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Operational activities for development

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:

“Operational activities for development:

“(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

“(b) South-South cooperation for development”

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 5 October 2020 to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item. The proceedings of the virtual informal meeting, 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

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/75/463](#), [A/75/463/Add.1](#) and [A/75/463/Add.2](#).

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

² See [A/C.2/75/L.1](#).



9 October.³ Action on the item was taken at the 5th and 8th meetings, on 18 November and 8 December.⁴

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

Item 25 (a)

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system ([A/75/79-E/2020/55](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: funding analysis ([A/75/79/Add.1-E/2020/55/Add.1](#))

Item 25 (b)

South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation ([A/75/371](#))

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](#) and [A/C.2/75/SR.8](#).

Annex

General discussion

1. In accordance with its agreed organization of work (A/C.2/75/L.1), the Committee held a general discussion of the item in an informal virtual meeting on 5 October, at which the Deputy Secretary-General and the Deputy Director for Policy and Strategic Partnerships of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, of the United Nations Development Programme, made introductory statements.
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), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kazakhstan (on behalf of landlocked developing countries), the Bahamas (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Belize (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Sierra Leone, China, Kenya, Belarus, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, Bangladesh, Peru, Egypt, Qatar, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, the Russian Federation, Colombia, El Salvador, Nigeria, Indonesia, Ecuador, Morocco, Malaysia, Ethiopia, Ukraine and Lebanon.
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* online.¹

¹ See <https://delegate.un.int/dgacm/delegate.nsf/xpPlaceC2.xsp> and <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/879b094b-a9fd-ea11-9116-0050569e8b67/2020-10-05>.