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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled:

“Globalization and interdependence:

“(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

“(b) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development;

“(c) Culture and sustainable development;

“(d) Development cooperation with middle-income countries”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 16th meeting, on 17 October 2019. An account of the Committee’s consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary record.¹ Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 7 and 8 October.² An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in five parts, under the symbols [A/74/382](#), [A/74/382/Add.1](#), [A/74/382/Add.2](#), [A/74/382/Add.3](#) and [A/74/382/Add.4](#).

¹ [A/C.2/74/SR.16](#).

² See [A/C.2/74/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/74/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/74/SR.4](#) and [A/C.2/74/SR.5](#).



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No documents were submitted for consideration under this item.

Item 20 (a)
Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

Report of the Secretary-General on fulfilling the promise of globalization: advancing sustainable development in an interconnected world ([A/74/239](#))

Item 20 (b)
Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development

Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation for development ([A/74/230](#))

Item 20 (c)
Culture and sustainable development

Note by the Secretary-General on culture and sustainable development ([A/74/286](#))

Item 20 (d)
Development cooperation with middle-income countries

Report of the Secretary-General on development cooperation with middle-income countries ([A/74/269](#))

4. At the 16th meeting, on 17 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 20 (a)); the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (under sub-item 20 (b)); the Director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Liaison Office in New York (under sub-item 20 (c)); and the representative of the Development Research Branch of the Economic Analysis and Policy Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item 20 (d)).

5. At the same meeting, the Director of the Division on Technology and Logistics responded to a question posed by the representative of Mexico.

6. At the 23rd meeting, on 21 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.³

³ See [A/C.2/74/SR.23](#).