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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Léo Mérorès (Haiti), on the basis of information consultations

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 59/209 of 20 December 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries,

Recalling also its resolution 2004/66 of 5 November 2004,

Recalling further the relevant paragraphs in the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Council of 2007,¹

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session;²

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee regarding the additional guidelines on the process for inclusion in and graduation of countries from the list of least developed countries, in order to clarify and enhance the transparency of the existing procedures;³

3. *Takes note* of the decision of the Committee to establish guidelines to monitor the progress of graduated countries, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 59/209.⁴

¹ E/2007/L.13.

² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2007, Supplement No. 13 (E/2007/33)*.

³ *Ibid.*, chap. IV, sect. F, para. 23.

⁴ *Ibid.*, chap. V, para. 4.