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**Economic and environmental questions:
sustainable development****Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès
(Haiti), on the basis of informal consultations****Inclusion of Papua New Guinea in the list of least
developed countries**

The Economic and Social Council, taking note of recommendation 1 of the Committee for Development Policy that Papua New Guinea be included in the list of least developed countries (subject to the Government's acceptance),¹ and taking note also of the letter dated 21 July 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat,² decides to defer consideration of the Committee's recommendation to the 2007 substantive session of the Council.

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 13 (E/2006/33)*, chap. I, sect. A.

² E/2006/91.

