



General Assembly

Distr.: General
6 December 2019

Original: English

Seventy-fourth session

Agenda item 23 (b)

Operational activities for development: South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. David Mulet Lind (Guatemala)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 23 (see [A/74/385](#), para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 23rd and 25th meetings, on 21 and 26 November 2019. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹

II. Consideration of proposals

Draft resolutions [A/C.2/74/L.39](#) and [A/C.2/74/L.65](#)

2. At the 23rd meeting, on 21 November, the observer for the State of Palestine, on behalf of the States that are members of the Group of 77 and China, taking into account also the provisions of General Assembly resolution [73/5](#) of 16 October 2018, introduced a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" ([A/C.2/74/L.39](#)).

3. At its 25th meeting, on 26 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution ([A/C.2/74/L.65](#)), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Anat Fisher-Tsin (Israel), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution [A/C.2/74/L.39](#).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution [A/C.2/74/L.65](#) had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.2/74/L.65](#) (see para. 8).

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/74/385](#), [A/74/385/Add.1](#) and [A/74/385/Add.2](#).

¹ See [A/C.2/74/SR.23](#) and [A/C.2/74/SR.25](#).



6. Also at the 25th meeting, following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Japan and Mexico.

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution [A/C.2/74/L.65](#), draft resolution [A/C.2/74/L.39](#) was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution [73/291](#) of 15 April 2019, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

Reaffirming also its resolution [64/222](#) of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

Reaffirming further its resolution [33/134](#) of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,¹

Recalling its resolutions [57/270 B](#) of 23 June 2003, [60/212](#) of 22 December 2005, [62/209](#) of 19 December 2007, [63/233](#) of 19 December 2008, [64/1](#) of 6 October 2009, [66/219](#) of 22 December 2011, [67/227](#) of 21 December 2012, [68/230](#) of 20 December 2013, [69/239](#) of 19 December 2014, [70/222](#) of 22 December 2015, [71/244](#) of 21 December 2016, [72/237](#) of 20 December 2017 and [73/249](#) of 20 December 2018,

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,

Reaffirming also 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,

Reaffirming further the Paris Agreement² 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 Change³ that have not yet done so to

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August–12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

² Adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21, annex.

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

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,

1. *Welcomes* the convening of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires from 20 to 22 March 2019 and its outcome document,⁴ and calls upon the international community to support the full implementation of the outcome document of the second High-level Conference;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;⁵

3. *Reaffirms its support* for the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, and calls upon the Committee to dedicate its twentieth session, to be held in 2020, to the implementation of the outcome document of the second High-level Conference on South-South Cooperation;

4. *Reaffirms* the commitment at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda 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;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-fifth session, under the item entitled “Operational activities for development”, the sub-item entitled “South-South cooperation for development”, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session a comprehensive report on the state of South-South cooperation, including the implementation of the outcome document of the second High-level Conference.

⁴ Resolution [73/291](#), annex.

⁵ [A/74/336](#).