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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled:

“Globalization and interdependence:

“(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

“(b) Science, technology and innovation for development;

“(c) Culture and sustainable development;

“(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 14th and 15th meetings, on 13 October 2017. An account of the Committee’s consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹ Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 2 and 3 October.² An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbols [A/72/422](#), [A/72/422/Add.1](#), [A/72/422/Add.2](#), [A/72/422/Add.3](#) and [A/72/422/Add.4](#).

¹ [A/C.2/72/SR.14](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.15](#).

² See [A/C.2/72/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/72/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/72/SR.4](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.5](#).



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Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the forty-first annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 22 September 2017 ([A/72/511](#))

Letter dated 9 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 22 September 2017 ([A/72/548](#))

Item 21 (a)
Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

Report of the Secretary-General on fulfilling the promise of globalization: advancing sustainable development in an interconnected world ([A/72/301](#))

Item 21 (b)
Science, technology and innovation for development

Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation for development ([A/72/257](#))

Item 21 (c)
Culture and sustainable development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on culture and sustainable development ([A/72/336](#))

Item 21 (d)
Development cooperation with middle-income countries

Report of the Secretary-General on development cooperation with middle-income countries ([A/72/329](#))

Letter dated 4 October 2017 from the Permanent Representatives of Belarus and Costa Rica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/72/2](#))

4. At the 14th meeting, on 13 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 21 (a)); the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under sub-item 21 (b)); the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (under sub-item 21 (c)); and the Officer-in-Charge of the Global Economic Monitoring Unit in the Development Policy and Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 21 (d)).

5. At the 25th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.³

6. At the 26th and 27th meetings, on 28 and 30 November, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the informal conference room papers, circulated in

³ See [A/C.2/72/SR.25](#).

English only, containing the final agreed text for insertion where indicated in the relevant draft resolutions before the Committee.⁴

7. At the 27th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions adopted by the Committee.⁵

⁴ See [A/C.2/72/SR.26](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).

⁵ See [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).