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**Economic and environmental questions:
sustainable development**

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

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2004/66 of 5 November 2004,

Recalling also its decisions 2006/253 of 28 July 2006, 2006/266 of 15 December 2006 and 2007/212 of 15 March 2007 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session,¹ as well as the letter dated 5 April 2007 from the Chairperson of the Committee for Development Policy addressed to the President of the Council,²

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

Expressing its conviction that no country graduating from the least developed countries category should have its positive development disrupted or reversed, but should be able to continue and sustain its progress and development,

1. *Requests the Committee for Development Policy to continue developing a consistent set of criteria that can be applied to all recommendations regarding the inclusion in and graduation from the list of least developed countries, with due account being taken of economic vulnerability as a structural characteristic of the least developed countries;*

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

² E/2007/12.

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee that Samoa be graduated from the list of least developed countries;³

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take note of the recommendation of the Committee that Samoa be graduated from the list of least developed countries.

³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 13 (E/2006/33), chap. I, sect. A, recommendation 2.*