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Agenda item 26

### Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

#### Report of the Second Committee\*

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#### Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2021, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-sixth session the item entitled:

“Agriculture development, food security and nutrition:

“(a) Agriculture development, food security and nutrition;

“(b) Natural plant fibres and sustainable development.”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. At its 1st meeting, on 1 October, the Committee, taking into account the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the limitations on meetings held on United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, as well as available technological and procedural solutions, and bearing in mind the conference room paper of the Bureau of the Second Committee on the work of the Committee during the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly,<sup>1</sup> approved the working arrangements of the Committee for the seventy-sixth session as set out in the organization of work of the Committee.<sup>2</sup>

3. The Committee convened virtual informal meetings on 6 and 7 October to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item and its sub-items, jointly with agenda item 24, “Eradication of poverty and other development issues” and its sub-items (a) and (b). The proceedings of the virtual informal meetings are reflected in the annex to the present report. Attention is also drawn to the general

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\* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/76/538](#), [A/76/538/Add.1](#) and [A/76/538/Add.2](#).

<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.un.org/en/ga/second/76/crplbureaupaper.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> See [A/C.2/76/L.1](#).



debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 5, 6 and 8 October.<sup>3</sup> Action on the item and sub-items was taken at the 8th meeting, on 22 November.<sup>4</sup> An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item is given in the addenda to the present report.

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

**Item 26**

**Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

Report of the Secretary-General on agriculture development, food security and nutrition ([A/76/216](#))

**Item 26 (a)**

**Agriculture development, food security and nutrition**

Note by the Secretary-General on the main decisions, outcomes and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security ([A/76/73-E/2021/51](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (2019–2028) ([A/76/233](#))

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**Natural plant fibres and sustainable development**

No documentation submitted.

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<sup>3</sup> See [A/C.2/76/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/76/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/76/SR.4](#) and [A/C.2/76/SR.5](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [A/C.2/76/SR.8](#).

## Annex

### General discussion

1. In accordance with its agreed organization of work (A/C.2/76/L.1), the Committee held a general discussion of the item and sub-items, jointly with agenda item 24, "Eradication of poverty and other development issues", in informal virtual meetings on 6 and 7 October 2021.
2. At the meeting on 6 October, introductory statements were made by the Chief of the Integrated Policy Analysis Branch, Division for Sustainable Development Goals of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under item 26), the Chief Economist of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (also under item 26) the Director of the Partnerships and United Nations Collaboration Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), on behalf of the joint FAO/International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) secretariat of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (under item 26 (a)) and the Director of the Markets and Trade Division of FAO (under item 26 (b)).
3. At the same meeting, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Guinea (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Morocco (on behalf of the Group of African States), Cambodia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Thailand, Ethiopia, China, Nepal, Ecuador, Malaysia, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mongolia, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ghana, Kenya and Jamaica.
4. At the meeting on 7 October, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Burkina Faso, India, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Costa Rica, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Maldives, Algeria, Eritrea, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Guatemala, Cameroon and Timor-Leste, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.
5. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and FAO (also on behalf IFAD and the World Food Programme).
6. Statements delivered under the item that were provided to the Secretariat are available in the eStatements section of the *Journal of the United Nations online*.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/af3cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-06> and <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/b13cd100-a51a-ec11-8311-0abf1fa886b5/2021-10-07>.