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**Seventy-seventh session**

Agenda item 9

**Report of the Economic and Social Council****Resolution adopted by the General Assembly  
on 25 August 2023***[without reference to a Main Committee (A/77/L.91)]***77/323. Extension of the preparatory period preceding the graduation of  
Solomon Islands from the least developed country category***The General Assembly,**Recalling* its resolution [73/133](#) of 13 December 2018,*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution [2023/10](#) of 7 June 2023 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy at its twenty-fifth session,*Taking into account* its resolutions [59/209](#) of 20 December 2004, [65/286](#) of 29 June 2011 and [67/221](#) of 21 December 2012 on a smooth transition for countries graduating from the category of least developed countries,*Recalling* its resolution [76/258](#) of 1 April 2022, by which the General Assembly endorsed the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,*Reaffirming its commitment* to the process of graduation from least developed country status and to encouraging smooth transition measures for graduating countries,*Giving due consideration* to the urgent situation in Solomon Islands resulting from shocks that have severely disrupted the graduation process,*Inviting* the international community to continue to generously support the national sustainable development plan and disaster preparedness efforts undertaken by the Government of Solomon Islands in this context,

1. *Reaffirms* that graduating from the category of least developed countries should be sustainable and irreversible and should not result in a disruption of development plans, programmes and projects;

2. *Takes note* of the endorsement by the Economic and Social Council of the recommendation of the Committee for Development Policy that Solomon Islands requires an additional three years to prepare for graduation;



3. *Decides*, on an exceptional basis, to extend by an additional period of three years, until 13 December 2027, the preparatory period for Solomon Islands before graduation from the least developed country category occurs;

4. *Reiterates its invitation* to Solomon Islands to prepare, during the extended preparatory period preceding graduation from the least developed country category, its national smooth transition strategy, with the support of the United Nations system and in cooperation with its bilateral, regional and multilateral development and trading partners.

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25 August 2023*

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