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Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2020, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-fifth session the item entitled:

“Globalization and interdependence:

“(a) Globalization and interdependence;

“(b) International migration and development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. At its 1st meeting, on 5 October 2020, the Committee, taking into account the situation regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, limitations on meetings held on United Nations premises as precautionary measures aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19, as well as available technological and procedural solutions, and bearing in mind the conference room paper of the Bureau of the Second Committee on the work of the Committee during the seventy-fifth session of the General Assembly,¹ approved the working arrangements of the Committee for the seventy-fifth session as set out in the organization of work of the Committee.²

3. The Committee convened a virtual informal meeting on 9 October 2020 to hear introductory statements and hold a general discussion on the item jointly with agenda item 16, “Information and communications technologies for sustainable development”. The proceedings of the virtual informal meeting, as well as written statements submitted under the item, are reflected in the annex to the present document. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 1st to 4th meetings,

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/75/460](#), [A/75/460/Add.1](#) and [A/75/460/Add.2](#).

¹ Available at www.un.org/en/ga/second/75/bureau-paper.pdf.

² See [A/C.2/75/L.1](#).



on 5, 6, 8 and 9 October 2020.³ Action on the item was taken at the 5th and 6th meetings, on 18 and 24 November 2020.⁴

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Item 22

Globalization and interdependence

No documents were submitted under this item.

Item 22 (a)

Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Secretary-General entitled “Towards a New International Economic Order” ([A/75/325](#))

Item 22 (b)

International migration and development

Report of the Secretary-General on international migration and development ([A/75/292](#))

³ See [A/C.2/75/SR.1](#), [A/C.2/75/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/75/SR.3](#) and [A/C.2/75/SR.4](#).

⁴ See [A/C.2/75/SR.5](#) and [A/C.2/75/SR.6](#).

Annex

General discussion

1. In accordance with its agreed organization of work ([A/C.2/75/L.1](#)), the Second Committee held a general discussion on agenda item 22 jointly with agenda item 16, “Information and communications technologies for sustainable development”, during an informal virtual meeting on 9 October 2020, during which it heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under item 22 (a)) and the Director of the Population Division in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (under item 22 (b)).
2. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Malawi (on behalf of the least developed countries), Malaysia (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries), Ghana (on behalf of the African States), Singapore, Kenya, India, Honduras, Bangladesh, China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Bhutan, El Salvador, Qatar, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Libya, Ukraine, Ecuador and Sri Lanka, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.
3. Statements delivered under the item, including written statements submitted under the item that were provided to the Secretariat, are available in the Second Committee Place of e-deleGATE and the eStatements section of the *Journal of the United Nations* online.¹

¹ See <https://delegate.un.int/dgacm/delegate.nsf/xpPlaceC2.xsp> and <https://journal.un.org/en/meeting/officials/8a3bd3f9-2efe-ea11-9116-0050569e8b67/2020-10-9/statements>.