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Eradication of poverty and other development issues

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled:

“Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

“(a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017);

“(b) Women in development;

“(c) Human resources development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 12th and 13th meetings on 11 and 12 October 2017. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹ Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 2 and 3 October.² 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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Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the forty-first annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign

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¹ [A/C.2/72/SR.12](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.13](#).

² See [A/C.2/72/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/72/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/72/SR.4](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.5](#).



Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 22 September 2017 ([A/72/511](#))

Letter dated 9 October 2017 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 22 September 2017 ([A/72/548](#))

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Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017) ([A/72/283](#))

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Women in development

Report of the Secretary-General on women in development ([A/72/282](#))

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Human resources development

Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development for the twenty-first century ([A/72/292](#))

4. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) (under sub-item 23 (b)); the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 23 (a)); and the Director of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 23 (c)).

5. At the same meeting, comments were made and questions posed by the representatives of Ecuador and Nigeria, to which the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director, Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau of UN-Women responded.

6. At the 25th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.³

7. At the 26th and 27th meetings, on 28 and 30 November, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the informal conference room papers, circulated in English only, containing the final agreed text for insertion where indicated in the relevant draft resolutions before the Committee.⁴

8. At the 27th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions adopted by the Committee.⁵

³ See [A/C.2/72/SR.25](#).

⁴ See [A/C.2/72/SR.26](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).

⁵ See [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).