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## **Eradication of poverty and other development issues**

### **Report of the Second Committee\***

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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:

“Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

“(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

“(b) Women in development;

“(c) Human resources development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 12th and 13th meetings, on 17 October 2013. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/68/SR.12](#) and 13). 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 given 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 four parts, under the symbol [A/68/442](#) and Add.1 to 3.



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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 23 (a)****Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) ([A/68/183](#))

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

**Item 23 (b)****Women in development**

Report of the Secretary-General on women in development ([A/68/271](#))

**Item 23 (c)****Human resources development**

Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development ([A/68/228](#))

4. At the 12th meeting, on 17 October, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (under sub-item (b)); the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (c)); and the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) (see [A/C.2/68/SR.12](#)).