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Globalization and interdependence: 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*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 22 (see A/65/438, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 27th and 33rd meetings, on 4 November and 1 December 2010. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/65/SR.27 and 33).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/65/L.12 and A/C.2/65/L.68

2. At the 27th meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Yemen, 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 "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" (A/C.2/65/L.12), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 54/205 of 22 December 1999, 55/61 of 4 December 2000, 55/188 of 20 December 2000, 56/186 of 21 December 2001

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and 57/244 of 20 December 2002, and recalling also its resolutions 58/205 of 23 December 2003, 59/242 of 22 December 2004, 60/207 of 22 December 2005, 61/209 of 20 December 2006, 62/202 of 19 December 2007, 63/226 of 19 December 2008 and 64/237 of 24 December 2009,

“1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

“2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report on 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 Convention, and also to transmit to the Assembly a report on the fourth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention;

“3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled ‘Crime prevention and criminal justice’, the sub-item 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’.”

3. At its 33rd meeting, on 1 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution 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” (A/C.2/65/L.68), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Jean Claudy Pierre (Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.12.

4. At the same meeting, upon the proposal of the Chair, the Committee agreed to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and proceed to act on draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.68.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

6. Also at the 33rd meeting, the Vice-Chair made an oral correction to the draft resolution (see A/C.2/65/SR.33).

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected (see para. 9).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.68, draft resolution A/C.2/65/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

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

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 General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/205 of 22 December 1999, 55/61 of 4 December 2000, 55/188 of 20 December 2000, 56/186 of 21 December 2001 and 57/244 of 20 December 2002, and recalling also its resolutions 58/205 of 23 December 2003, 59/242 of 22 December 2004, 60/207 of 22 December 2005, 61/209 of 20 December 2006, 62/202 of 19 December 2007, 63/226 of 19 December 2008 and 64/237 of 24 December 2009,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹
2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”, a report on preventing and combating corrupt practices and recovering and returning assets of illicit origin, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption, and also to transmit to the Assembly a report on the fourth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention;
3. *Decides* to continue the consideration of this issue at its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled “Crime prevention and criminal justice”.

¹ A/65/90.