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Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee considered agenda item 58 (a) jointly with sub-item (b). Action on sub-item (a) was taken by the Committee at its 35th meeting, on 17 November 2009. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary record (A/C.2/64/SR.35).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/64/L.2 and A/C.2/64/L.35

2. At the 18th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of the Sudan, 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 "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" (A/C.2/64/L.2), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

"Reaffirming the importance of the comprehensive policy review of United Nations operational activities for development, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

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“*Recalling* the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/208,

“1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2007, and notes the progress made in broadening and improving the reporting, in line with paragraph 28 of its resolution 62/208;

“2. *Also takes note* of the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

“3. *Further takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the national execution of technical cooperation projects;

“4. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council decision 2009/214 of 22 July 2009 on operational activities for development and its resolution 2009/1 of 22 July 2009 on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208, and expresses appreciation for the guidance provided by the Council on the further implementation of resolution 62/208 as contained therein;

“5. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 63/232 of 19 December 2008, in which it decided to hold its next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in 2012 and subsequent reviews on a quadrennial basis, and requests the Secretary-General to postpone to its sixty-seventh session the submission, through the Economic and Social Council, of the comprehensive analysis of the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 to be prepared in accordance with the guidance contained in paragraph 143 thereof;

“6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the sub-item entitled ‘Operational activities for development of the United Nations system’.”

3. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Operational activities for development of the United Nations system” (A/C.2/64/L.35), submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Mohamed Chérif Diallo (Guinea), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.2.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.35 (see para. 8).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairperson (see A/C.2/64/SR.35).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.35, draft resolution A/C.2/64/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

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

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the importance of the comprehensive policy review of United Nations operational activities for development, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

Recalling the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/208,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive statistical analysis of the financing of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2007,¹ and notes the progress made in broadening and improving the reporting, in line with paragraph 28 of its resolution 62/208;

2. *Also takes note* of the report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;²

3. *Further takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the national execution of technical cooperation projects, and of the comments of the Secretary-General and the member organizations of the United Nations system thereon;³

4. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council decision 2009/214 of 22 July 2009 on operational activities for development and its resolution 2009/1 of 22 July 2009 on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208, and expresses appreciation for the guidance provided by the Council on the further implementation of resolution 62/208 as contained therein;

¹ A/64/75-E/2009/59.

² See A/64/164 and Corr.1.

³ See A/64/375-E/2009/103 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

5. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 63/232 of 19 December 2008, in which it decided to hold its next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in 2012 and subsequent reviews on a quadrennial basis, and requests the Secretary-General to postpone to its sixty-seventh session the submission, through the Economic and Social Council, of the comprehensive analysis of the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 to be prepared in accordance with the guidance contained in paragraph 143 thereof.⁴

⁴ See Economic and Social Council decision 2009/214.