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Reports of the Second Committee

The President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Second Committee on agenda items 16 to 26, 62, 126 and 142. Before we proceed, I would like to make some opening remarks.

I would like to commend the work of the Second Committee during the main session and to recognize the able leadership of Ambassador Amrit Bahadur Rai of Nepal as Chair of the Committee. As we know, the work of the Second Committee lies at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its efforts are directly related to the international mechanisms that drive global sustainable development. From the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the work of the Second Committee is evident throughout the United Nations system. I would like to congratulate all the members of the Bureau on their constructive engagement and on their work in continuing this worthy endeavour, particularly now, during the pandemic.

I commend the Committee for its continued efforts to strengthen the key accelerators of sustainable development, which are particularly important now, as we aim to regain progress in the Decade of Action on the Sustainable Development Goals. That includes deliberations on draft resolutions related to the New Urban Agenda, as well as water and climate change, that

recognize the interconnected relationship between the environment, human health and prosperity. Likewise, the call to discuss concrete steps towards a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, particularly as it relates to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, continues to be relevant to our world today.

I also welcome the inclusion of a multidimensional vulnerability index in the draft resolution on small island developing States, which responds directly to the issues of achieving a more equitable global economy, inclusive societies and sustainable recovery. The Assembly is aware that I have established an advisory board to tackle issues affecting groups of countries such as least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States. Taken together with the work of the Second Committee, I hope this will further galvanize efforts to support those countries in the challenges they face.

We very much welcome the fact that the Committee has continued negotiations around the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review and the strengthening of the United Nations development system. The efforts to address COVID-19 and accelerate action on the SDGs require a United Nations that is fit for purpose, and the work of the Second Committee has contributed to that. The deliberations represent a great display of flexibility and solidarity on the part of Member States. I particularly appreciated the mandate to the United Nations system to adopt climate- and biodiversity-

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informed approaches and to support countries' efforts to meet their commitments under the Paris Agreement.

The success of United Nations reform will depend on the political will of Member States to translate words and commitments into action. Our previous deliberations and the draft resolutions that will be adopted here today are a true reflection of the potential for leveraging international cooperation to recover better from COVID-19 and meet the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for an inclusive, resilient and green recovery. I thank members once again for their commitment, vision and tireless efforts.

I now request the Rapporteur of the Second Committee, Mr. Diamane Diome of Senegal, to introduce the reports of the Second Committee in one intervention.

Mr. Diome (Senegal), Rapporteur of the Second Committee, (*spoke in French*): It is an honour for me to introduce to the General Assembly the reports of the Second Committee on the agenda items allocated to it by the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session.

The reports, contained in documents A/75/454 to A/75/467, include the texts of draft resolutions and decisions recommended by the Second Committee to the General Assembly for adoption. For the convenience of delegations, a checklist of action taken in the Committee has been prepared by the Secretariat and is contained in document A/C.2/75/INF/1.

During its first meeting on 5 October, taking into account the situation caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the recommended restrictions on meetings held on the premises of the United Nations as a precautionary measure in an attempt to contain the spread of COVID-19, and the available technological and procedural solutions, and bearing in mind the conference room paper of the Bureau of the Second Committee contained in document A/C.2/75/CRP.2, on the work of the Committee during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Second Committee approved the working methods of the Committee for the seventy-fifth session, as outlined in document A/C.2/75/L.1, entitled "Organization of the work of the Second Committee".

As a result, during the main part of the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, the Second Committee convened eight in-person plenary meetings for general debates and for taking action on the draft

proposals before it, and 13 virtual informal meetings, with remote interpretation, for substantive discussions on various agenda items. The Committee also convened a joint virtual informal meeting with the Economic and Social Council, a side event and its annual dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions, using an online platform with remote interpretation. The Second Committee adopted a total of 35 draft resolutions, 11 of them by recorded vote, and two draft decisions on the revitalization of the work of the Committee.

Under item agenda item 16, "Information and communication technologies for sustainable development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of its report contained in document A/75/454, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 17, "Macroeconomic policy questions", the report of the Second Committee is issued in six parts. The report under the chapeau is contained in document A/75/455, and the recommendations are contained in the following addenda.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 17, "International trade and development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 6 of its report contained in document A/75/455/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 17, "International financial system and development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/455/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 17, "External debt sustainability and development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/455/Add.3, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (d) of agenda item 17, "Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/73/455/Add.4, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (e) of agenda item 17, "Promoting investments for sustainable development", the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of its report

contained in document A/75/455/Add.5, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 18, “Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of its report contained in document A/75/456, the adoption of one draft resolution.^[P]_[SEP] Under agenda item 19, “Sustainable development”, the report of the Second Committee is issued in 10 parts. The report under the chapeau is contained in document A/75/457, and the recommendations are contained in the chapeau, as well as in the addenda. Under the chapeau of item 19, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 20 of its report contained in document A/75/457, the adoption of three draft resolutions.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 19, “Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 14 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.1, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 19, “Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 13 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.2, the adoption of two draft resolutions.

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 19, “Disaster risk reduction”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.3, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (d) of agenda item 19, “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind”, the Second committee recommends, in paragraph 20 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.4, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (e) of agenda item 19, “Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa”, the Second Committee

recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.5, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (f) of agenda item 19, “Convention on Biological Diversity”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.6, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (g) of agenda item 19, “Harmony with Nature”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.7, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (h) of agenda item 19, “Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.8, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (i) of agenda item 19, “Combating sand and dust storms”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/457/Add.9, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 20, “Global Code of Ethics for Tourism”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of its report contained in document A/75/458, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 21, “Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of its report contained in document A/75/459, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 22, “Globalization and interdependence”, the report of the Second Committee is issued in three parts. The report under the chapeau is contained in document A/75/460, and the recommendations are contained in the following addenda.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 22, “Globalization and interdependence”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/460/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 22, “International migration and development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of its report contained

in document A/75/460/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 23, “Groups of countries in special situations”, the report of the Second Committee is issued in three parts. The report under the chapeau is contained in document A/75/461 and the recommendations are contained in the following addenda.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 23, “Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/461/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 23, “Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/461/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 24, “Eradication of poverty and other development issues”, the report of the Second Committee is issued in four parts. The report under the chapeau is contained in document A/75/462 and the recommendations are contained in the chapeau, as well as in the addenda. Under the chapeau of item 24, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 12 of its report contained in document A/75/462, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 24, “Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/462/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 24, “Industrial development cooperation”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/462/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (c) of agenda item 24, “Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 8 of its report contained in document A/75/462/Add.3, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 25, “Operational activities for development”, the report of the Second Committee is issued in three parts. The report under the chapeau is contained in A/75/463 and the recommendations are contained in the following addenda.

Under sub-item (a) of agenda item 25, “Operational activities for development of the United Nations system”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 21 of its report contained in document A/75/463/Add.1, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under sub-item (b) of agenda item 25, “South-South cooperation for development”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 7 of its report contained in document A/75/463/Add.2, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 26, “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 10 of its report contained in document A/75/464, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 62, “Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 11 of its report contained in document A/75/465, the adoption of one draft resolution.

Under agenda item 126, “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly”, the Second Committee recommends, in paragraph 9 of its report contained in document A/75/467, the adoption of two draft decisions. In connection with draft decision II, “Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee”, on behalf of the Committee I would like to present an oral revision to paragraph (b) of the decision. The revised paragraph (b) would therefore read, in its entirety:

“Decides that the Bureau of the Second Committee will convene informal dialogues to discuss the revitalization of the work of the Committee in the first months of 2021”.

That concludes the proposed revision of the recommended draft decision II under agenda item 126.

Under agenda item 142, “Programme planning”, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report of the Second Committee contained in document A/75/466, no action was required on the item.

That concludes my introduction of the reports of the Second Committee before the Assembly.

Although it was not possible to reach a consensus on all the texts negotiated in the Committee during this unprecedented session, every delegation was committed to achieving the best possible outcome in support of our common goals. I sincerely congratulate the Committee on that commendable feat. In that regard, on behalf of the Bureau of the Second Committee, I would like to express our appreciation to all the facilitators and coordinators and to all delegations for their constructive participation, hard work and engagement.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the leadership of our Chair, His Excellency Mr. Amrit Bahadur Rai, Permanent Representative of Nepal, as well as the commitment of the other members of the Bureau and Vice-Chairs, Ms. Rosemary O'Hehir of Australia, Ms. Christine Bailey of Jamaica and Ms. Mária Danielčáková of Slovakia. And certainly I should not omit to mention how helpful Mr. Suvanga Parajuli, of the Permanent Mission of Nepal, has been to the Bureau. I also want to acknowledge the very friendly nature of our exchanges. In addition, I would like to express the Bureau's appreciation to the Secretary of the Second Committee and her team in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management for the support and guidance provided to the Bureau and to delegations, as well as Ms. Marion Barthélemy and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. I would also like to thank the interpreters, of course, and all the other services for their support to the Committee in carrying out its work.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to work to wish all delegations happy holidays and some well-deserved rest.

The President: I thank the Rapporteur of the Second Committee.

The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records. If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall therefore take it that the General Assembly decides not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee that are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote or position. I would like to remind members that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee. I further remind delegations that, also in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by representatives from their seats.

When there are multiple proposals under an agenda item, statements and explanations of vote before the vote on any or all of them should be made in one intervention, followed by action on all of them, one by one. Thereafter, there will also be an opportunity for statements in explanation of vote after the vote on any or all of them, in one intervention.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Second Committee, I would like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Committee, unless the Secretariat is notified otherwise in advance. This means that where separate or recorded votes were taken, we will do the same. I also hope that we will proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Committee. The results of the votes will be uploaded to the e-deleGATE portal under plenary announcements.

I would like to draw the attention of members to a note by the Secretariat entitled "List of proposals contained in the reports of the Second Committee for consideration by the General Assembly" issued in English only, as document A/C.2/75/INF/1. The note was circulated in advance as a reference guide for action on the draft resolutions and decisions recommended by the Committee in its reports. In the fourth column of the note, members will find the symbols of the draft resolutions and decisions of the Committee, with the corresponding symbols of the reports for action in the plenary in the second column of the same note. For reports containing multiple recommendations, the draft resolution or decision number is shown in the third column of the note.

Members are reminded that additional sponsors are no longer accepted now that the draft resolutions and decisions have been adopted by the Committee. Any clarification about sponsorship should be addressed to the Secretary of the Committee. I would also like to remind members that any corrections to the voting intention of delegations after the voting has concluded should be made directly to the Secretariat at the end of the meeting and submitted on the e-deleGATE portal. I would seek members' cooperation in avoiding any interruptions to our proceedings in that regard.

Agenda item 16

Information and communications technologies for sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/454)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 11 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/202).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 16?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 17

Macroeconomic policy questions

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/455)

The President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided (decision 75/543).

(a) International trade and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/455/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 6 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu,

Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Israel, United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 177 votes to 2 (resolution 75/203).

The President: May I take it that is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 17?

It was so decided.

(b) International financial system and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/455/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal,

Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

The draft resolution was adopted by 177 votes to 1 (resolution 75/204).

The President: May I take it that is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17?

It was so decided.

(c) External debt sustainability and development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/455/Add.3)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/205).

The President: May I take it that is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 17?

It was so decided.

(d) Promotion of international cooperation to combat illicit financial flows and strengthen

good practices on assets return to foster sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/455/Add.4)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/206).

The President: May I take it that is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 17?

It was so decided.

(e) Promoting investments for sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/455/Add.5)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/207).

The President: May I take it that is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 17 and agenda item 17 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 18

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/456)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/208).

The President: May I take it that is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 19

Sustainable development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457)

The President: The Assembly has before it three draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report.

We will now take a decision on draft resolutions I to III, one by one.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Oil slick on Lebanese shores".

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Paraguay,

Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, United States of America

Abstaining:

Cameroon, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Papua New Guinea, Tonga

Draft resolution I was adopted by 162 votes to 7, with 6 abstentions (resolution 75/209).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled “International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan”. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 75/210).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled “Entrepreneurship for sustainable development”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia,

Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Algeria, Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen

Abstaining:

Bangladesh, Maldives, Namibia, Nicaragua, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Turkey

Draft resolution III was adopted by 147 votes to 24, with 7 abstentions (resolution 75/211).

[Subsequently, the delegation of Tunisia informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote against.]

(a) Towards the achievement of sustainable development: implementation of the 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development, including through sustainable consumption and production, building on Agenda 21

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report.

The Assembly will now take decisions on draft resolutions I and II, one by one.

Draft resolution I is entitled “United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028”. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 75/212).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled “Promoting sustainable consumption and production patterns for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Agenda 21”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s

Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

United States of America

Draft resolution II was adopted by 178 votes to 1 (resolution 75/213).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report.

The Assembly will now take decisions on draft resolutions I and II, one by one.

Draft resolution I is entitled “Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations”. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 75/214).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled “Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States”. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 75/215).

The President: I now call on those representatives who wish to speak in explanation of vote or position after adoption.

Mr. Gnecco Daza (Colombia) (*spoke in Spanish*): My delegation would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations.

As an extremely diverse country, Colombia is committed to the conservation, protection and sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea through the implementation of policies, plans and programmes that highlight the national, regional and global importance of its ecosystems. In addition, our country has a significant institutional framework for coastal marine matters and an integrated vision of the sea, the coast and its resources as fundamental elements of achieving sustainable development. That has become even more relevant in the current context of sustainable and inclusive recovery from the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Colombia conducts activities in the marine environment in strict compliance with the various international commitments that it has expressly adopted or accepted, and would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that it has not ratified the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The provisions contained therein are therefore neither enforceable nor opposable, except for those that Colombia has expressly adopted or accepted. Consequently, the Republic of Colombia reaffirms that

resolution 75/214, which has just been adopted, and our participation in its adoption cannot be considered or interpreted in any way that implies the express or tacit acceptance by the Colombian State of the provisions contained in UNCLOS. While my delegation joined the consensus, it does not share the opinion that the Convention is the sole normative framework regulating activities carried out in the oceans. We therefore express a reservation with regard to the resolution’s ninth preambular paragraph.

Mr. Bayley Angeleri (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) (*spoke in Spanish*): The delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela would like to express its appreciation for the work carried out by the facilitators of resolution 75/214, “Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations”, which has just been adopted.

Our delegation joined the consensus on the resolution because it addresses important issues related to sustainable development. However, we do not associate ourselves with the references in the resolution to international instruments to which Venezuela is not a party, and we reiterate that such references should not be interpreted to indicate a change in our traditional position in that regard. In particular, we would like to once again recall that Venezuela is not a party to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which is why the norms mentioned in that instrument, including those that could be characterized as customary law, are not opposable, except for those that our country has expressly recognized.

Ms. Flores Soto (El Salvador) (*spoke in Spanish*): In accordance with resolution 71/312, El Salvador recognizes the importance of the oceans as fundamental elements for life on our planet and our future. In that regard, it is vital that we work to protect ocean sustainability, especially in order to ensure food security for millions of people. We therefore support the promotion of efforts aimed at the conservation and sustainable management of all coastal and marine resources.

However, with regard to resolution 75/214, which was just adopted, my delegation wishes to dissociate itself from the language reflected in the ninth preambular paragraph, which includes a reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as the sole legal framework for ocean activities. It is

therefore necessary to clarify that, since El Salvador has not ratified the Convention and is not a State party to that instrument, we express our reservation regarding any mention of the Convention as the sole framework applicable to ocean activities. In that connection, it is important to highlight the existence of other relevant legal instruments that include customary international legal obligations that are equally crucial to such activities.

In line with the position expressed in paragraph 10 of resolution 72/249, El Salvador would like to reiterate that neither our participation in the negotiations on the resolution adopted today nor their outcome can affect the legal situation of States that are not party to the Convention or other related agreements with respect to that instrument.

Finally, my delegation wishes to reiterate its willingness to collaborate with other States on the management of the oceans and to ensure through good practices the sustainability of their coastal and marine resources as a vital asset for sustainable development and the well-being of humankind.

Ms. Fidan (Turkey): Turkey has asked for the floor to reiterate its position on resolution 75/214, entitled “Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations”. Turkey joined the consensus on the resolution because it addresses important issues regarding the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources in the Caribbean Sea area. We firmly support the continued efforts of the Association of Caribbean States to develop and implement regional initiatives to promote the sustainable conservation and management of coastal and marine resources. However, Turkey dissociates itself from the references made in the resolution to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which cannot be construed as changing Turkey’s legal position with regard to the instrument concerned.

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(c) Disaster risk reduction

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.3)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/216).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.4)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report. Separate, recorded votes have been requested on operative paragraphs 2 and 10.

I shall first put to the vote operative paragraph 2.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali,

Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

Against:

Colombia, Eritrea, Guyana, Japan, Russian Federation, United States of America

Abstaining:

Madagascar

Operative paragraph 2 was retained by 155 votes to 6, with 1 abstention.

[Subsequently, the delegations of Colombia, Guyana and Japan informed the Secretariat that they had intended to vote in favour.]

The President: I shall now put to the vote operative paragraph 10.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana,

Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Iceland, Kiribati, Madagascar, Norway, Switzerland

Operative paragraph 10 was retained by 111 votes to 44, with 5 abstentions.

[Subsequently, the delegation of Haiti informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour; the delegation of Japan that it had intended to vote against.]

The President: The Second Committee adopted the draft resolution as a whole without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/217).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.5)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/218).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.6)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development”. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/219).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(g) Harmony with Nature

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.7)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/220).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(h) Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

Report of the Second Committee (A/74/457/Add.8)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/221).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

(i) Combating sand and dust storms

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/457/Add.9)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia,

Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Australia

The draft resolution was adopted by 174 votes to 2, with 1 abstention (resolution 75/222).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 19?

It was so decided.

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.

Agenda item 20

Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/458)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/223).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 20?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 21

Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/459)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 10 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/224).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 22

Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/460)

The President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Committee?

It was so decided (decision 75/544).

(a) Globalization and interdependence**Report of the Second Committee (A/75/460/Add.1)**

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled “Towards a New International Economic Order”.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany,

Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Armenia, Madagascar, Tonga, Turkey

The draft resolution was adopted by 123 votes to 48, with 4 abstentions (resolution 75/225).

[Subsequently, the delegation of Japan informed the Secretariat that it had intended to vote in favour.]

May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 22?

It was so decided.

(b) International migration and development**Report of the Second Committee (A/75/460/Add.2)**

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India,

Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Hungary, Israel, United States of America

Abstaining:

Libya

The draft resolution was adopted by 175 votes to 3, with 1 abstention (resolution 75/226).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 22 and agenda item 22 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 23

Groups of countries in special situations

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/461)

The President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Committee?

It was so decided (decision 75/545)

(a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/461/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/227).

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 23.

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

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/461/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/228).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 23?

It was so decided.

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 23.

Agenda item 24

Eradication of poverty and other development issues

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/462)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 12 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Promotion of sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environment protection". The Committee adopted

it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/229).

(a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018-2027)

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/462/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/230).

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/462/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/231).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 24?

It was so decided.

(c) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/462/Add.3)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile,

China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Abstaining:

Palau, Tonga, Turkey

The draft resolution was adopted by 124 votes to 49, with 3 abstentions (resolution 75/232).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 24 and of agenda item 24 as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 25

Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/463)

The President: May I take it that the General Assembly wishes to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided (decision 75/546).

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

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/463/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Committee in paragraph 21 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled “Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system”. A separate, recorded vote has been requested on operative paragraph 30.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan,

Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen

Against:

Belarus, Cambodia, Russian Federation

Abstaining:

Eritrea, Madagascar, United States of America

Operative paragraph 30 was retained by 148 votes to 3, with 3 abstentions.

The President: A recorded vote has been requested on the draft resolution entitled “Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system” as a whole.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan,

Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

None

Abstaining:

Russian Federation

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 182 votes to none, with 1 abstention (resolution 75/233).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 25?

It was so decided.

(b) South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/463/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "South-South cooperation". The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/234).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 25 and agenda item 25, as a whole?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 26

Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/464)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 75/235).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 62

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/465)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution.

A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde,

Cambodia, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Against:

Canada, Israel, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nauru, United States of America

Abstaining:

Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Kiribati, Madagascar, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Samoa, South Sudan, Togo, Tonga, Tuvalu

The draft resolution was adopted by 153 votes to 6, with 17 abstentions (resolution 75/236).

The President: May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 126 (continued)

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/467)

The President: The Assembly has before it two draft decisions recommended by the Committee in paragraph 9 of its report.

The Assembly will now take decisions on draft decisions I and II, one by one.

Draft decision I is entitled "Draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly". The Second Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft decision I was adopted (decision 75/547).

The President: Draft decision II is entitled "Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee". The Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to adopt the draft decision, as orally revised?

Draft decision II, as orally revised, was adopted (decision 75/548).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 126.

Agenda item 142 (continued)

Programme planning

Report of the Second Committee (A/75/466)

The President: May I take it that it is wish of the General Assembly to take note of the report of the Second Committee?

It was so decided (decision 75/549).

The President: I now give the floor to the representative of Guyana, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, for an explanation of vote after the vote.

Mr. Pierre (Guyana): I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

I would like to begin by expressing our heartfelt congratulations to Ambassador Rai, Chairman of the Second Committee, for his able leadership of our work

through this challenging year. I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the Bureau, whose hard work and dedication brought our work in the Committee to a successful conclusion. The Group also thanks the Secretariat staff for their support during our deliberations, as we laboured through the many virtual and in-person meetings. We thank all of the facilitators of the Second Committee resolutions considered this year, for without their commitment and engagement we would not have been able to conclude our work in a timely manner.

Our Group wishes to reiterate that the approaches we took during the seventy-fifth session do not set a precedent for any future sessions of the Second Committee. The conclusion of our work does not mean shelving the resolutions adopted here today, but safeguarding the commitments and obligations enshrined in them in order to fully implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We must strive to achieve our overarching objective of eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, as well as pursuing sustainable development in its three dimensions in a balanced, coordinated and integrated manner.

As we chart our course through the beginning of the Decade of Action to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals, we face an enormous task with the exacerbation of already daunting development challenges by the effects of the coronavirus disease pandemic, undermining many decades of development gains. Developing countries are disproportionately affected, due to many development bottlenecks and unfavourable conditions for sustainable development. Frail health systems, insufficient financing and high debt levels, inadequate market access for goods and services, the expanding digital divide, restricted access to needed pharmaceuticals and medical supplies and reductions in revenue from tourism and exports are only some of the structural difficulties we face. It is therefore crucial to ensure that our actions in the coming years accelerate efforts to build back better and achieve the 2030 Agenda and, more important, reinforce and strengthen a multilateral system underpinned by the principles of unity and solidarity.

The Group acknowledges the arrangements made by the Bureau to organize our work during this session on an exceptional basis, including allocating sufficient time for informal consultations on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the facilitator, Mr. Markus Reisle of Switzerland, and his team for their tireless efforts throughout the negotiations. The Group reaffirms its support for resolution 75/233, which establishes key system-wide strategic policy orientations and operational modalities for development cooperation, as well as country-level modalities for the United Nations development system. It is an important document that provides strong guidance to the United Nations development system in its support for countries to achieve their national development objectives and strategies and in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda — an Agenda that is universal and integrated in nature. However, we are concerned about the continuing efforts to dilute the focus of the QCPR and development activities.

The Group firmly believes that human rights, humanitarian issues, sustaining peace, sexual exploitation and abuse and gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls are all matters of importance. Unfortunately, those issues were often introduced into the resolution in an unbalanced manner and related to mandates that were beyond the development focus of the resolution. We strongly believe that the QCPR should retain its development focus. Nevertheless, in a spirit of compromise, the Group worked constructively with all delegations to address those issues in a balanced way and agreed to language on those areas as part of a package in order to find consensus.

The Group would also like to re-emphasize the importance of national ownership and leadership in the implementation process. It is now imperative that we ensure the effective delivery of support to programme countries, in line with the mandates of the entities of the United Nations development system and in accordance with national development policies, plans, priorities and needs.

In conclusion, we would like to extend our appreciation to all delegations for their engagement in the work of the Second Committee. Our toil this year, through the plight of the global pandemic, is a testament to a collective commitment to leaving no one behind and pushing forward with the objective of transforming our world and building a common future. We look forward to realizing all of the provisions contained in the Second Committee resolutions this year and towards a more coherent and coordinated United Nations development system that can deliver

results on the ground, ensure national ownership and leadership and support programme countries in our efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda.

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 142.

I would like to congratulate members on successfully concluding this session. As we look ahead to the resumed session and to working towards action against mandates, I hope that we will continue to do so in the same spirit of solidarity and with the forward-looking approach that members displayed during the main session. I look forward to working with the Assembly in the coming months on other important processes, including on revitalization and alignment, as well as on the review of the high-level political forum and the Economic and Social Council.

With a challenging and tragic year behind us and with hopes for a better year ahead, we must strive even harder to make 2021 a year of transformation, encouragement and renewed optimism. I look forward to working with members in that regard.

The General Assembly has thus concluded its consideration of all reports of the Second Committee before it.

Agenda item 119 (continued)

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections

(a) Election of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Note by the Secretary-General (A/75/248/Add.1)

The President: Pursuant to General Assembly decision 42/450, of 17 December 1987, and upon their nomination by the Economic and Social Council, the members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination are elected by the Assembly. Members will recall that at its 30th plenary meeting, held on 23 November, the General Assembly elected 18 members of the Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 and expiring on 31 December 2023.

The Assembly has before it a note by the Secretary-General, circulated in document A/75/248/Add.1, which contains a nomination by the Economic and Social Council to fill an outstanding vacancy in the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term

of office beginning on 1 January 2021 and expiring on 31 December 2023.

As indicated in the document, by its decision 2021/201B of 10 December, the Economic and Social Council nominated Germany for election by the General Assembly to fill an outstanding vacancy in the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 and expiring on 31 December 2023.

In accordance with rule 92 of the rules of procedure, all elections should be held by secret ballot. However, I should like to recall paragraph 16 of decision 34/401, whereby the practice of dispensing with the secret ballot for elections to subsidiary organs when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled should become standard, unless a delegation specifically requests a vote in a given election.

In the absence of such a request, may I take it that the Assembly decides to proceed to the election on the basis of dispensing with the secret ballot?

It was so decided.

The President: The number of States nominated from among the Western European and other States is equal to the number of seats to be filled for that Group. May I therefore take it that the Assembly wishes to declare Germany elected as a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2021 and expiring on 31 December 2023?

It was so decided (decision 75/410).

The President: I congratulate Germany on its election as a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

Members are reminded that two vacancies remain for a term beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly to be filled by one member from among the Western European and other States for a term expiring on 31 December 2021 and one member from among the Asia-Pacific States for a term expiring on 31 December 2022. I would also like to remind members that one vacancy for a member from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remains to be filled for a term beginning on 1 January 2021 and expiring on 31 December 2023. Finally, members are reminded that one vacancy for a member from the Latin American and Caribbean States remains to be filled for

a term of office beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2020. The General Assembly will be in a position to act on those vacancies upon nomination by the Economic and Social Council.

The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 119.

The meeting was suspended at 4.40 p.m.