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President: Mr. D'Escoto Brockmann. (Nicaragua)

In the absence of the President, Mr. Abdelaziz (Egypt), Vice-President, took the Chair.

Draft resolution A/63/L.29/Rev.1 was adopted (resolution 63/199).

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 44 (continued)

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields

Draft resolution (A/63/L.29/Rev.1)

The Acting President: Members will recall that the General Assembly held joint debates on agenda items 44 and 40 at its 36th plenary meeting, on 3 November, and on agenda items 44, 107 and 112 at its 51st plenary meeting, on 17 November 2008. Members will also recall that the Assembly adopted two resolutions under this agenda item, resolution 63/9 and resolution 63/33, on 3 and 26 November 2008, respectively.

The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/63/L.29/Rev.1, entitled "International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization". Additional sponsors for this draft resolution are Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ghana, Haiti, Iceland, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Poland, Slovakia and Spain.

May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt draft resolution A/63/L.29/Rev.1?

The Acting President: Before giving the floor to the representative of Norway, who wishes to speak in explanation of position on the resolution just adopted, may I remind delegations that explanations of vote or position are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Mr. Wetland (Norway): Draft resolution A/63/L.29 was introduced by my colleague Ambassador Mahiga of Tanzania on 17 November. Since then, our two delegations have held constructive consultations with Member States and I am pleased about the recent news regarding the increasing number of sponsors that this initiative has received.

I should like to make a few remarks on the resolution itself. This fall has indeed been a very special one for the world economy. While we — and not least the President of the General Assembly — have been busy inside this building negotiating to improve global cooperation and economic recovery, outside this building market failures and irresponsible management have wreaked havoc with the global economy. We are now facing the most dramatic economic crisis since the Great Depression. And while the epicentre of this economic tsunami is just a few blocks south of here, the consequences are felt everywhere. We should be particularly concerned about the delayed effects of this crisis and their impact on the powerless poor. Hundreds of millions of people who

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have worked their way out of poverty now see their jobs and the dignity that comes with a job at risk.

The world economy is now so interconnected that greed and mismanagement anywhere pose a threat to working men and women everywhere. To deal with this interdependence and to protect the livelihoods of ordinary people from casino capital and misguided markets, we need new regulation of banking and finance, public investment and the restoration of trust. We should also be guided by the new International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization. Adopted by consensus among Governments', workers' and employers' representatives from all Member States in June this year, the ILO Declaration presents an outline for a global New Deal — a social contract for the twenty-first century. The challenge now is to ensure its full implementation.

While national Governments have the primary responsibility, together with social partners and other stakeholders, all relevant international organizations, not least the United Nations system, have a crucial role to play. That is why Norway, together with Tanzania, initiated the process to bring the ILO Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization to the General Assembly. The resolution supports the Declaration's call for an integrated approach to the Decent Work Agenda based on the four inseparable, interrelated and mutually supportive strategic objectives of employment creation, observance of fundamental principles and rights at work, social dialogue and social protection.

By adopting the resolution without a vote, the General Assembly today reflects the global consensus that the time has come to bring full employment and decent work for all to the centre of economic policymaking, nationally as well as at the global level.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Agenda item 114 (continued)

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum

Draft resolution (A/63/L.56)

The Acting President: Members will recall that the General Assembly held a debate on agenda item

114 and its sub-items (a) to (u) at its 36th and 37th plenary meetings on 3 November 2008.

I call on the representative of Tuvalu to introduce draft resolution A/63/L.56.

Mr. Pita (Tuvalu): I have the honour to speak on behalf of members of the Pacific Islands Forum based in New York, namely, Australia, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and my own country, Tuvalu.

I have the further honour to introduce to the General Assembly draft resolution A/63/L.56, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum", under agenda item 114 (s) on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations. On behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum, I would like to acknowledge and express our sincere appreciation to all those countries that have joined in sponsoring this draft resolution, namely, Canada, the Czech Republic, Finland, Israel, Luxembourg, Singapore, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States of America. Through this draft resolution, the Pacific Islands Forum and its associated institutions reaffirm our commitment to a partnership of cooperation and friendship with the United Nations and its development partners.

The Pacific Islands Forum members wish to thank the Secretary-General again for his report on cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations (A/63/228). We look forward to receiving the Secretary-General's next report, which we hope will demonstrate the concrete areas in which cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum has been improved and strengthened.

As we highlighted in our statement in the debate under this agenda item, cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum has to be seen through the lens of the serious threats posed to our vulnerable island States by climate change and global economic recession. We hope that the United Nations system and all Member States can acknowledge this and support our region's efforts to tackle these issues.

The many areas of cooperation, as mentioned in our recent statement, are greatly valued, as is the strengthened United Nations presence in our region in

recent years. However, we believe that there is scope to do significantly more and, in particular, to increase the impact of partnerships between the United Nations system and the Pacific Islands Forum. We urge all United Nations agencies operating in the region to revitalize their efforts to improve cooperation and support in our region. There are challenges in delivering effective support to the island States of our region, and it is critical that we all look to maximize collaborative action and avoid duplication.

We express our hope that the General Assembly will adopt draft resolution A/63/L.56 by consensus.

The Acting President: The Assembly will now take a decision on draft resolution A/63/L.56. The following countries have joined the list of sponsors of the draft resolution: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Fiji, France, Guyana, Ireland, Japan, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Portugal, Samoa, Thailand, Vanuatu and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/63/L.56?

Draft resolution A/63/L.56 was adopted (resolution A/63/200).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (s) of agenda item 114.

I call on the representative of Turkmenistan on a point of order.

Mrs. Ataeva (Turkmenistan) (*spoke in Russian*): The delegation of Turkmenistan would like to place on record its position that Turkmenistan had intended to become a sponsor of resolution 63/144, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization", which was adopted under agenda item 114 (i) on 15 December 2008 at the Assembly's 69th plenary meeting.

Reports of the Second Committee

The Acting President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 38, 46, 47 and its sub-items (a) to (d), 48, 49 and its sub-items (a) to (c) and (e) to (g), 50, 51 and its sub-items (a) to (e), 52 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 53 and its sub-items (a) and (b), 54, 110 and 119.

I request the Rapporteur of the Second Committee, Mr. Awsan Al-Aud of Yemen, to introduce

in one intervention the reports of the Second Committee.

Mr. Al-Aud (Yemen) (Rapporteur of the Second Committee): I have the honour to present for the Assembly's consideration the following reports of the Second Committee on the agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly at its sixty-third session. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the facilitators who persevered in the negotiations on the Committee's draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 38, entitled "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of document A/63/410, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 46, entitled "Information and communication technologies for development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of document A/63/411, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 47, entitled "Macroeconomic policy questions", the report of the Committee has been issued in five parts. The report under the chapeau "macroeconomic policy questions" is contained in document A/63/412, and the recommendations are contained in the following addendums: Under sub-item 47 (a), entitled "International trade and development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/63/412/Add.1, the adoption of two draft resolutions. Under sub-item 47 (b), entitled "International financial system and development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of document A/63/412/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution. Under sub-item 47 (c), entitled "External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of document A/63/412/Add.3, the adoption of one draft resolution. Under sub-item 47 (d), entitled "Commodities", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 5 of document A/63/412/Add.4, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 48, entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference",

the report of the Committee has been issued in two parts, as documents A/63/413 (Part I) and A/63/413 (Part II). As the Assembly will recall, the five recommendations contained in Part I were adopted by the Assembly at its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November. In paragraph 6 of document A/63/413 (Part II), the Second Committee now recommends the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 49, entitled “Sustainable development”, the report of the Second Committee has been issued in eight parts. The report under the chapeau “sustainable development” is contained in document A/63/414, and the recommendations are contained in the chapeau as well as in the various addenda.

Under the chapeau of item 49, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 20 of document A/63/414, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under sub-item 49 (a), entitled “Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 9 of document A/63/414/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item 49 (b), entitled “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”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 16 of document A/63/414/Add.2, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under sub-item 49 (c), entitled “International Strategy for Disaster Reduction”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 19 of document A/63/414/Add.3, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under sub-item 49 (d), entitled “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind”, the Assembly will recall that, at its 60th plenary meeting, on 26 November 2008, the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in document A/63/414/Add.4.

Under sub-item 49 (e), entitled “Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa”, the Second Committee recommends, in

paragraph 9 of document A/63/414/Add.5, the adoption of one draft resolution. I would like to draw the attention of the Assembly to section III of the report, which contains the text of the draft resolution. The following correction should be made to bring it into line with the text of A/C.2/63/L.53, as adopted by the Second Committee. The phrase “the secretariats of” should be deleted from the first line of the seventh preambular paragraph.

Under sub-item 49 (f), entitled “Convention on Biological Diversity”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of document A/63/414/Add.6, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item 49 (g), entitled “Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of document A/63/414/Add.7, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 50, entitled “Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of document A/63/415, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 51, entitled “Globalization and interdependence”, the report of the Committee has been issued in six parts. The report under the chapeau “globalization and interdependence” is contained in document A/63/416, and the recommendations are contained in the following addenda.

Under sub-item 51 (a), entitled “Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 20 of document A/63/416/Add.1, the adoption of three draft resolutions. Under sub-item 51 (b), entitled “International migration and development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 9 of document A/63/416/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution. Under sub-item 51 (c), entitled “Culture and development”, no action was taken by the Second Committee, as indicated in paragraph 2 of the report contained in document A/63/416/Add.3. Under sub-item 51 (d), entitled “Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against

Corruption”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of document A/63/416/Add.4, the adoption of one draft resolution. Under sub-item 51 (e), entitled “Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 3 of document A/63/416/Add.5, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 52, entitled “Groups of countries in special situations”, the report of the Committee is issued in three parts. The report under the chapeau “groups of countries in special situations” is contained in document A/63/417, and the recommendations are contained in the following addendums.

Under sub-item 52 (a), entitled “Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of document A/63/417/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution. Under sub-item 52 (b), entitled “Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 9 of document A/63/417/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 53, entitled “Eradication of poverty and other development issues”, the report of the Committee has been issued in three parts. The report under the chapeau “eradication of poverty and other development issues” is contained in document A/63/418 and the recommendations are contained in the following addendums.

Under sub-item 53 (a), entitled “Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 17 of document A/63/418/Add.1, the adoption of two draft resolutions. Under sub-item 53 (b), entitled “Industrial development cooperation”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of document A/63/418/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 54, entitled “Operational activities for development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 17 of document A/63/419, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under agenda item 110, entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 6 of document A/63/420, the adoption of one draft decision.

Under agenda item 119, entitled “Programme planning”, as indicated in paragraph 3 of document A/63/447, the Second Committee took on action.

Before concluding, I would like to request that delegations with queries about corrections to the texts of draft resolutions adopted by the Second Committee communicate them to the secretariat of the Second Committee as soon as possible so that the corrections can be made prior to the final issuance of the texts as resolutions of the General Assembly.

May I also take this opportunity to most sincerely thank our Chairperson, Ambassador U. Joy Ogwu of Nigeria, as well as Vice-Chairpersons Andrei Metelitsa of Belarus, Troy Torrington of Guyana and Martin Hoppe of Germany, for their extraordinary collaboration and partnership during this challenging and successful session of the Second Committee. I also thank the secretariat of the Second Committee for its outstanding assistance and support to me.

Finally, on a more personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my very best wishes to all for a wonderful holiday season and the occasion to spend a well-deserved break from our work. Last, but not least, I wish everyone peace and prosperity in the new year.

The Acting President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The Acting President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Second Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records. May I remind members that, under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

“When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the

Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee".

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Second Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Second Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. That means that where recorded votes or separate votes were taken, we will do the same. I should also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Second Committee.

The Assembly is reminded that we will shortly be taking action on draft resolutions recommended for adoption by the Second Committee and, thus, those draft resolutions can no longer be additionally sponsored in plenary meeting by member States. Any corrections delegations may have concerning the reports of the Second Committee, including the listing of sponsors of a draft resolution contained in the reports of the Committee, should be submitted to the secretariat of the Second Committee for the issuance of corrigendums.

Before proceeding further, I would like to draw the attention of members to a note by the Secretariat entitled "List of draft proposals contained in the reports of the Second Committee", which has been circulated as document A/C.2/63/INF.1. The note, which has been distributed desk-to-desk in the Hall, will serve as a reference guide for action on draft resolutions and draft decisions recommended by the Second Committee in its reports. In that connection, members will find, in column 3 of the note, the numbers of the draft resolutions or decisions for action in plenary meeting, with the corresponding number of draft resolutions or decisions in the Second Committee in column 4 of the same note.

Agenda item 38

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/410)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, 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, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden,

Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu.

The draft resolution was adopted by 164 votes to 8, with 5 abstentions (resolution 63/201).

[Subsequently, the delegation of Botswana advised the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 46

Information and communication technologies for development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/411)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/202).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 46?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 47

Macroeconomic policy questions

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/412)

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 47.

(a) International trade and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.1)

The Acting President: The General Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "International trade and development". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/203).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Report of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/204).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 47?

It was so decided.

(b) International financial system and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second

Committee adopted it. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/205).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 47?

It was so decided.

(c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/412/Add.3)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/206).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 47?

It was so decided.

(d) Commodities

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/412/Add.4)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/207).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 47 and of agenda item 47 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 48 (continued)

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference

**Report of the Second Committee (A/63/413)
(Part II)**

The Acting President: Members will recall that, at its 53rd plenary meeting, on 18 November 2008, the General Assembly considered the report of the Second Committee on this item, contained in document A/63/413 (Part I), and adopted the draft decision contained therein. The Assembly now has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/208).

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 48.

Agenda item 49 (continued)

Sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/414)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report. We shall now take a decision on draft resolutions I to III.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "International Year of Chemistry". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/209).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/210).

The Acting President: I call on the representative of Turkmenistan on a point of order.

Mrs. Ataeva (Turkmenistan) (*spoke in Russian*): There are 58 sponsors of resolution 63/210; however, the text lists only 27. I would request that, in accordance with the list of sponsors that was issued, the Secretariat of the Second Committee include all the sponsoring countries in the final version of the resolution.

The Acting President: The Secretariat has taken note of the comments by the representative of Turkmenistan and will take the necessary action.

The Acting President: We will now take action on draft resolution III, entitled "Oil slick on Lebanese shores". A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea,

Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Cameroon, Colombia.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 165 votes to 7, with 2 abstentions (resolution 63/211).

[Subsequently, the delegations of Botswana and the Philippines advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 49.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/212).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

(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

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/414/Add.2)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 16 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "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". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/213).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/214).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/414/Add.3)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 19 of its report. We will now take a decision on the three draft resolutions.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/215).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/216).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Natural disasters and vulnerability". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 63/217).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/414/Add.5)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution, as orally corrected by the Rapporteur. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to adopt the draft resolution, as orally corrected?

The draft resolution, as orally corrected, was adopted (resolution 63/218).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/414/Add.6)**

The Acting President: The General Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/219).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/414/Add.7)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/220).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 49?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 50**Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)****Report of the Second Committee (A/63/415)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second

Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/221).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 50?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 51**Globalization and interdependence****Report of the Second Committee (A/63/416)**

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 51.

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/416/Add.1)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I to III.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/222).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Development cooperation with middle-income countries". May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/223).

The Acting President: We will now take action on draft resolution III, entitled “Towards a New International Economic Order”. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New

Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Draft resolution III was adopted by 123 votes to 1, with 52 abstentions (resolution 63/224).

[Subsequently, the delegations of Belarus and Botswana advised the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.]

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 51?

It was so decided.

(b) International migration and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/225).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 51?

It was so decided.

(c) Culture and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/416/Add.3)

The Acting President: May I take it that the Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 51?

It was so decided.

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/416/Add.4)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take action on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/226).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 51?

It was so decided.

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/416/Add.5)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 3 of its report. We will now take action on the draft decision, entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy". The Second Committee adopted the draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 51 and of agenda item 51 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 52

Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/417)

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 52.

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/417/Add.1)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010". The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/227).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 52?

It was so decided.

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

**Report of the Second Committee
(A/63/417/Add.2)**

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report. The Assembly

will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled “Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation”. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/228).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 52 and of agenda item 52 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 53

Eradication of poverty and other development issues

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/418)

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 53.

(a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/418/Add.1)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 17 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled “Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty”. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/229).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled “Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)”. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/230).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 53?

It was so decided.

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/418/Add.2)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 63/231).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 53 and of agenda item 53 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 54

Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/419)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 17 of its report. We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I and II.

The Second Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled “Operational activities for development”. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 63/232).

The Acting President: The Second Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled “High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation”. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 63/233).

The Acting President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 54?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 110 (continued)

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/420)

The Acting President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. We will now take action on the draft decision, entitled “Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly”. The Second Committee adopted the draft decision. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The Acting President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 110.

Agenda item 119 (continued)

Programme planning

Report of the Second Committee (A/63/447)

The Acting President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided.

The Acting President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

On behalf of the General Assembly, I would like to thank Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations and Chairperson of the Second Committee, as well as the other members of the Bureau and delegations, for a job well done.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee.

The meeting rose at 11.35 a.m.