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Addendum

Introduction

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 5 bis, 15, 20, 21, 27 bis (u), 71, 75 bis (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-24/2/Add.2 (Part III)) at its ... meeting on ... June 2000.

At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended the paragraphs, as amended, to the special session for adoption:

- (a) Paragraph 5 bis was replaced by the following:

“Urge the international community, particularly creditor and debtor countries and pertinent international financial institutions, to identify and implement development-oriented and durable solutions to external debt and debt-servicing problems of developing countries, which constitute an element affecting the development efforts and economic growth, inter alia, through debt relief, including the option of ODA debt cancellation and thereby strengthen the efforts of the Government of such countries to attain the full realization of the economic, social and cultural rights of their people”;

- (b) Paragraph 15 was replaced by the following:

“Support the Cologne initiative for the reduction of debt, particularly the speedy implementation of the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative, and welcome commitments to ensure that additional financing is mobilized to fully fund HIPC debt relief over the longer term and the provision that funds saved should be used to support anti-poverty programmes and social development”;

- (c) Paragraph 20 was replaced by the following:

“Encourage relevant bodies of the United Nations system to address the issue of corruption which undermines the efforts made and efficient use of resources for social development and in that context, take note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which recommended that the General Assembly adopt a resolution to start the elaboration of an effective international legal instrument against corruption and encourage relevant bodies of the United Nations system to give it serious consideration”;

- (d) In paragraph 21 the brackets and bolding were removed;

- (e) Subparagraph 27 bis (u) was replaced by the following:

“Using health policies as an instrument for poverty eradication, along the lines of the World Health Organization (WHO) strategy on poverty and health, develop sustainable and effectively managed pro-poor health systems which focus on the major diseases and health problems affecting the poor, achieving greater equity in health financing, and take also into account the provision of and universal access to high quality primary health care throughout the life cycle, including sexual and reproductive health care, not later than 2015, as well as health education programmes, clean water and safe sanitation, nutrition, food security and immunization programmes”;

- (f) Paragraph 71 was replaced by the following text:

“Take fully into account and implement the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled ‘Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century’”;

- (g) Subparagraph 75 bis (a) was replaced by the following:

“Strengthening health-care services, including sexual and reproductive health”;

- (h) Subparagraph 75 bis (c) was replaced by the following:

“Training health-care providers in all areas of HIV/AIDS and STI prevention and control and giving special attention to the avoidance of contaminating equipment and blood products, the need to ensure safe blood supply and to the avoidance of reusing or sharing needles among injecting drug users”;

- (i) Subparagraph 75 bis (d) was replaced by the following:

“Developing and implementing strategies to prevent mother-to-child transmission”;

- (j) Subparagraph 75 bis (e) was replaced by the following:

“Promoting analyses of the political, cultural, social, economic and legal aspects of HIV/AIDS, in order to develop strategies and measures to address the epidemic and its impact on national development”;

- (k) Subparagraph 75 bis (f) was replaced by the following:

“Providing social and educational support to communities, households, orphans and children affected by HIV and AIDS”.
