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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 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled:

“Globalization and interdependence:

“(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

“(b) Science and technology for development;

“(c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries;

“(d) Culture and development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 18th and 19th meetings, on 23 October 2013. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/68/SR.18](#) and 19). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, from 9 to 11 October (see [A/C.2/68/SR.3-7](#)). An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

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

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbol [A/68/440](#) and Add.1-4.



Item 21 (a)**Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence**

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence ([A/68/259](#))

Letter dated 30 September 2013 from the representative of Benin and Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Least Developed Countries to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 27 September 2013 ([A/C.2/68/3](#))

Letter dated 10 October 2013 from the representative of Costa Rica to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/68/5](#))

Item 21 (b)**Science and technology for development**

Report of the Secretary-General on science and technology for development ([A/68/227](#))

Letter dated 8 October 2013 from the representative of Costa Rica to the Secretary-General ([A/68/518](#))

Letter dated 30 September 2013 from the representative of Benin and Chair of the Global Coordination Bureau of the Least Developed Countries to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 27 September 2013 ([A/C.2/68/3](#))

Item 21 (c)**Development cooperation with middle-income countries**

Report of the Secretary-General on development cooperation with middle-income countries ([A/68/265](#))

Letter dated 10 October 2013 from the representative of Costa Rica to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/68/5](#))

Item 21 (d)**Culture and development**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ([A/68/266](#))

Letter dated 10 October 2013 from the representative of Costa Rica to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/68/5](#))

4. At the 18th meeting, on 23 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (c)); the Assistant Director-General for Culture of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (under sub-item 21 (d)); the representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) (under sub-item (b)); and the

representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) (see [A/C.2/68/SR.18](#)).

5. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNESCO and UNCTAD responded to a question posed by the representative of Suriname (see [A/C.2/68/SR.18](#)).
