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Second session

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Draft report

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I. Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions [73/242](#), [74/232 A and B](#) and [75/227](#), the Preparatory Committee for the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held its second session at Headquarters from 26 to 30 July 2021.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening of the session

2. The session was opened by the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, Rabab Fatima (Bangladesh) and Robert Keith Rae (Canada), who made statements.

B. Officers

3. The officers of the Preparatory Committee were as follows:

Co-Chairs:

Rabab Fatima (Bangladesh)
Robert Keith Rae (Canada)

Vice-Chairs:

Marie Chatardová (Czechia)
Taye Atskeselassie Amde (Ethiopia)
Antonio Rodrigue (Haiti)
Amrit Bahadur Rai (Nepal)
Julio César Arriola Ramírez (Paraguay) (Rapporteur)
Feridun Hadi Sinirlioğlu (Turkey)
Adonia Ayebare (Uganda)



Ex officio:

Perks Master Clemency Ligoya (Malawi)
Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani (Qatar)

III. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 26 July 2021, the Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda and organization of work as follows (see [A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/4/Rev.1](#)):

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the second session of the Preparatory Committee.
3. Organizational preparations for the Conference:
 - (a) Approval of the provisional agenda of the Conference;
 - (b) Approval of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference;
 - (c) Decision on the modalities of the high-level thematic round tables of the Conference.
4. Substantive preparations for the Conference.
5. Draft outcome document of the Conference.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

IV. Organizational preparations for the Conference

5. At its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference ([A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/L.4](#)), to be recommended for adoption by the Conference.

6. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved a draft decision on the modalities of the high-level thematic round tables of the Conference ([A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/L.5](#)).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved its recommendation to the General Assembly on the extension of its work ([A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/CRP.1](#)).

8. *[to be completed]*

V. Substantive preparations for the Conference

9. At its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered the substantive preparations for the Conference. Statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and Secretary-General of the Conference; the Deputy Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations, Jassim Sayar Al-Maawda, in his capacity as a representative of the host country of the Conference; the youth representative from the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organizations, Fahmida Faiza; the Chair of LDC Watch, Demba Moussa Dembele; and the Secretary-General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Martin Chungong (via pre-recorded video statement).

VI. Draft outcome document of the Conference

10. At its 1st meeting, the Preparatory Committee heard an introduction to the zero draft of the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for 2022–2031 by the Permanent Representative of Malawi to the United Nations and Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries.

11. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Guinea (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the European Union, Morocco, Indonesia, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States) and Turkey.

VII. Action by the Preparatory Committee

A. Decisions of the Preparatory Committee

12. *[to be completed]*

B. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

13. *[to be completed]*

VIII. Attendance

14. For the list of participants, see document A/CONF.219/2021/IPC/INF/___.

Annex

Documentation

[to be completed]
