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## Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

### Report of the Second Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2019, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fourth session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the purpose of discussing their working methods, as well as considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 1st and 26th meetings, on 2 October and 27 November 2019. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup>

#### II. Consideration of proposals

##### A. Draft decision proposed by the Chair

3. At its 26th meeting, on 27 November, on the proposal of the Chair, the Committee adopted a decision on the revitalization of its work (see para. 8, draft decision I).

4. Following the adoption of the decision, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (also on behalf of Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and

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<sup>1</sup> See [A/C.2/74/SR.1](#) and [A/C.2/74/SR.26](#).



Northern Ireland and the United States of America) and Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand).

**B. Draft decision contained in document [A/C.2/74/L.72](#)**

5. At its 26th meeting, on 27 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision on its draft programme of work for the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly ([A/C.2/74/L.72](#)), as submitted by the Bureau of the Committee.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision on its draft programme of work for the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly, as contained in document [A/C.2/74/L.72](#), and recommended its adoption by the Assembly (see para. 8, draft decision II).

### III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

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

#### **Draft decision I**

#### **Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee**

The General Assembly:

- (a) Recalls its resolution [73/341](#) of 12 September 2019;
- (b) Decides that the Bureau of the Second Committee will convene informal dialogues to discuss the revitalization of the Committee's work in December 2019 and in the first months of 2020;
- (c) Also decides that the Second Committee will convene a plenary meeting following those dialogues to take stock of the deliberations and, as appropriate, take action on any recommendations, for subsequent approval by the Assembly, to allow any change to come into effect ahead of the seventy-fifth session.

#### **Draft decision II**

#### **Draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly:

- (a) Approves, subject to any subsequent decision by the Assembly, the draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly as set out below;
- (b) Invites the Bureau of the Second Committee at the seventy-fifth session, in preparing the draft programme of work and timetable of the Committee for the seventy-fifth session, to take into account the provisional programme of work and timetable of the Committee as contained in conference room paper [A/C.2/74/CRP.1](#).

#### **Draft programme of work<sup>1</sup>**

1. Information and communications technologies for sustainable development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions and sub-items.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.
4. Sustainable development and sub-items.
5. Global Code of Ethics for Tourism.
6. Follow-up to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
7. Globalization and interdependence and sub-items.
8. Groups of countries in special situations and sub-items.

<sup>1</sup> In order not to prejudge the outcome of the informal consultation process of the Second Committee on the revitalization of its work, the main items are listed without their sub-items.

9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues and sub-items.
  10. Operational activities for development and sub-items.
  11. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition and sub-items.
  12. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.
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