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Agenda item 22

### Groups of countries in special situations

#### 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:

“Groups of countries in special situations:

“(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

“(b) Comprehensive 10-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 14th and 15th meetings, on 21 October 2013. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/68/SR.14](#) and 15). 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:

#### Item 22 (a)

#### Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 ([A/68/88-E/2013/81](#) and Corr.1)

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\* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbol [A/68/441](#) and Add.1 and 2.



Report of the Secretary-General on a technology bank and science, technology and innovation supporting mechanism dedicated to the least developed countries ([A/68/217](#))

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 22 (b)**

**Comprehensive 10-year Review Conference on the Implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries ([A/68/157](#))

Letter dated 3 October 2013 from the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Secretary-General ([A/C.2/68/4](#))

4. At the 14th meeting, on 21 October, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement under sub-items (a) and (b) (see [A/C.2/68/SR.14](#)).

5. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative responded to a question posed by the representative of Benin (see [A/C.2/68/SR.14](#)).

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