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Groups of countries in special situations: follow-up to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

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[on the report of the Second Committee ([A/79/440/Add.2](#), para. 8)]

79/219. Follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vienna Declaration,¹ the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024² and the Political Declaration of the High-level Midterm Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024,³

Reaffirming the overarching goal of the Vienna Programme of Action of addressing the special development needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries arising from their landlockedness, remoteness and geographical constraints in a more coherent manner and thus contributing to an enhanced rate of sustainable and inclusive growth, which can contribute to the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty,

Recalling its resolutions [71/239](#) of 21 December 2016, [72/232](#) of 20 December 2017, [73/243](#) of 20 December 2018, [74/233](#) of 19 December 2019 and [75/228](#) of 21 December 2020,

Recalling also its resolution [76/217](#) of 17 December 2021, in which the General Assembly decided to convene the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries in 2024, its resolutions [77/246](#) of 30 December 2022 and [78/163](#) of 19 December 2023, which outlined modalities for the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, and its resolutions [77/329](#) of

¹ Resolution [69/137](#), annex I.

² Ibid., annex II.

³ Resolution [74/15](#).



25 August 2023 and [78/315](#) of 10 July 2024 on further modalities of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries,

Recalling further the meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries held from 5 to 8 February 2024 and on 3 June 2024 and taking note with appreciation of its outcomes, and taking note of the outcomes of the three regional review meetings of the landlocked developing countries, with one meeting in Africa, held in Gaborone on 29 and 30 May 2023, one meeting in Latin America, held in Asunción on 27 and 28 July 2023, and one meeting in Europe and Asia, held in Bangkok on 22 and 23 August 2023,

Noting with great concern the severe negative impact on 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 and implementing sustainable and inclusive recovery strategies to accelerate progress towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to help to reduce the risk of and build resilience to future shocks, crises and pandemics, including by strengthening health systems and achieving universal health coverage, and recognizing that equitable and timely access for all to safe, quality, effective and affordable COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics are an essential part of a global response based on unity, solidarity, renewed multilateral cooperation and the principle of leaving no one behind,

Looking forward to the convening of the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and the adoption of the new Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034,

Recognizing the importance of national-level implementation of the new Programme of Action and its mainstreaming into national development plans and strategies,

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,

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,

Reaffirming 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,

Looking forward to the convening of the Fourth International Conference for Financing for Development, to be held in Seville, Spain, from 30 June to 3 July 2025,

Reaffirming the Paris Agreement⁴ 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 Change⁵ that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Welcoming the convening of the Summit of the Future on 22-23 September 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, at which resolution 79/1 entitled “The Pact for the Future” and its annexes were adopted,

Reaffirming the Doha Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,⁶ which represents a new generation of renewed and strengthened commitments between the least developed countries and their development partners, including the private sector, civil society and governments at all levels, cognizant that many landlocked developing countries belong to the least developed country category,

Reaffirming also the recognition of the special needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries in the 2030 Agenda and in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries;⁷

2. *Reaffirms* the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development⁸ 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 first;

3. *Welcomes* the political declaration adopted by the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the General Assembly, held in New York on 18 and 19 September 2023,⁹ and urges timely action to ensure its full implementation;

4. *Calls upon* relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and invites international organizations and relevant regional and subregional organizations, to integrate the new Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034 into their programmes of work, as appropriate, within their respective mandates, and to support landlocked and transit developing countries in their implementation of the Programme of Action in a well-coordinated and coherent manner;

5. *Underlines* that the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States should be provided with adequate resources to fulfil its mandate for the timely and effective follow-up, monitoring and implementation of the new Programme of Action and to extend effective support to the landlocked developing countries, and requests the Secretary-General to address the allocation of adequate resources for the Office in the context of the proposed programme budget for 2026;

⁴ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

⁶ Resolution 76/258, annex.

⁷ [A/79/237](#).

⁸ Resolution 70/1.

⁹ Resolution 78/1, annex.

6. *Requests* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, major groups and other donors to contribute in a timely manner to the trust fund in support of activities undertaken by the Office of the High Representative to support the implementation of, follow-up to and monitoring of the new Programme of Action;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eightieth session a report on the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its eightieth session, under the item entitled “Groups of countries in special situations”, the sub-item entitled “Follow-up to the Third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”.

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