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Operational activities for development: South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 25 (see [A/75/463](#), para. 3). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 5th meeting, on 18 November 2020. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹

II. Consideration of draft resolutions [A/C.2/75/L.9](#) and [A/C.2/75/L.41](#)

2. At the 5th meeting, on 18 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" ([A/C.2/75/L.41](#)), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee, Diamane Diome (Senegal), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution [A/C.2/75/L.9](#).

3. At the same meeting, the Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution [A/C.2/75/L.41](#).

4. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/75/L.41](#) (see para. 7).

5. Also at the 5th meeting, following the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/75/L.41](#), statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (also on behalf of Mexico and the Republic of Korea) and the United States of America.

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/75/L.41](#), draft resolution [A/C.2/75/L.9](#) was withdrawn by its sponsors.

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/75/463](#), [A/75/463/Add.1](#) and [A/75/463/Add.2](#).

¹ See [A/C.2/75/SR.5](#).



III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

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

South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [73/291](#) of 15 April 2019, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

Reaffirming also its resolution [64/222](#) of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

Reaffirming further its resolution [33/134](#) of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,¹

Recalling its resolutions [57/270 B](#) of 23 June 2003, [60/212](#) of 22 December 2005, [62/209](#) of 19 December 2007, [63/233](#) of 19 December 2008, [64/1](#) of 6 October 2009, [66/219](#) of 22 December 2011, [67/227](#) of 21 December 2012, [68/230](#) of 20 December 2013, [69/239](#) of 19 December 2014, [70/222](#) of 22 December 2015, [71/244](#) of 21 December 2016, [72/237](#) of 20 December 2017, [73/249](#) of 20 December 2018 and [74/239](#) of 19 December 2019,

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

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

Reaffirming further the Paris Agreement² and its early entry into force, encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change³ that have not yet done so to

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August–12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

² Adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Noting with great concern the threat to human health, safety and well-being caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the severe disruption to societies and economies and the devastating impact on lives and livelihoods, and that the poorest and most vulnerable are the hardest hit by the pandemic, reaffirming the ambition to get back on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by designing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to help to reduce the risk of future shocks, and recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic requires a global response based on unity, solidarity and renewed multilateral cooperation,

Commending the contributions of South-South and triangular cooperation, based on solidarity and cooperation in responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and its adverse impacts, including through exchanging experiences, best practices and expertise, and through extending support to help countries to respond to, recover from and build back better from the pandemic in pursuit of an inclusive, resilient and sustainable recovery, and to accelerate progress towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recognizing the efforts of relevant United Nations development system entities to facilitate such cooperation and support, in line with national development priorities,

Reiterating the pledge that no one will be left behind, reaffirming the recognition that the dignity of the human person is fundamental, and the wish to see the Goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society, and recommitting to endeavour to reach the furthest behind first,

1. *Recalls* the convening of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires from 20 to 22 March 2019 and its outcome document,⁴ and calls upon the international community to support the full implementation of the outcome document of the second High-level Conference;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;⁵

3. *Reaffirms its support* for the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and calls upon the Committee to dedicate its twentieth session, to be held on a date to be determined, to the implementation of the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation;

4. *Encourages* the continuation and advancement of South-South cooperation on COVID-19 response and recovery efforts in the pursuit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, and calls for continued support from the relevant United Nations development system entities in that regard;

5. *Reaffirms* the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda to leave no one behind and commit to taking more tangible steps to support people in vulnerable situations and the most vulnerable countries and to reach the furthest behind;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session, under the item entitled “Operational activities for development”, the sub-item entitled “South-South cooperation for development”, and requests the Secretary-General to

⁴ Resolution 73/291, annex.

⁵ A/75/371.

submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session a comprehensive report on the state of South-South cooperation, including the implementation of the outcome document of the second High-level Conference.
