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Agenda item 24

### Operational activities for development

#### Report of the Second Committee\*

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 15 September 2017, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-second session the item entitled:

“Operational activities for development:

“(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

“(b) South-South cooperation for development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on the item at its 22nd and 23rd meetings, on 25 October 2017. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup> Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 5th meetings, on 2 and 3 October.<sup>2</sup> 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:

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Letter dated 27 September from the Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the forty-first annual meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77, held in New York on 22 September 2017 ([A/72/511](#))

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\* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/72/425](#), [A/72/425/Add.1](#) and [A/72/425/Add.2](#).

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.2/72/SR.22](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.23](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [A/C.2/72/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/72/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/72/SR.4](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.5](#).



Letter dated 9 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the annual ministerial meeting of the least developed countries, held in New York on 22 September 2017 ([A/72/548](#))

**Item 24 (a)**

**Operational activities for development of the United Nations system**

Report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda: ensuring a better future for all ([A/72/124-E/2018/3](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution [67/226](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: funding analysis ([A/72/61-E/2017/4](#))

**Item 24 (b)**

**South-South cooperation for development**

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation ([A/72/297](#))

4. At the 22nd meeting, on 25 October, introductory statements were made by the Director of the Office of Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under sub-item (a)) and the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation in the United Nations Development Programme (under sub-item (b)).

5. At the 25th meeting, on 17 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.<sup>3</sup>

6. At the 26th and 27th meetings, on 28 and 30 November, the Chair drew the attention of the Committee to the informal conference room papers, circulated in English only, containing the final agreed text for insertion where indicated in the relevant draft resolutions before the Committee.<sup>4</sup>

7. At the 27th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions adopted by the Committee.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See [A/C.2/72/SR.25](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [A/C.2/72/SR.26](#) and [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).

<sup>5</sup> See [A/C.2/72/SR.27](#).