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### Committee for Programme and Coordination

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Agenda item 8

#### Adoption of the report of the Committee on its forty-ninth session

### Draft report

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#### Addendum

### Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination within the framework of its mandate

(Item 6)

1. At its 10th meeting, on 18 June 2009, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered the improvement of its working methods and procedures within the framework of its mandate.
2. The Committee had before it a compendium of its conclusions and recommendations on the item from the thirty-eighth to forty-eighth sessions.

#### Discussion

3. Delegations expressed the view that the working methods of the Committee had been greatly improved in recent years. The outcome of the forty-seventh session, in particular, had represented a breakthrough after years of arduous negotiations. It was important for the Committee to acknowledge and endorse that outcome.
4. Given the satisfactory state of the working methods, the view was expressed that no substantial changes to those methods could be envisaged at present and that, consequently, the item should no longer be formally maintained on the agenda of the Committee each year. Instead, time that was currently being spent discussing working methods could be used for the consideration of substantive matters.



5. Delegations were also of the view, however, that the Committee must nevertheless maintain constant attention as to the improvement of its working methods and practices. If it were to decide not to include the item in its agenda for subsequent sessions, the Committee should agree on a method whereby any member could raise important matters or new proposals relating to working methods as and when needed. Options would be to change the periodicity of the item, including it in the agenda in alternate years, to have Committee members raise issues regarding working methods under an agenda item entitled "Other matters" or to discuss the relevant matters under the agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work", which could be taken up by the Committee at any time during its session.

#### **Conclusions and recommendations**

6. **The Committee reaffirmed its role as the main subsidiary organ of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly for planning, programming and coordination.**

7. **The Committee recognized the importance of improving its working methods within the framework of its mandate and expressed satisfaction with all efforts made and progress achieved in that regard.**

8. **The Committee reaffirmed the conclusions and decisions adopted at its forty-seventh session.**

9. **The Committee decided not to include the agenda item entitled "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" in future sessions, and also decided to discuss related matters under the agenda item entitled "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work" as and when needed.**

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