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Sustainable development: rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas

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Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/24 of 10 November 1998, by which it proclaimed 2002 the International Year of Mountains,

Recalling also its resolutions 55/189 of 20 December 2000, 57/245 of 20 December 2002 and 58/203 and 58/216 of 23 December 2003,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ adopted on 8 September 2000,

Recognizing the socio-economic and ecological challenges often faced by the poor mountain countries, where, for the most part, the territory is located in alpine regions difficult of access,

Underlining the fact that there remain key challenges to implementing socio-economic development and eradicating poverty in mountain regions,

Stressing the need to create international economic conditions reflecting the higher vulnerability of mountain regions,

Noting that the continuing debt and debt-servicing obligations of developing countries, in particular the poor mountain countries, constitute an element that adversely affects their development,

¹ See resolution 55/2.

1. *Recommends* the donor countries and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to take appropriate debt relief measures for poor mountain countries through such actions as debt relief and, as appropriate, debt cancellation;
 2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session.
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