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### Report of the Economic and Social Council

#### Yemen: \* draft resolution

### Extension of the transition period preceding graduation of Samoa from least developed country status

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 59/209 of 20 December 2004 and 62/97 of 17 December 2007,

*Reaffirming its commitment* to the process of graduation from least developed country status and to encouraging smooth transition measures for graduating countries,

*Giving due consideration* to the unprecedented human and material losses which Samoa suffered as a result of the Pacific Ocean tsunami of 29 September 2009, and to the severe disruption this natural disaster caused to the socio-economic progress the nation had, for several years, been demonstrating,

*Inviting* the international community to further support the rehabilitation, reconstruction and risk reduction efforts undertaken by the Government of Samoa in a context of special difficulties owing to the impact of the global economic crisis,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at the consequences for Samoa of the Pacific Ocean tsunami of 29 September 2009;

2. *Decides* to extend by a period of three years, until 1 January 2014, the transition period Samoa is presently benefiting from, until 16 December 2010, before graduation from least developed country status takes place;

3. *Underlines* the exceptional nature of this decision, taken in the context of the unique disruption caused to Samoa by the tsunami.

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

