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### Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development

#### Report of the Second Committee\*

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#### I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 17 (see [A/68/436](#), para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 32nd, 36th and 38th meetings, on 6, 14 and 27 November 2013. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/68/SR.32](#), 36 and 38).

#### II. Consideration of proposals

##### A. Draft resolutions [A/C.2/68/L.8](#) and [A/C.2/68/L.47](#)

2. At the 32nd meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Fiji, 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 "International trade and development" ([A/C.2/68/L.8](#)), which read:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling its resolutions [56/178](#) of 21 December 2001, [57/235](#) of 20 December 2002, [58/197](#) of 23 December 2003, [63/203](#) of 19 December 2008, [66/185](#) of 22 December 2011 and [67/196](#) of 21 December 2012 on international trade and development,*

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*“Noting* its resolutions [59/221](#) of 22 December 2004, [60/184](#) of 22 December 2005, [61/186](#) of 20 December 2006, [62/184](#) of 19 December 2007, [64/188](#) of 21 December 2009 and [65/142](#) of 20 December 2010 on international trade and development,

*“Recalling* the United Nations Millennium Declaration, as well as the outcomes of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,

*“Recalling also* the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development and its outcome document,

*“Recalling further* the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome document,

*“Recalling* the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and its outcome documents,

*“Recalling also* the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Doha from 21 to 26 April 2012, and its outcome documents,

*“Recalling further* the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled ‘The future we want’,

*“Reaffirming* the value of multilateralism to the global trading system and the commitment to achieving a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system that contributes to growth, sustainable development and employment generation in all sectors, and emphasizing that bilateral and regional trading arrangements should contribute and be complementary to the goals of the multilateral trading system,

*“Reiterating* that development concerns form an integral part of the Doha Development Agenda, which places the needs and interests of all developing countries, especially least developed countries, at the heart of the Doha Work Programme of the World Trade Organization,

*“Reaffirming* that agriculture remains a fundamental and key sector for developing countries, and noting the importance of working towards eliminating all forms of protectionism and the commitments to comprehensive negotiations aimed at substantial improvement in market access, substantial reduction in trade-distorting national support and the parallel elimination of all forms of export subsidies and disciplines on all export measures with equivalent effect as provided in the mandate from the Doha Work Programme, the framework adopted by the General Council of the World Trade Organization on 1 August 2004 and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration adopted by the World Trade Organization in 2005,

*“Recalling* the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least Developed and Net Food-importing Developing Countries,

*“Recognizing* the importance of competition policies and legislation in order to enhance the international competitiveness of developing countries,

*“Expressing deep concern* about the adverse impacts, particularly on development, of the ongoing world financial and economic crisis, cognizant that the global economy remains in a challenging phase with significant downside risks, including the turbulence in global financial and commodity markets and widespread fiscal strains, that threaten the global economic recovery, and stressing the need to continue to address systemic fragilities and imbalances and the need for continuing efforts to reform and strengthen the international financial system,

*“Noting* that while some developing countries have been the main contributors to recent global economic growth, the economic crisis has reduced their capacity to withstand further shocks, recalling the commitments made to support strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth, and reaffirming the need to work cooperatively to meet development commitments to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

“1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board and the report of the Secretary-General;

“2. *Reaffirms* that international trade is an engine for development and sustained economic growth, and also reaffirms the critical role that a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system, as well as meaningful trade liberalization, can play in stimulating economic growth and development worldwide, thereby benefiting all countries at all stages of development;

“3. *Emphasizes* the need to resist protectionist tendencies and to rectify any trade-distorting measures already taken that are inconsistent with World Trade Organization rules, recognizing the right of countries, in particular developing countries, to fully utilize their policy space and other flexibilities consistent with their World Trade Organization commitments and obligations;

“4. *Expresses serious concern* at the lack of progress in the Doha Round of World Trade Organization negotiations, reiterates the call for the necessary flexibility and political will in order to break the current impasse in the negotiations, and in this regard calls for a balanced, ambitious, comprehensive and development-oriented outcome of the Doha Development Agenda multilateral trade negotiations, in keeping with the development mandate of the Doha Ministerial Declaration, the decision of 1 August 2004 of the General Council of the World Trade Organization and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration adopted by the World Trade Organization in 2005;

“5. *Recognizes* the importance of the decisions adopted at the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, held in Geneva from 15 to 17 December 2011, including the decision to allow members of the World Trade Organization to provide preferential treatment to services and suppliers from the least developed countries;

“6. *Acknowledges* that trade has an important role in ensuring the sustainable economic development of least developed countries and that the

international trade architecture should continue to be supportive of and responsive to the special needs and priorities of least developed countries;

“7. *Welcomes* the appointment of Roberto Azevedo as Director-General of the World Trade Organization;

“8. *Welcomes* the convening of the Ninth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, to be held in Bali, Indonesia, in the first week of December 2013, and stresses the need for a balanced and tangible outcome in favour of developing countries, especially least developed countries;

“9. *Reaffirms* the commitments made at the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization relating to the least developed countries, and encourages developed countries, and developing countries declaring themselves in a position to do so, to take steps towards the goal of realizing the timely implementation of duty-free and quota-free market access on a lasting basis for all least developed countries, consistent with the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration;

“10. *Emphasizes* the full, timely and effective implementation of the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020;

“11. *Reaffirms* the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least Developed and Net Food-importing Developing Countries;

“12. *Stresses* the need to remove food export restrictions and extraordinary taxes on food purchased for non-commercial, humanitarian purposes by the World Food Programme and to not impose them in the future;

“13. *Also stresses* the need to increase investment from all sources in agriculture and rural development, including through the provision of technical and financial assistance, as appropriate, to least developed and net food-importing developing countries, with a view to increasing their agricultural productivity and infrastructure;

“14. *Recognizes* the particular challenges that may be faced by small, vulnerable economies to fully benefit from the multilateral trading system in a manner commensurate with their special circumstances, and in this regard encourages progress in the implementation of the World Trade Organization work programme on small economies, as mandated in the 2001 Doha Ministerial Declaration and the 2005 Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration, which supports their efforts towards sustainable development;

“15. *Stresses* the need to identify and develop strategies to expand trade opportunities for women producers and facilitate the active participation of women in national, regional and global trade decision-making structures and processes, thereby ensuring that women- and men-owned businesses and farms have equal opportunities in markets;

“16. *Reaffirms* the commitment to address the special development needs of and the challenges faced by landlocked developing countries, and calls for the full, timely and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked

Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries, in accordance with the Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action;

“17. *Expresses concern* about the adoption of unilateral actions that undermine international law, are not consistent with the rules of the World Trade Organization, harm the exports of all countries, in particular those of developing countries, and have a considerable bearing on the ongoing World Trade Organization negotiations and on the achievement and further enhancement of the development dimension of the trade negotiations;

“18. *Notes* the holding in Geneva on 18 and 19 July 2011 of the Third Global Review of Aid for Trade, aimed at reviewing progress achieved and identifying additional measures needed to support developing and least developed countries in building their supply and export capacities, and stresses the need to implement the aid-for-trade commitments with sufficient focus on results and impact;

“19. *Recognizes* that South-South trade should be strengthened, notes that enhanced market access between developing countries can play a positive role in stimulating South-South trade, and in this regard, inter alia, takes note of the conclusion of the third round of the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries, by the adoption, on 15 December 2010, of the São Paulo Round Protocol;

“20. *Reiterates* the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as the focal point within the United Nations system for the integrated treatment of trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development, invites the Conference to continue working to enhance its contribution in its three major pillars, namely, consensus-building, research and policy analysis, and technical assistance, and calls upon the international community to work towards the strengthening of the Conference;

“21. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue, in accordance with its mandate, to monitor and assess the evolution of the international trading system and of trends in international trade from a development perspective, and in particular to analyse issues of concern to developing countries, placing greater emphasis on practical solutions, to undertake policy analysis, including from a gender perspective, to work with all relevant stakeholders and to support developing countries in building productive national capacities and international competitiveness, including through technical assistance activities;

“22. *Welcomes* the convening and the outcomes of the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the theme ‘Development-centred globalization: towards inclusive and sustainable growth and development’;

“23. *Recognizes* the role of the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries;

“24. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and developments in the multilateral trading system, including their impact on women and men, under the sub-item entitled ‘International trade and development’ of the item entitled ‘Macroeconomic policy questions’;

“25. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Director-General of the World Trade Organization.”

3. At its 38th meeting, on 27 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “International trade and development” (A/C.2/68/L.47), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ms. Farrah Brown (Jamaica), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.8.
4. At the same meeting, the Committee agreed to the proposal of the Chair to waive rule 120 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and to proceed to take action on the draft resolution.
5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.47 had no programme budget implications.
6. Also at the 38th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.47 (see para. 16, draft resolution I).
7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

## **B. Draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.12**

8. At the 32nd meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Fiji, 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 “Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries” (A/C.2/68/L.12).
9. At its 36th meeting, on 14 November, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.
10. At the same meeting, Belarus and the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.
11. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/68/L.12 by a recorded vote of 124 to 2, with 52 abstentions (see para. 16, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

*In favour:*

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti,

Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, 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, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*Against:*

Israel, United States of America.

*Abstaining:*

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, 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, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

12. After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Lithuania (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine) (see [A/C.2/68/SR.36](#)).

### **C. Draft decision [A/C.2/68/L.29](#)**

13. At its 36th meeting, on 14 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016" ([A/C.2/68/L.29](#)).

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

15. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision [A/C.2/68/L.29](#) (see para. 17).

### III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### **Draft resolution I** **International trade and development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [56/178](#) of 21 December 2001, [57/235](#) of 20 December 2002, [58/197](#) of 23 December 2003, [63/203](#) of 19 December 2008, [66/185](#) of 22 December 2011 and [67/196](#) of 21 December 2012 on international trade and development,

*Noting* its resolutions [59/221](#) of 22 December 2004, [60/184](#) of 22 December 2005, [61/186](#) of 20 December 2006, [62/184](#) of 19 December 2007, [64/188](#) of 21 December 2009 and [65/142](#) of 20 December 2010 on international trade and development,

*Recalling* the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>1</sup> as well as the outcomes of the International Conference on Financing for Development<sup>2</sup> and the World Summit on Sustainable Development,<sup>3</sup> the 2005 World Summit Outcome<sup>4</sup> and the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,<sup>5</sup>

*Recalling also* the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development and its outcome document,<sup>6</sup>

*Recalling further* the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals and its outcome document,<sup>7</sup>

*Recalling* the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and its outcome documents,<sup>8</sup>

*Recalling also* the thirteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, held in Doha from 21 to 26 April 2012, and its outcome documents,<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Resolution 55/2.

<sup>2</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

<sup>3</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex, and resolution 2, annex.

<sup>4</sup> Resolution 60/1.

<sup>5</sup> Resolution 63/239, annex.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution 63/303, annex.

<sup>7</sup> Resolution 65/1.

<sup>8</sup> *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011* (A/CONF.219/7), chaps. I and II.

<sup>9</sup> See TD/500 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.

*Recalling further* the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and its outcome document, entitled “The future we want”,<sup>10</sup>

*Reaffirming* the value of multilateralism to the global trading system and the commitment to achieving a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system that contributes to growth, sustainable development and employment generation in all sectors, and emphasizing that bilateral and regional trading arrangements should contribute and be complementary to the goals of the multilateral trading system,

*Reiterating* that development concerns form an integral part of the Doha Development Agenda, which places the needs and interests of all developing countries, especially least developed countries, at the heart of the Doha Work Programme of the World Trade Organization,<sup>11</sup>

*Reaffirming* that agriculture remains a fundamental and key sector for developing countries, and noting the importance of working towards eliminating all forms of protectionism and the commitments to comprehensive negotiations aimed at substantial improvement in market access, substantial reduction in trade-distorting national support and the parallel elimination of all forms of export subsidies and disciplines on all export measures with equivalent effect as provided in the mandate from the Doha Work Programme, the framework adopted by the General Council of the World Trade Organization on 1 August 2004 and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration adopted by the World Trade Organization in 2005,

*Recalling* the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least Developed and Net Food-importing Developing Countries,

*Recognizing* the importance of competition policy and legislation in order to enhance the international competitiveness of developing countries,

*Expressing deep concern* about the ongoing adverse impacts, particularly on development, of the world financial and economic crisis, recognizing evidence of an uneven and fragile recovery, cognizant that the global economy, notwithstanding significant efforts that helped contain tail risks, improve financial market conditions and sustain recovery, still remains in a challenging phase with downside risks, including high volatility in global markets, high unemployment, particularly among youth, indebtedness in some countries and widespread fiscal strains which pose challenges for global economic recovery and reflect the need for additional progress towards sustaining and rebalancing global demand, and stressing the need for continuing efforts to address systemic fragilities and imbalances and to reform and strengthen the international financial system while implementing the reforms agreed up to date,

*Noting* that, while some developing countries have been the main contributors to recent global economic growth, the economic crisis has reduced their capacity to withstand further shocks, recalling the commitments made to support development, and strong, sustained, balanced and inclusive economic growth, and reaffirming the need to work cooperatively to meet development commitments to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

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<sup>10</sup> Resolution 66/288, annex.

<sup>11</sup> See A/C.2/56/7, annex.

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Trade and Development Board<sup>12</sup> and the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>13</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* that international trade is an engine for development and sustained economic growth, and also reaffirms the critical role that a universal, rules-based, open, non-discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system, as well as meaningful trade liberalization, can play in stimulating economic growth and development worldwide, thereby benefiting all countries at all stages of development;

3. *Emphasizes* the need to resist protectionist tendencies and to rectify any trade-distorting measures that are inconsistent with World Trade Organization rules, recognizing the right of countries, in particular developing countries, to fully utilize flexibilities consistent with their World Trade Organization commitments and obligations;

4. *Expresses serious concern* at the lack of progress in the Doha Round of World Trade Organization negotiations, reiterates the call for the necessary flexibility and political will in order to break the current impasse in the negotiations, and in this regard calls for a balanced, ambitious, comprehensive and development-oriented outcome of the Doha Development Agenda multilateral trade negotiations, in keeping with the development mandate of the Doha Ministerial Declaration,<sup>11</sup> the decision of 1 August 2004 of the General Council of the World Trade Organization and the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration adopted by the World Trade Organization in 2005;

5. *Recognizes* the importance of the decisions of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, held in Geneva from 15 to 17 December 2011, including the decision to allow members of the World Trade Organization to provide preferential treatment to services and suppliers from the least developed countries;

6. *Acknowledges* that trade has an important role in ensuring the sustainable economic development of least developed countries and that the international trade architecture should continue to be supportive of and responsive to the special needs and priorities of least developed countries;

7. *Welcomes* the appointment of the Director-General of the World Trade Organization;

8. *Also welcomes* the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

9. *Further welcomes* the convening of the Ninth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, in Bali, Indonesia, held in the first week of December 2013, and stresses the need for a balanced, ambitious, comprehensive and development-oriented outcome;

10. *Reaffirms* the commitments made at the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization relating to the least developed countries,<sup>11</sup> and encourages developed countries, and developing countries declaring themselves in a position to do so, to take steps towards the goal of realizing the timely

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<sup>12</sup> A/68/15 (Part I and Corr.1 and Add.1, Part II and Corr.1 and Parts III and IV). For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/68/15).

<sup>13</sup> A/68/205.

implementation of duty-free and quota-free market access on a lasting basis for all least developed countries, consistent with the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration;

11. *Emphasizes* the full, timely and effective implementation of the relevant provisions of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020;<sup>14</sup>

12. *Reaffirms* the Marrakesh Ministerial Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least Developed and Net Food-importing Developing Countries;

13. *Stresses* the need to remove food export restrictions and extraordinary taxes on food purchased for non-commercial, humanitarian purposes by the World Food Programme and to not impose them in the future;

14. *Also stresses* the need to increase investment from all sources in agriculture and rural development, including through the provision of technical and financial assistance, as appropriate, to least developed and net food-importing developing countries, with a view to increasing their agricultural productivity and infrastructure;

15. *Recognizes* the particular challenges that may be faced by small, vulnerable economies to fully benefit from the multilateral trading system in a manner commensurate with their special circumstances, and in this regard encourages progress in the implementation of the World Trade Organization work programme on small economies, as mandated in the 2001 Doha Ministerial Declaration and the 2005 Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration, which supports their efforts towards sustainable development;

16. *Stresses* the need to identify and develop strategies to expand trade opportunities for women producers and facilitate the active participation of women in national, regional and global trade decision-making structures and processes, thereby ensuring that women- and men-owned businesses and farms have equal opportunities in markets;

17. *Reaffirms* the commitment to address the special development needs of and the challenges faced by landlocked developing countries, and calls for the full, timely and effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries,<sup>15</sup> in accordance with the Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action;<sup>16</sup>

18. *Expresses concern* about the adoption of unilateral actions that are not consistent with the rules of the World Trade Organization, harm the exports of all countries, in particular those of developing countries, and have a considerable bearing

<sup>14</sup> *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011 (A/CONF.219/7)*, chap. II.

<sup>15</sup> *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003 (A/CONF.202/3)*, annex I.

<sup>16</sup> Resolution 63/2.

on the ongoing World Trade Organization negotiations and on the achievement and further enhancement of the development dimension of the trade negotiations;

19. *Notes* the holding in Geneva from 8 to 10 July 2013 of the Fourth Global Review of Aid for Trade, aimed at reviewing progress achieved and identifying additional measures needed to support developing and least developed countries in building their supply and export capacities, and stresses the need to implement the aid-for-trade commitments with sufficient focus on results and impact;

20. *Recognizes* that South-South trade should be strengthened, notes that enhanced market access between developing countries can play a positive role in stimulating South-South trade, and in this regard, *inter alia*, takes note of the conclusion of the third round of the Global System of Trade Preferences among Developing Countries, by the adoption, on 15 December 2010, of the São Paulo Round Protocol;

21. *Reiterates* the important role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as the focal point within the United Nations system for the integrated treatment of trade and development and interrelated issues in the areas of finance, technology, investment and sustainable development, invites the Conference to continue working to enhance its contribution in its three major pillars, namely, consensus-building, research and policy analysis, and technical assistance, and calls upon the international community to work towards the strengthening of the Conference;

22. *Invites* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue, in accordance with its mandate, to monitor and assess the evolution of the international trading system and of trends in international trade from a development perspective, and in particular to analyse issues of concern to developing countries, placing greater emphasis on practical solutions, to undertake policy analysis, including from a gender perspective, to work with all relevant stakeholders and to support developing countries in building productive national capacities and international competitiveness, including through technical assistance activities;

23. *Recognizes* the role of the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries;

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution and developments in the multilateral trading system, including their impact on women and men, under the sub-item entitled "International trade and development" of the item entitled "Macroeconomic policy questions";

25. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the Director-General of the World Trade Organization.

## **Draft resolution II**

### **Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the relevant principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Reaffirming* the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>1</sup> which states, inter alia, that no State may use or encourage the use of unilateral economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights,

*Bearing in mind* the general principles governing the international trading system and trade policies for development contained in relevant resolutions, rules and provisions of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization,

*Recalling* its resolutions [44/215](#) of 22 December 1989, [46/210](#) of 20 December 1991, [48/168](#) of 21 December 1993, [50/96](#) of 20 December 1995, [52/181](#) of 18 December 1997, [54/200](#) of 22 December 1999, [56/179](#) of 21 December 2001, [58/198](#) of 23 December 2003, [60/185](#) of 22 December 2005, [62/183](#) of 19 December 2007, [64/189](#) of 21 December 2009 and [66/186](#) of 22 December 2011,

*Gravely concerned* that the use of unilateral coercive economic measures adversely affects the economy and development efforts of developing countries in particular and has a general negative impact on international economic cooperation and on worldwide efforts to move towards a non-discriminatory and open multilateral trading system,

*Recognizing* that such measures constitute a flagrant violation of the principles of international law as set forth in the Charter, as well as the basic principles of the multilateral trading system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>2</sup>
2. *Urges* the international community to adopt urgent and effective measures to eliminate the use of unilateral coercive economic measures against developing countries that are not authorized by relevant organs of the United Nations or are inconsistent with the principles of international law as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and that contravene the basic principles of the multilateral trading system;
3. *Calls upon* the international community to condemn and reject the imposition of the use of such measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the imposition of measures of this nature and to study the impact of such measures on the affected countries, including the impact on trade and development;
5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

<sup>2</sup> A/68/218.

17. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

**Venue of the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016**

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the twenty-seventh special session of the Trade and Development Board,<sup>1</sup> which was held in Geneva on 22 March 2013, and its decision contained therein, and welcomes the generous offer of the Government of Peru to host the fourteenth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> A/68/15 (Part II).