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Eradication of poverty and other development issues

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:

“Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

“(a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027);

“(b) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

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,¹ approved the working arrangements of the Committee for the seventy-sixth session as set out in the organization of work of the Committee.²

3. The Committee convened virtual informal meetings on 6 and 7 October 2021 to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item, jointly with agenda item 26, “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition”. 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 Committee at its 2nd

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¹ Available at www.un.org/en/ga/second/76/crp1bureaupaper.pdf.

² See [A/C.2/76/L.1](#).



to 5th meetings, on 5, 6 and 8 October.³ Action on the item and sub-items was taken at the 7th and 8th meetings, on 18 and 22 November.⁴ An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

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

Item 24 (a)

Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027) ([A/76/234](#))

Item 24 (b)

Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Report of the Secretary-General on eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([A/76/239](#))

³ 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](#).

⁴ See [A/C.2/76/SR.7](#) and [A/C.2/76/SR.8](#).

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 24, jointly with item 26, “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition”, in informal virtual meetings on 6 and 7 October 2021.
2. At the meeting held on 6 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under item 24 (a)) and the Deputy Director of the Agrifood Economics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (under item 24 (b)).
3. At the same meeting, the Committee heard statements 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), Cambodia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Thailand, Ethiopia, China, Nepal, Ecuador, Malaysia, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ghana, Kenya and Jamaica.
4. At the meeting held on 7 October, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Burkina Faso, India, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Costa Rica, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Maldives, Algeria, Eritrea, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Guatemala, Cameroon and Timor-Leste, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.
5. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (also on behalf of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme).
6. Statements delivered under the item that were provided to the Secretariat are available in the eStatements section of the *Journal of the United Nations*.¹

¹ See <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/af3cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-06> and <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/b13cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-07>.