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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2014, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled:

“Operational activities for development:

“(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

“(b) South-South cooperation for development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 26th and 27th meetings, on 29 October 2014. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/69/SR.26](#) and 27). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 7 to 9 October (see [A/C.2/69/SR.2-6](#)). 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:

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Note verbale dated 18 July 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/69/215](#))

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbol [A/69/473](#) and Add.1 and 2.



Item 24 (a)**Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/226 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system ([A/69/63-E/2014/10](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the selection and appointment process for United Nations resident coordinators, including preparation, training and support provided for their work ([A/69/125](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the selection and appointment process for United Nations resident coordinators, including preparation, training and support provided for their work ([A/69/125/Add.1](#))

Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the ministerial meeting on new partnerships for productive capacity-building in least developed countries, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 28 to 31 July 2014 ([A/69/392](#))

Letter dated 8 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by ministers of the least developed countries at their annual meeting, held in New York on 26 September 2014 ([A/C.2/69/2](#))

Item 24 (b)**South-South cooperation for development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation ([A/69/153](#))

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its eighteenth session ([A/69/39](#))

Letter dated 17 September 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the ministerial meeting on new partnerships for productive capacity-building in least developed countries, held in Cotonou, Benin, from 28 to 31 July 2014 ([A/69/392](#))

Letter dated 8 October 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Benin to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted by ministers of the least developed countries at their annual meeting, held in New York on 26 September 2014 ([A/C.2/69/2](#))

4. At the 26th meeting, on 29 October 2014, introductory statements were made by the Secretary-General's envoy on South-South cooperation (under sub-item (b)); the Senior-Advisor on Information Management Policy Coordination, Secretariat of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (under sub-item (a)); the inspector of the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations system (under sub-item (a)); and the representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) (see [A/C.2/69/SR.26](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.35

5. At the 30th meeting, on 5 November 2014, the representative of Fiji on behalf of Mexico, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Samoa and Vanuatu introduced a draft resolution entitled “Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level” ([A/C.2/69/L.35](#)).

6. At its 32nd meeting, on 13 November, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Fiji orally corrected the draft resolution and announced that Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Kiribati, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tonga, Turkmenistan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution. Subsequently, France, Guinea, Serbia and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

8. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/69/L.35](#), as orally revised (see para 9).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

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

Building capacity for the evaluation of development activities at the country level

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 59/250 of 22 December 2004, 62/208 of 19 December 2007, 66/209 of 22 December 2011 and 67/226 of 21 December 2012,

Reiterating the importance of building national capacity for the evaluation of development activities,

Reaffirming that national capacity for the evaluation of development activities may be further strengthened by the entities of the United Nations development system upon request and in accordance with the principle of national ownership and with the national policies and priorities defined by Member States,

Cognizant that the United Nations Evaluation Group and the relevant actors have designated 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation and that they would potentially contribute to supporting Member States, upon their request, in building their capacity for the evaluation of development activities,

1. *Notes* that international cooperation in building national capacity for evaluation at the country level should be voluntary and carried out upon request by Member States;

2. *Invites* the entities of the United Nations development system, with the collaboration of national and international stakeholders, to support, upon request, efforts to further strengthen the capacity of Member States for evaluation, in accordance with their national policies and priorities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide an update, in 2016, on progress made in building capacity for evaluation, based, inter alia, on inputs from Member States and the United Nations development system, including the United Nations Evaluation Group, as well as the Joint Inspection Unit, to be considered during the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in 2016.
