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Groups of countries in special situations

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:

“Groups of countries in special situations:

“(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

“(b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 18th meeting, on 17 October 2017. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary record.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:

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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

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/72/423](#), [A/72/423/Add.1](#) and [A/72/423/Add.2](#).

¹ [A/C.2/72/SR.18](#).

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](#).



Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 22 September 2017 ([A/72/511](#))

Item 22 (a)

Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on crisis mitigation and resilience-building for the least developed countries ([A/72/270](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 ([A/72/83-E/2017/60](#))

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](#))

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Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 ([A/72/272](#))

Letter dated 28 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Zambia addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, held in New York on 20 September 2017 ([A/72/635](#))

4. At the 18th meeting, on 17 October, a representative of the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement.

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 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

³ See [A/C.2/72/SR.25](#).

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

⁵ See [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).