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Agenda item 23 (a)

### Groups of countries in special situations: follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

## Review of the first three years of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries

### Report of the Secretary-General

#### Corrigendum

#### 1. Table 2, second bullet

For the existing text, *substitute*

- Collaborating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and UNDP Turkey on the Sustainable Development Goal impact accelerator programme has pivoted focus to specifically benefit least developed countries, with two pilot programmes, on digital agriculture, in Uganda, and on financial inclusion, in Bangladesh, with the aim of accelerating entrepreneurial talent to improve the science, technology and innovation landscape and improve livelihoods.

#### 2. Paragraph 50

For the existing text, *substitute*

50. As host country, Turkey pledged to provide, for five years initially, \$2 million annually as well as premises, and consultations are currently under way to renew the agreement for another five years. Furthermore, Turkey has contributed an additional \$1 million in 2020 towards the Sustainable Development Goal impact accelerator programme and \$100,000 for the organization of side events on the margins of the preparatory meetings for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries. In a statement on 8 February 2021, the Government of Turkey said that it continued to support the Technology Bank to help its efforts in bridging the digital divide and invited development partners and the least developed countries to contribute to the Technology Bank, which relied on voluntary donations.



**3. Paragraph 51**

For the existing text, *substitute*

51. In 2017, Norway provided \$1 million. Italy financed a Junior Professional Officer position, with requests for the funding of similar positions made to other Member States. These contributions have been supplemented by welcome contributions of \$100,000 from India and \$50,000 from both Bangladesh and Guinea. In line with these examples, all development partners should convey their support and make financial contributions to the Technology Bank. The Government of Guinea has expressed its satisfaction at being a donor and is hoping to increase its engagement, believing the Technology Bank and the technology needs assessments to be an important tool for the least developed countries that can improve social and economic conditions.

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