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Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-first 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) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 16th meeting, on 19 October 2016. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 3 and 4 October.¹ 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:

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Letter dated 29 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/71/466](#), [A/71/466/Add.1](#) and [A/71/466/Add.2](#).

¹ For an account of the Committee’s discussion of the item, see [A/C.2/71/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/71/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/71/SR.4](#), [A/C.2/71/SR.5](#) and [A/C.2/71/SR.16](#).



Declaration adopted at the fortieth annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 23 September 2016 ([A/71/422](#))

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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/71/66-E/2016/11](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft Charter of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries ([A/71/363](#))

Letter dated 30 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 24 September 2016 ([A/71/539](#))

Report on the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 ([A/CONF.228/3](#))

Item 22 (b)

Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 ([A/71/313](#))

Letter dated 22 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the ministerial communiqué adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of landlocked developing countries at their fifteenth annual meeting, held on 22 September 2016 ([A/71/416](#))

4. At the 16th meeting, on 19 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.