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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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Introduction

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:

“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 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 a virtual informal meeting on 14 October 2021 to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item and sub-items. The proceedings of the virtual informal meeting are reflected in the annex to the present document. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 5, 6 and 8 October 2021.³ Action on the item was taken at the

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/76/537](#), [A/76/537/Add.1](#) and [A/76/537/Add.2](#).

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

² See [A/C.2/76/L.1](#).

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](#).



7th and 8th meetings, on 18 and 22 November 2021.⁴ 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 25 (a)

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system ([A/76/75-E/2021/57](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: funding of the United Nations development system ([A/76/75/Add.1-E/2021/57/Add.1](#))

Item 25 (b)

South-South cooperation for development

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, twentieth session (1–4 June 2021) ([A/76/39](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation ([A/76/403](#))

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 of the item in an informal virtual meeting on 14 October, during which introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 25 (a)) and the Director ad interim of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme (under sub-item 25 (b)).
2. At the same informal virtual 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), Thailand (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), China, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Cuba, Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Cameroon, Indonesia, El Salvador, the Russian Federation, Belarus and Nigeria.
3. Statements delivered under the item that were provided to the Secretariat are available in the eStatements section of the *Journal of the United Nations* online.^a

^a See <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/a33cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-14>.