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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

Agenda item 19: Sustainable development (continued)

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.19 and A/C.2/69/L.56)

Draft resolutions on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/C.2/69/L.19 and A/C.2/69/L.56)

1. The Chair invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.56, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.19. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

- 2. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.56 was adopted.
- 3. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.19 was withdrawn.
 - (f) Convention on Biological Diversity (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.10 and A/C.2/69/L.55)

Draft resolutions on implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development (A/C.2/69/L.10 and A/C.2/69/L.55)

4. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.55, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.10. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Ms. Francis (Bahamas) noted an addition to the 5. third preambular paragraph, which should now read: "Recalling further its resolution 68/309 of 10 September 2014, in which it welcomed the report of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and decided that the proposal of the Open Working Group contained in the report shall be the main basis for integrating sustainable development goals into the post-2015 development agenda, while recognizing that other inputs will also be considered, in the intergovernmental negotiation process at the sixtyninth session of the General Assembly,".

6. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.55, as orally corrected, was adopted.

7. **Ms. McKenzie** (Canada) said that although her delegation had not blocked the consensus, it noted that the resolution referred to "indigenous peoples and local communities", whereas the Convention referred to "indigenous and local communities". The language of the resolution should be used only on an exceptional basis, where appropriate, and not in place of the language of the Convention. To do otherwise could create confusion about legal obligations with respect to the Convention.

8. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.10 was withdrawn.

(g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (continued) (A/C.2/69/L.7 and A/C.2/69/L.57)

Draft resolutions on the report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/C.2/69/L.7 and A/C.2/69/L.57)

9. The Chair invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.57, submitted by Ms. Francis (Bahamas), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.7. He took it that the Committee agreed to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure.

10. It was so decided.

11. **The Chair** said that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

12. Ms. Whyte (Barbados), facilitator, drew attention to two changes in the draft resolution. Paragraph 3 should now read: "Recognizes that the United Nations will Programme Environment participate, as appropriate, in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda and its summit;". Paragraph 7 should read: "Recalls paragraph 88 (b) of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, and also recalls its resolution 68/248 of 27 December 2013;".

13. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.57, as orally corrected, was adopted.

14. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.7 was withdrawn.

Agenda item 23: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (*continued*)

(b) Industrial development cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/69/L.29 and A/C.2/69/L.58)

Draft resolutions on industrial development cooperation (A/C.2/69/L.29 and A/C.2/69/L.58)

15. The Chair invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.58, submitted by Ms. Tham (Singapore), the Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.29. He took it that the Committee agreed to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure.

16. It was so decided.

17. **The Chair** said that the resolution contained no programme budget implications.

- 18. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.58 was adopted.
- 19. Draft resolution A/C.2/69/L.29 was withdrawn.

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.