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Pakistan:\* draft resolution

## Further modalities of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

*Recalling* its resolutions 73/242 of 20 December 2018 and 74/232 A of 19 December 2019, in which the Assembly decided to convene the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Doha from 21 to 25 March 2021 at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government,

*Recalling also* its resolution 74/232 B of 11 August 2020, in which it decided to reschedule the Conference and to hold it in Doha from 23 to 27 January 2022,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 75/227 of 21 December 2020 and 76/216 of 17 December 2021 and its decision 76/551 of 20 January 2022,

*Noting with concern* the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic,

*Recognizing* that the least developed countries are severely hit by the adverse impacts of COVID-19 owing to the fragility of their health systems, limited access to vaccines, limited coverage of their social protection systems, limited financial and other resources, and vulnerability to external shocks,

1. Decides:

(a) To further reschedule the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and, on an exceptional basis, to hold it in two parts as follows:

(i) The first part at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 17 March 2022, which will consist of one plenary meeting to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.,<sup>1</sup>





<sup>\*</sup> On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To consider items 1–7 (a) and 10, as contained in the draft provisional agenda (A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/L.3).

including to consider the draft Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries;  $^{2}$ 

(ii) The second part in Doha, from 5 to 9 March 2023;

(b) That the other events in connection with the Conference, including those mandated in its resolution 74/232 A, will be held during the second part of the Conference;

2. *Reiterates* its acceptance of, and appreciation for, the generous offer of the Government of Qatar to host the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Doha, to be held at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government, in line with the mandate specified in its resolutions 73/242, 74/232 A and B, 75/227 and 76/216, urges all relevant stakeholders to actively engage in the Conference, and looks forward to its successful and ambitious outcome.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Under item 10, as recommended by the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/6, decision VI).