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Agenda item 13 (a)

### Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development

**Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Miloš Koterec (Slovakia), on the basis of informal consultations**

### **Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirteenth session**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 59/209 of 20 December 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries, 65/286 of 29 June 2011 on implementing the smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries and 61/16 of 20 November 2006 on strengthening of the Economic and Social Council,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 65/280 of 17 June 2011 on the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 1998/46 of 31 July 1998, 2007/34 of 27 July 2007, 2009/35 of 31 July 2009, and 2010/9 of 22 July 2010,

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

*Acknowledging* the contribution that the Committee for Development Policy can make to further strengthening the work of the Council by broadening and deepening the use of the expertise available in the Committee,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirteenth session;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Requests* the Committee for Development Policy, at its fourteenth session, to examine and make recommendations on the themes chosen by the Economic and Social Council for the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012;

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<sup>1</sup> E/2011/33 and Corr.1.



3. *Takes note* of the proposals made by the Committee regarding its future programme of work, in particular the monitoring of the development progress of Cape Verde and Maldives and the review of the existing smooth transition mechanisms to identify how they can be further strengthened or improved and better monitored;

4. *Recalls* its endorsement of the recommendation of the Committee that Equatorial Guinea be graduated from the list of least developed countries;

5. *Reiterates* its recommendation<sup>2</sup> that the General Assembly take note of the recommendation of the Committee that Equatorial Guinea be graduated from the list of least developed countries;

6. *Welcomes* the outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011, and notes the contributions of the Committee to the Conference;

7. *Requests* the Committee to monitor the development progress of countries graduating from the list of least developed countries and to include its findings in its annual report to the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Reiterates* the importance for development and trading partners to implement concrete measures in support of the transition strategy for ensuring durable graduation;

9. *Decides* to hold, within existing resources, more frequent interactions with the Committee for Development Policy and invites the Chair and, as necessary, other members of the Committee to meet with the Council, including, as appropriate:

(a) To discuss, prior to the annual substantive session of the Council, the views and recommendations on the themes of the high-level segment and other relevant issues contained in the annual report of the Committee to the Council;

(b) To exchange views, during the general segment, on the programme of work of the Committee on the themes to be addressed by the Council at the high-level segment of its following substantive session and on other pertinent issues that the Committee wishes to bring to the attention of the Council.

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<sup>2</sup> See resolution 2009/35 of 31 July 2009 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session.