.2/69/L.54 to the Sustainable Energy for All initiative of the Secretary-General. That initiative had been developed without a mandate from Member States, and had not been prepared through the usual process of consultations and approval by Member States. It did not take into account Governments' negotiations on those matters, and it proposed strategies that violated sovereignty and could lead to trade distortions that would result in barriers to trade in hydrocarbons and in products manufactured from them.
- 24. Her delegation also had reservations with respect to the reference to "modern energy services" (para. 5), as that implied the use of new technologies without the requisite evaluation of their application in a national context or of technological development priorities.
- 25. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.20 was withdrawn.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.

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