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Agenda item 22

## Globalization and interdependence

### Report of the Second Committee\*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-sixth session the item entitled:

“Globalization and interdependence:

“(a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development;

“(b) Culture and sustainable development;

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

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. At its 1st meeting, on 1 October 2021, the Committee, taking into account the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the 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-sixth session of the General Assembly,<sup>1</sup> approved the working arrangements of the Committee for the seventy-sixth session as set out in the organization of work of the Committee.<sup>2</sup>

3. The Committee convened virtual informal meetings on 5 and 12 October 2021 to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item, jointly with agenda item 17, “Information and communications technologies for sustainable development”. The proceedings of the virtual informal meetings are reflected in the annex to the present report. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the

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\* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in four parts, under the symbols [A/76/534](#), [A/76/534/Add.1](#), [A/76/534/Add.2](#) and [A/76/534/Add.3](#).

<sup>1</sup> Available at [www.un.org/en/ga/second/76/crp1bureaupaper.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/ga/second/76/crp1bureaupaper.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> See [A/C.2/76/L.1](#).



Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 5, 6 and 8 October.<sup>3</sup> Action on the item was taken at the 7th, 8th and 9th meetings, on 18, 22 and 23 November.<sup>4</sup>

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

**Item 22 (a)**

**Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development**

Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development ([A/76/236](#))

**Item 22 (b)**

**Culture and sustainable development**

Report of the Secretary-General on culture and sustainable development ([A/76/226](#))

**Item 22 (c)**

**Development cooperation with middle-income countries**

Report of the Secretary-General on development cooperation with middle-income countries ([A/76/375](#) and [A/76/375/Corr.1](#))

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<sup>3</sup> See [A/C.2/76/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/76/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/76/SR.4](#) and [A/C.2/76/SR.5](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [A/C.2/76/SR.7](#), [A/C.2/76/SR.8](#) and [A/C.2/76/SR.9](#).

## Annex

### General discussion

1. In accordance with its agreed organization of work ([A/C.2/76/L.1](#)), the Second Committee held a general discussion on agenda item 22, jointly with item 17, “Information and communications technologies for sustainable development”, in informal virtual meetings on 5 and 12 October 2021, during which it heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under item 22 (c)), the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under item 22 (a)) and the Assistant Director-General for Culture of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (under item 22 (b)).
2. At the meeting held on 5 October, statements were made by the representatives of Guinea (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of African States), Guatemala (on behalf of the Like-Minded Group of Countries Supporters of Middle-Income Countries), Malaysia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), China, India, Ecuador, Singapore, Mexico, El Salvador, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, Cuba, Burkina Faso, Nepal, Bangladesh, Armenia and the Philippines.
3. At the meeting held on 12 October, statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica, Cameroon, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Bahrain, Ghana, Oman, the Russian Federation, Belarus and Azerbaijan, as well as the representative of the International Telecommunication Union.
4. Statements delivered under the item that were provided to the Secretariat are available in the eStatements section of the *Journal of the United Nations*.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/d53cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-05> and <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/873cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-12>.