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People's empowerment and a peace-centric development model

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "People's empowerment and a peace-centric development model" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd, 34th and 36th meetings, on 3, 10 and 22 November 2011. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.33, 34 and 36). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 3 to 5 October (see A/C.2/66/SR.2-6).
3. At the 33rd meeting, on 3 November, an introductory statement was made by the Acting Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.2/66/SR.33).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.40 and A/C.2/66/L.56

4. 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 "People's empowerment and development" (A/C.2/66/L.40), which read:



“The General Assembly,

“Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

“Expressing concern about the crippling effects of poverty, inequality and disparity all over the globe, and recognizing that people should be the focus of all plans, programmes and policies, at all levels,

“Recognizing that the empowerment of people is essential to achieving development,

“Appreciating the efforts of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, in articulating the linkages between people’s empowerment and development,

“1. Notes the proposal of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, on integrating the interlinked and mutually reinforcing elements of people’s empowerment and development, which are eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing inequality, mitigating deprivation, creating jobs for all, including excluded people, accelerating human development and fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

“2. Also notes the offer of the Government of Bangladesh to convene an international conference on people’s empowerment and development during the first half of 2012 to seek the views of Member States on the subject.”

5. At its 36th meeting, on 22 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “People’s empowerment and development” (A/C.2/66/L.56), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Philippe Donckel (Luxembourg), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.40.

6. At the same meeting the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.56 (see para. 10).

8. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chair (Luxembourg) (A/C.2/66/SR.36).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.56, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

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

People's empowerment and development

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Expressing concern about the crippling effects of poverty, inequality and disparity all over the globe, and recognizing that people should be the focus of all plans, programmes and policies, at all levels,

Recognizing that the empowerment of people is essential to achieving development,

Appreciating the efforts of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, in articulating the linkages between people's empowerment and development,

1. *Notes* the proposal of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on integrating the interlinked and mutually reinforcing elements of people's empowerment and development, expressed as eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing inequality, mitigating deprivation, creating jobs for all, including excluded people, accelerating human development and fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations in accordance with international law;

2. *Also notes* the offer of the Government of Bangladesh to convene an international conference on people's empowerment and development during the first half of 2012 to seek the views of Member States on the subject.