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**Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:
Summary of progress in the implementation of resolutions relating
to countries with special needs**

(Agenda item 3 (c))

Draft resolution

Sponsored by: Mongolia
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**Support for the establishment of an international think tank of
landlocked developing countries**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 58/201 of 23 December 2003, in which the Assembly endorsed the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries,¹

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 63/2 of 3 October 2008, in which the Assembly adopted the outcome document of the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action, paragraph 26 of which welcomed “the proposal to set up in Ulaanbaatar an international think tank to enhance the analytical capability of landlocked developing countries...”, and urged “international organizations and donor countries to assist them in realizing this initiative”,

Recalling further Commission resolution 63/5 of 23 May 2007 on the midterm review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action, in which

¹ *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003 (A/CONF.202/3), annex I.*

it requested the Executive Secretary, among other things, “to strengthen capacity-building activities for government agencies of landlocked and transit developing countries in the field of trade facilitation in order to establish a transparent, consistent and predictable environment for conducting international trade”,

1. *Expresses its support for* the proposal by the Government of Mongolia to set up in Ulaanbaatar an international think tank to enhance the analytical capability of landlocked developing countries needed to maximize the efficiency of coordinated efforts for the effective implementation of the internationally agreed provisions, particularly the Almaty Programme of Action and the Millennium Development Goals;

2. *Invites* Governments, donor countries, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, international and regional financial institutions and organizations, as well as the private sector and academic institutions, to support the landlocked developing countries in realizing the establishment of the proposed international think tank;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the necessary advisory and technical support, in collaboration with regional and global stakeholders, with regard to preparations for the setting up of the proposed think tank;

4. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to designate the relevant unit of the secretariat as the Commission’s focal point to assist in the coordination of regional efforts and the provision, upon request of governments, of advisory and technical services to help materialize the proposal.

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