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Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 24 (see [A/72/425](#), para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 24th and 26th meetings, on 1 November and 28 November 2017. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹

II. Consideration of draft resolutions [A/C.2/72/L.41](#) and [A/C.2/72/L.63](#)

2. At the 24th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Ecuador, 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 "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" ([A/C.2/72/L.41](#)).

3. At its 26th meeting, on 28 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" ([A/C.2/72/L.63](#)), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution [A/C.2/72/L.41](#).

4. At the same meeting, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the informal conference room paper ([CRP.19](#)) containing the final agreed text for insertion where indicated in the draft resolution.

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/72/425](#), [A/72/425/Add.1](#) and [A/72/425/Add.2](#).

¹ See [A/C.2/72/SR.24](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.26](#).



5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution [A/C.2/72/L.63](#), as revised, had no programme budget implications.
6. Also at the 26th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/72/L.63](#), as revised according to the conference room paper (see para. 9).
7. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.
8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/72/L.63](#), as revised according to the conference room paper [CRP.19](#), draft resolution [A/C.2/72/L.41](#) was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

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

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [71/243](#) of 21 December 2016 on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, including its general guidelines,

Reaffirming also its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Reaffirming further its resolution [69/313](#) of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, supports and complements it, helps to contextualize its means of implementation targets with concrete policies and actions, and reaffirms the strong political commitment to address the challenge of financing and creating an enabling environment at all levels for sustainable development in the spirit of global partnership and solidarity,

Welcoming the Paris Agreement¹ and its early entry into force, encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change² that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Reaffirming the importance of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide strategic policy orientations and operational modalities for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations development system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the funding analysis of the implementation of General Assembly resolution [67/226](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;³

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled “Repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: ensuring a better future for all”;⁴

¹ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

³ [A/72/61-E/2017/4](#).

⁴ [A/72/124-E/2018/3](#).

3. *Looks forward* to considering the report of the Secretary-General of December 2017 on the relevant mandates of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, including the remaining mandates contained in paragraphs 19, 20, 45 and 58 of resolution [71/243](#), to be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

4. *Calls upon* the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and resources, to ensure that no one is left behind and no country is left behind in the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Recalls* paragraphs 81 and 82 of its resolution [71/243](#), requests the Secretary-General to submit the reports requested in said paragraphs to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council, and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled “Operational activities for development”, the sub-item entitled “Operational activities for development of the United Nations system”.
