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Ghana*: draft resolution

Report of the Committee for Development Planning: Criteria
for Identifying the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Recalling also the recommendation of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on the criteria for identifying the least developed among the developing countries, 1/

Taking note of paragraph (b) of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/275 of 26 July 1991 on chapter V of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session, 2/

Recognizing that the decision to include any country in the group of least developed countries should be made with its due consent,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ See A/CONF.147/18.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32), chap. V.

1. Endorses the criteria for identifying the least developed countries among the developing countries and the graduation rules recommended by the Committee for Development Planning;
2. Stresses that there is need for a smooth transition of the countries graduating out of the group of least developed countries with a view to avoiding disruption in their development plans, programmes and projects, and requests the Committee for Development Planning to recommend further specific measures in this regard;
3. Decides to provide a transitional period of five years for countries graduating from the group of least developed countries immediately after their graduation in order to avoid disruption to their development programmes;
4. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Zambia in the list of least developed countries; 3/
5. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to report to the Conference at its eighth session on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for them for the 1990s;
6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to follow his above-mentioned report to the Conference with a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the same subject and on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

3/ Ibid., para. 256.