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Agenda item 21

## Eradication of poverty and other development issues

### Report of the Second Committee\*

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### Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-eighth session, the item entitled

“Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

“(a) Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027);

“(b) Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee held a general discussion, considered proposals and took action on the item at its 16th, 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd and 25th meetings, on 11 and 12 October and on 9, 20 and 22 November 2023. An account of the Committee’s consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.<sup>1</sup> Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings from 2 to 4 October 2023.<sup>2</sup> An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

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

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\* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/78/464](#), [A/78/464/Add.1](#) and [A/78/464/Add.2](#).

<sup>1</sup> See [A/C.2/78/SR.16](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.17](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.18](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.21](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.22](#) and [A/C.2/78/SR.25](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [A/C.2/78/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.4](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.5](#) and [A/C.2/78/SR.6](#).



**Item 21 (a)**  
**Implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027)**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2018–2027) ([A/78/239](#)).

**Item 21 (b)**  
**Eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

Report of the Secretary-General on eradicating rural poverty to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ([A/78/238](#)).

4. At its 16th plenary meeting on 11 October 2023, the Committee heard introductory statements, under item 21 (a), by the Acting Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and, under item 21 (b), by the Director of the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (by video link).

5. At the 21st meeting, on 21 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.

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