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### **Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole**

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#### **Addendum**

#### **Introduction**

The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered paragraphs 6 (a), (b), 7, 8 (c), 9 and 80 bis 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) The chapeau of paragraph 6, as well as subparagraphs 6 (a) and 6 (b) were replaced by the following paragraph, which becomes paragraph 6:

“Enhance positive interaction among environmental, economic and social policies as also being essential for the successful attainment of the Social Summit goals by promoting the coordinated and simultaneous consideration of this objective in the process

of policy formulation, and recognizing continuously the impact of social, economic and financial policies on employment and sustainable livelihoods, poverty and social development.”;

(b) Paragraph 7 was replaced by the following:

“Acknowledging that there is no single universal path to achieving social development and recognizing the importance of sharing information by Member States on their national experiences and best practices in social development on the basis of equality and mutual respect, requests the ECOSOC to consider, through the Commission for Social Development, ways of sharing these experiences and practices, to assist Member States in the development of policies to promote the goals of the Summit.”;

(c) Paragraph 8 (c) was replaced by the following:

“Increasing and improving access of products and services of developing countries to international markets through, inter alia, the negotiated reduction of tariff barriers and the elimination of non-tariff barriers which unjustifiably hinder trade of developing countries, according to the multilateral trading system;”

(d) A new subparagraph was inserted following subparagraph 8 (c), which read:

“Increasing and improving access of products and services of countries with economies in transition to international markets;”

(e) Both versions of paragraph 9 were replaced by the following:

“Take steps with a view to the avoidance of, and refrain from any unilateral measure, not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations that impedes the full achievement of economic and social development by the population of the affected countries, in particular women, children and persons with special needs, that hinders their well-being and that creates obstacles to the full enjoyment of their human rights, including the right of everyone to a standard of living adequate for their health and well-being and their right to food, medical care, and the necessary social services. Ensure that food and medicine are not used as a tool for political pressure.”;

(f) Paragraph 80 bis was deleted.

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