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CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES INTO DEVELOPED, DEVELOPING, LEAST DEVELOPED
AND MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED GROUPS

Note by the Statistical Office

1. Under the terms of paragraph (c) (iii) of General Assembly resolution 31/95 B of 14 December 1976, the Committee is required to take into account "the continuing disparity between the economies of developed and developing countries".
2. Aside from the "least developed countries" (LDCs) and the "most seriously affected countries" (MSAs), no official definition exists in the United Nations classifying countries into "developed" and "developing" groups. For ease of reference, however, the attached annex lists those countries which have been characterized as developing, least developed and most seriously affected by the United Nations and other international organizations.
3. In so far as the United Nations Statistical Office (UNSO) is concerned, any reference to "developing" countries made by that Office is intended for statistical convenience and does not necessarily express a judgement about the stage reached by a particular country in the development process.

AnnexCLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES INTO DEVELOPING, LEAST DEVELOPED
AND MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED GROUPS

Member State	UNEF/ UNDOF Scale (1)	Group of 77 (2)	LDCs (3)	MSAs (4)	UNSO (5)	CDPPP (6)	UNCTAD (7)	World Bank (8)	IMF (9)	OECD (10)
AFGHANISTAN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ALBANIA	X									
ALGERIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
ANGOLA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
ARGENTINA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
AUSTRALIA										
AUSTRIA										
BAHAMAS	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
BAHRAIN	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
BANGLADESH	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BARBADOS	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
BELGIUM										
BENIN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BHUTAN	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
BOLIVIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
BOTSWANA	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
BRAZIL	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
BULGARIA	X									
BURMA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BURUNDI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CANADA										
CAPE VERDE	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CEN. AFR. EMPIRE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CHAD	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CHILE	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

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Member State	UNEP/ UNDOF Scale (1)	Group of 77 (2)	LDCs (3)	MSAs (4)	UNSO (5)	CDPPP (6)	UNCTAD (7)	World Bank (8)	IMF (9)	OECD (10)
CHINA										
COLOMBIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
COMOROS	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
CONGO	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
COSTA RICA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
CUBA	X	X			X	X	X	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	X
CYPRUS	X	X			X		X	X	X	X
CZECHOSLOVAKIA										
DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DEMOCRATIC YEMEN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DENMARK										
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
ECUADOR	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
EGYPT	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EL SALVADOR	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
ETHIOPIA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FIJI	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
FINLAND										
FRANCE										
GABON	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
GAMBIA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GERMAN DEM. REP.										
GERMANY, FED. REP. OF										
GHANA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

1/ Not covered by classification.

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GREECE	X							X		X
GRENADA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
GUATEMALA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GUINEA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GUINEA-BISSAU	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GUYANA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HAITI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HONDURAS	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HUNGARY	X									
ICELAND										
INDIA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
INDONESIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
IRAN	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
IRAQ	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
IRELAND										
ISRAEL	X					X	X	X	X	X
ITALY										
IVORY COAST	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
JAMAICA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
JAPAN										
JORDAN	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
KENYA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
KUWAIT	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
LAO PEOPLE'S DEM. REP.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LEBANON	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

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LESOTHO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LIBERIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
LUXEMBOURG										
MADAGASCAR	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MALAWI	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
MALAYSIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
MALDIVES	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
MALI	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MALTA	X	X					X	X		X
MAURITANIA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MAURITIUS	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
MEXICO	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
MONGOLIA	X				X	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
MOROCCO	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
MOZAMBIQUE	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NEPAL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NETHERLANDS										
NEW ZEALAND										
NICARAGUA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
NIGER	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NIGERIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
NORWAY										
OMAN	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
PAKISTAN	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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PANAMA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
PARAGUAY	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
PERU	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
PHILIPPINES	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
POLAND										
PORTUGAL	X							X		X
QATAR	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
ROMANIA	X	X								
RWANDA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SAMOA	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
SAUDI ARABIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
SENEGAL	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SEYCHELLES	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
SIERRA LEONE	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SINGAPORE	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
SOMALIA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SOUTH AFRICA										
SPAIN	X							X		X
SRI LANKA	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SUDAN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SURINAM	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
SWAZILAND	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
SWEDEN										

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SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
THAILAND	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
TOGO	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
TUNISIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
TURKEY	X				X			X		X
UGANDA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
USSR										
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
UNITED KINGDOM										
UNITED REP. OF CAMEROON	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UNITED REP. OF TANZANIA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
UNITED STATES										
UPPER VOLTA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
URUGUAY	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
VENEZUELA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
YEMEN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
YUGOSLAVIA	X	X						X		X
ZAIRE	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
ZAMBIA	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X

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Notes:

- Column (1): In financing the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) countries marked "X" under this column are termed "economically less developed Member States" for the purpose of paragraphs 2 (c) and 2 (d) of General Assembly resolutions 31/5 C and D.
- Column (2): Countries marked "X" under this column are members of the Group of 77.
- Column (3): Countries marked "X" under this column are the least developed among the developing countries as approved by the General Assembly in resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3487 (XXX).
- Column (4): Countries marked "X" under this column are included in the Secretary-General's list of most seriously affected developing countries.
- Columns (5), (6) and (7): Countries marked "X" under these columns are classified as developing countries by the United Nations Statistical Office (UNSO), the Centre for Development Planning, Projections and Policies (CDPPP) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), respectively. The reference to "developing" countries is intended for statistical convenience and does not necessarily express a judgement about the stage reached by a particular country in the development process.
- Columns (8), (9) and (10): Countries marked "X" under these columns are classified as developing countries by the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), respectively.
