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

Agenda item 18: Macroeconomic policy questions (continued)

(c) External debt sustainability and development (continued) (A/C.2/70/L.32)

Draft resolution on external debt sustainability and development (A/C.2/70/L.32)

1. **Mr. Marobe** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.32 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and said that the annual forum of the Economic and Social Council on follow-up to financing for development should consider how to improve sovereign debt restructuring, taking into account the roles and mandates of the United Nations and international financial institutions pursuant to relevant resolutions.

Agenda item 19: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the International Conferences on Financing for Development (continued) (A/C.2/70/L.29)

Draft resolution on follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (A/C.2/70/L.29)

2. **Mr. Marobe** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.29 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 20: Sustainable development (continued)

(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 (continued) (A/C.2/70/L.31)

Draft resolution on implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda (A/C.2/70/L.31)

3. **Mr. Marobe** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.31 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 25: Operational activities for development (continued)

(b) South-South cooperation for development (continued) (A/C.2/70/L.33)

Draft resolution on South-South cooperation (A/C.2/70/L.33)

4. **Mr. Marobe** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.33 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 26: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (continued) (A/C.2/70/L.34)

Draft resolution on agriculture development, food security and nutrition (A/C.2/70/L.34)

5. **Mr. Marobe** (South Africa) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.34 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Agenda item 20: Sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/70/L.30)

Draft resolution on sustainable tourism and sustainable development in Central America (A/C.2/70/L.30)

Mr. Zamora Rivas (El Salvador) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.30 on behalf of the States members of the Central American Integration System and said that Ukraine wished to join the sponsors. Sustainable tourism was an engine of economic and social development since it contributed to employment, income and hard currency reserves and helped eradicate poverty. It should therefore be boosted through sustainable policies and practices that minimized the impact on the environment and on the cultural heritage of the region. Central America was vulnerable to climate change and immediate preventive, adaptation and response measures were needed. Resolutions adopted at the United Nations, and the work of the World Tourism Organization in particular, were important for defining policies on environmental protection, respect for culture and inclusive economic management as prerequisites for sustainable tourism.

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Agenda item 18: Macroeconomic policy questions (continued)

(a) International trade and development (continued) (A/C.2/70/L.28)

Draft resolution on consumer protection (A/C.2/70/L.28)

- 7. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.28, submitted by Mr. Chandra (Indonesia), Vice-Chair of the Committee. The resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 8. Draft resolution A/C.2/70/L.28 was adopted.

Organization of work

- 9. **The Chair** said that said that he would write to the President of the General Assembly to request an extension of the work of the Second Committee until Monday 7 December.
- 10. **Ms. von Steiger Weber** (Switzerland) said that her delegation was concerned about the precedent set by the extension of the schedule of work of the Second Committee.

The meeting rose at 3.40 p.m.

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