



Seventieth session
Agenda item 120

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2015, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventieth session the item entitled “Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly” and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 6th, 33rd, 35th and 36th meetings, on 9 October, 25 November and 10 and 14 December 2015. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹
3. At its 6th meeting, on 9 October, the Committee held a discussion on its working methods under the item. The Chair of the Committee (Slovenia) made an introductory statement.

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft decision contained in document [A/C.2/70/L.51](#)

4. At its 35th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled “Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee” ([A/C.2/70/L.51](#)), submitted by the Chair.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.

¹ [A/C.2/70/SR.6](#), [A/C.2/70/SR.33](#), [A/C.2/70/SR.35](#) and [A/C.2/70/SR.36](#).



6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 9, draft decision I).

B. Draft decision contained in document [A/C.2/70/L.76](#)

7. At its 36th meeting, on 14 December, the Committee had before it its draft programme of work for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly ([A/C.2/70/L.76](#)), submitted by the Chair on the basis of consultations held with the Bureau of the Committee.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted its draft programme of work for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly, as contained in document [A/C.2/70/L.76](#), and recommended its approval by the Assembly (see para. 9, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Revitalization of the work of the Second Committee

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 69/321 of 11 September 2015 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, decides that the Second Committee shall convene a meeting early in 2016 to continue its discussion on the revitalization of the work of the Committee.

Draft decision II

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly approves the programme of work of the Second Committee for the seventy-first session of the Assembly¹ as set out below:

1. Information and communications technologies for development.
2. Macroeconomic policy questions:
 - (a) International trade and development;
 - (b) International financial system and development;
 - (c) External debt sustainability and development.
3. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development.
4. Sustainable development:
 - (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;
 - (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;
 - (c) Disaster risk reduction;
 - (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind;
 - (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

¹ Unless otherwise agreed in the discussions on the revitalization of the Second Committee.

- (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;
 - (g) Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme;
 - (h) Harmony with Nature;
 - (i) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy;
 - (j) Sustainable mountain development.
5. Implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conferences on Human Settlements and on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat).
 6. Globalization and interdependence:
 - (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;
 - (b) International migration and development.
 7. Groups of countries in special situations:
 - (a) Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;
 - (b) Follow-up to the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries.
 8. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:
 - (a) Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);
 - (b) Industrial development cooperation.
 9. Operational activities for development:
 - (a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
 - (b) South-South cooperation for development.
 10. Agriculture development, food security and nutrition.
 11. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.
