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Agenda item 21

### Groups of countries in special situations\*

#### Report of the Second Committee

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#### I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2024, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-ninth session the item entitled:

“Groups of countries in special situations:

- “(a) Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
- “(b) Follow-up to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 20th meeting, on 21 October 2024, heard the introduction of draft proposals under the item at its 21st meeting, on 13 November, and considered proposals at its 23rd and 25th meetings, on 25 and 26 November. 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, 9th, 13th and 19th meetings, on 7 to 10, 15 and 18 October.<sup>2</sup>

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/79/440](#), [A/79/440/Add.1](#) and [A/79/440/Add.2](#).

<sup>1</sup> [A/C.2/79/SR.20](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.21](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.23](#) and [A/C.2/79/SR.25](#).

<sup>2</sup> See [A/C.2/79/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.4](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.5](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.6](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.9](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.13](#) and [A/C.2/79/SR.19](#).



**Item 21 (a)**

**Follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries**

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries ([A/79/75-E/2024/8](#))
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on multi-hazard early warning systems in the least developed countries ([A/79/288](#))
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General on an online university for least developed countries ([A/79/346](#))
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation, effectiveness and added value of smooth transition measures and graduation support ([A/79/504](#))
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on an international investment support centre for the least developed countries ([A/79/505](#))
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on food insecurity in the least developed countries: modalities, terms of reference, governance and support structures for the Food Stockholding Mechanism for the Least Developed Countries ([A/79/540](#))
- (g) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries ([A/79/239](#))

**Item 21 (b)**

**Follow-up to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 ([A/79/237](#))

4. At the 20th meeting, on 21 October, the Managing Director of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries made an introductory statement, also on behalf of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, and responded to questions posed and comments made by the representatives of Eritrea, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Gambia, Cabo Verde and Türkiye.

5. At the 21st meeting, on 13 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee; at the 23rd meeting, on 25 November, the representatives of Colombia and Israel made statements with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee; at the 23rd, 24th and 26th meetings, on 25 to 27 November, the representative of the Russian Federation made statements with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee; and at the 23rd to 26th meetings, on 25 to 27 November, representatives of Argentina made statements with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See [A/C.2/79/SR.21](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.23](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.24](#), [A/C.2/79/SR.25](#) and [A/C.2/79/SR.26](#).