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Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

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 “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition” and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 24th, 25th, 30th and 34th meetings, on 28 October and 5 and 25 November 2014. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records ([A/C.2/69/SR.24](#), 25, 30 and 34). 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](#)).

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

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on agriculture development, food security and nutrition ([A/69/279](#));

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the main decisions and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security ([A/69/91-E/2014/84](#));

(c) 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](#));

(d) 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 24th meeting, on 28 October, the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/69/SR.24).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/69/L.30 and A/C.2/69/L.49

5. At the 30th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition” (A/C.2/69/L.30), which read:

“The General Assembly,

“Recalling its resolutions 65/178 of 20 December 2010, 66/220 of 22 December 2011, 67/228 of 21 December 2012 and 68/233 of 20 December 2013,

“Recalling also the Declaration of the World Summit on Food Security, particularly the Five Rome Principles for Sustainable Global Food Security,

“Recalling further the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation), the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development, the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, the outcome document of the 2010 high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 and the outcome document of the special event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, convened by the President of the General Assembly on 25 September 2013,

“Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled ‘The future we want’,

“Recalling also the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, as welcomed by the Assembly in its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014,

“Welcoming the implementation of the International Year of Family Farming, 2014, which aims to raise the profile of family farming and

smallholder farming, and looking forward to the implementation of the International Year of Soils, 2015, and World Soil Day, 5 December,

“1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

“2. *Reaffirms* the commitments to making every effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in support of developing countries, in particular those countries that are lagging most behind and those Goals that are most off track, thus improving the lives of the poorest people;

“3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration by the General Assembly of the issue of agriculture development, food security and nutrition, and in this regard looks forward to further deliberations held in the context of the post-2015 development agenda, during which this issue will be addressed;

“4. *Recalls* the adoption of General Assembly resolution 68/309 which welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals¹⁴ and decided that it shall be the main basis for integrating the sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda;

“5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session on developments related to issues highlighted in resolution 68/233;

“6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled ‘Agriculture development, food security and nutrition’.”

6. At its 34th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition” (A/C.2/69/L.49), submitted by the Vice-Chair, Tarik Iziraren (Morocco), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.30.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.49 had no programme budget implications.

8. Also at the 34th meeting, the facilitator of the draft resolution, the representative of the Dominican Republic, made a statement (see A/C.2/69/SR.34).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.49 (see para. 12).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the Vice-Chair (Morocco) made a statement (see A/C.2/69/SR.34).

11. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.49, draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

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

Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 65/178 of 20 December 2010, 66/220 of 22 December 2011, 67/228 of 21 December 2012 and 68/233 of 20 December 2013,

Recalling also the Declaration of the World Summit on Food Security,¹ particularly the Five Rome Principles for Sustainable Global Food Security, and noting the Rome Declaration on Nutrition,² as well as the Framework for Action,³ which provides a set of voluntary policy options and strategies for use by Governments, as appropriate, adopted at the Second International Conference on Nutrition, held in Rome from 19 to 21 November 2014,

Recalling further the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,⁴ Agenda 21,⁵ the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,⁶ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁷ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation),⁸ the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development,⁹ the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹⁰ the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,¹¹ the outcome document of the 2010 high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,¹² the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020¹³ and the outcome document of the special event to

¹ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, document WSFS 2009/2.

² Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and World Health Organization, document ICN2 2014/2.

³ Ibid., document ICN2 2014/3.

⁴ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

⁵ Ibid., annex II.

⁶ Resolution S-19/2, annex.

⁷ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁸ Ibid., resolution 2, annex.

⁹ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

¹⁰ Resolution 60/1.

¹¹ Resolution 63/239, annex.

¹² Resolution 65/1.

¹³ *Report of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011* (A/CONF.219/7), chap. II.

follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, convened by the President of the General Assembly on 25 September 2013,¹⁴

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012, entitled “The future we want”,¹⁵

Recalling also its resolution 68/309 of 12 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals¹⁶ and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly,

Welcoming the implementation of the International Year of Family Farming, 2014, which raised the profile of family farming and smallholder farming in contributing to the achievement of food security and improved nutrition, looking forward to the implementation of the International Year of Soils, 2015, and World Soil Day, 5 December, and also looking forward to the participation of the United Nations in Expo Milano 2015, “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life”, which will focus on the theme “The Zero Hunger Challenge — United for a Sustainable World”,

Welcoming also the outcome of the forty-first session of the Committee on World Food Security, held in Rome from 13 to 18 October 2014,¹⁷

Noting the adoption by the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, at its twenty-third ordinary session, held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on 26 and 27 June 2014, of the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁸
2. *Reaffirms* the commitments to making every effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in support of developing countries, in particular those countries that are lagging most behind and those Goals where progress is most off track, thus improving the lives of the poorest people;
3. *Stresses* the importance of continued consideration of the issue of agriculture development, food security and nutrition, and further encourages Member States and all stakeholders to give due consideration to this issue in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session on new developments related to the issues highlighted in its resolution 68/233 and in the present resolution;

¹⁴ Resolution 68/6.

¹⁵ Resolution 66/288, annex.

¹⁶ [A/68/970](#).

¹⁷ Committee on World Food Security, document CFS 41 FINAL REPORT.

¹⁸ [A/69/279](#).

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition”.
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