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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 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fifth 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. At its 1st meeting, on 5 October 2020, the Committee, taking into account the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, limitations on meetings held on United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, as well as available technological and procedural solutions, and bearing in mind the conference room paper of the Bureau of the Second Committee on the work of the Committee during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly,¹ approved the working arrangements of the Committee for the seventy-fifth session, as set out in the organization of work of the Committee.²

3. The Committee convened a virtual informal meeting on 8 October 2020 to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item. The proceedings of the virtual informal meetings, as well as written statements submitted under the item, are reflected in the annex to the present document. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 1st to 4th meetings, on 5, 6, 8 and 9 October.³ Action on the item was taken at the 5th meeting, on 18 November.⁴

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/75/461](#), [A/75/461/Add.1](#) and [A/75/461/Add.2](#).

¹ Available at www.un.org/en/ga/second/75/bureau-paper.pdf.

² See [A/C.2/75/L.1](#).

³ See [A/C.2/75/SR.1](#), [A/C.2/75/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/75/SR.3](#) and [A/C.2/75/SR.4](#).

⁴ See [A/C.2/75/SR.5](#).



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

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No documents were submitted for consideration under this item.

Item 23 (a)

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

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 ([A/75/72-E/2020/14](#))

Item 23 (b)

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/75/285](#))

Annex

General discussion

1. In accordance with its agreed organization of work ([A/C.2/75/L.1](#)), the Second Committee held a general discussion on the item, in an informal virtual meeting on 8 October, at which the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement.
2. At the same informal virtual meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Malawi (on behalf of the least developed countries), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries), Belize (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Sierra Leone, Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), India, China, Bangladesh, Maldives, Qatar, Eritrea, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Bhutan, Timor-Leste, Myanmar, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Afghanistan, Morocco, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Paraguay, and Nepal, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.
3. Statements delivered under the item, including written statements submitted under the item, that were provided to the Secretariat are available in the Second Committee Place of e-deleGATE and the eStatements section of the *Journal of the United Nations*.¹

¹ See <https://delegate.un.int/dgacm/delegate.nsf/xpPlaceC2.xsp> and <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/88defe73-1afe-ea11-9116-0050569e8b67/2020-10-08>.