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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled:

“Globalization and interdependence:

“(a) Globalization and interdependence;

“(b) International migration and development;

“(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;

“(d) Culture and development;

“(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 19th to 22nd meetings, on 29 October and 1 and 2 November 2004. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/59/SR.19-22). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 8th meetings, from 4 to 6 and 12 October (see A/C.2/59/SR.2-8). An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/59/485 and Add.1-5.

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

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) on industrial development cooperation (A/59/138);

Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/115);

Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada and Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/155-E/2004/96);

Letter dated 15 July 2004 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/158);

Letter dated 1 October from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the annual coordination meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at United Nations Headquarters on 28 September 2004 (A/59/425-S/2004/808);

Letter dated 15 October 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the twenty-eighth meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held at United Nations Headquarters, on 30 September 2004 (A/59/450)

(a) Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and interdependence (A/59/312)

(b) International migration and development

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development (A/59/325)

Letter dated 5 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/59/73)

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin

Report of the Secretary-General on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/59/203 and Add.1)

(d) Culture and development

Note by the Secretary-General on culture and development transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (A/59/202)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/59/301)

4. At the 19th meeting, on 29 October, the Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) made an introductory statement.

5. In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, the Committee held a dialogue with the Director of the Bureau of Strategic Planning of UNESCO, during which questions were posed by the Chairman, to which the Director responded.

6. At the 20th meeting, on 29 October, the Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Representative of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Director of the Development Policy and Planning Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat made introductory statements (see A/C.2/59/SR.20).

7. In accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with the Director of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, the Director of the Population Division, the Representative of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Director of the Development Policy and Planning Office, during which comments were made and questions posed by the Chairman and by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Chile, Croatia, the Netherlands and Azerbaijan, to which the Director of the Population Division, the Representative of the New York Office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Director of the Development Policy and Planning Office responded.

8. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.