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Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 34th and 35th meetings, on 10 and 17 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 35).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.26 and A/C.2/66/L.51

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States" (A/C.2/66/L.26), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation'),

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including chapter VII on the sustainable development of small island developing States,

“Recalling the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, its resolution 65/156 of 20 December 2010, in particular the fifteenth preambular paragraph and all its previous resolutions on the subject, as well as the report of the Secretary-General,

“1. Notes the issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, as requested in the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;

“2. Also notes the issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States;

“3. Notes the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012;

“4. Stresses the importance of the continuous substantive consideration of the further implementation of sustainable development of small island developing States;

“5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled ‘Sustainable development’, the sub-item entitled ‘Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States’;

“6. Also decides to consider, at its sixty-seventh session, the reports of the Secretary-General.”

3. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States” (A/C.2/66/L.51), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.26.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.51 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.51 (see para. 8).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (see A/C.2/66/SR.35).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.51, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados¹ and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,² the Mauritius Declaration³ and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,⁴ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),⁵ including chapter VII on the sustainable development of small island developing States,

Recalling the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,⁶ held on 24 and 25 September 2010, General Assembly resolution 65/156 of 20 December 2010 and all its other previous resolutions on the subject, as well as the report of the Secretary-General on the five-year review of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,⁷

Acknowledging the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,⁸ prepared in response

¹ *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution I, annex I.

⁴ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁵ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

⁶ See resolution 65/2.

⁷ A/65/115.

⁸ A/66/278.

to the request contained in the outcome document of the High-level Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy;⁶

2. *Also notes* the report of the Secretary-General on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States;⁹

3. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

4. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;⁴

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, the sub-item entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”;

6. *Also decides* to consider, at its sixty-seventh session, the reports of the Secretary-General on concrete recommendations to enhance the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States⁸ and on the review of United Nations system support to small island developing States,⁹ issued for the sixty-sixth session.

⁹ A/66/218.