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The meeting was called to order at 11.35 a.m.

Organization of work

The Chair said that the General Assembly had endorsed his request for an extension of the Committee's work until 30 November. A further extension was by no means guaranteed. He urged Committee members to continue working in a positive spirit with the aim of adopting the outstanding draft resolutions by consensus before the deadline. He wished to underscore that the deadlines for review by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee of possible programme budget implications of the draft resolution on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, outlined in his letter of 18 November to Member States, applied to all draft resolutions before the Committee with potential programme budget implications.

Agenda item 19: Sustainable development (continued)

(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 (continued) (A/C.2/71/L.14 and A/C.2/71/L.41)

Draft resolutions entitled "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" (A/C.2/71/L.14 and A/C.2/71/L.41)

- 2. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.41, submitted by Mr. Ignacio Diaz de la Guardia (Spain), Vice-Chair of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.14. He took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure in order to proceed with action on the draft resolution.
- 3. It was so decided.
- 4. **Ms. Whyte** (Barbados), co-facilitator, said that the original wording of the ninth preambular paragraph prior to editing should be restored, as consensus had

been reached on that cross-cutting language. The paragraph would now read "Welcoming, in this regard, the Paris Agreement and its early entry into force, encouraging all its parties to fully implement the Agreement, and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible;".

- 5. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Committee), reading out a statement of programme budget implications, said that the request contained in paragraph 19 would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one in-session document of 5,000 words and one post-session document of 5,000 words to be issued in all six languages. That would entail additional requirements of \$44,800 for documentation services in 2019. Should the General Assembly decide to adopt the draft resolution, the additional resource requirement of \$44,800 would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.
- 6. Draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.41, as orally corrected, was adopted.
- 7. Draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.14 was withdrawn.

Agenda item 23: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (continued) (A/C.2/71/L.23/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on the promotion of sustainable tourism, including ecotourism, for poverty eradication and environment protection (A/C.2/71/L.23/Rev.1)

- 8. **The Chair** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.23/Rev.1, submitted by Morocco on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. The draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. He took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure in order to proceed with action on the draft resolution.
- 9. It was so decided.
- 10. **Mr. Iziraren** (Morocco), facilitator, proposed a minor drafting change to paragraph 10.
- 11. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Committee) said that Albania, Austria, Bahamas, Bosnia and

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Herzegovina, the Central African Republic, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Palau, Poland, Qatar, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Togo, Tunisia, Vanuatu and Viet Nam wished to join the list of sponsors.

12. Draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.23/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.

Agenda item 25: Agriculture development, food security and nutrition (continued)

(A/C.2/71/L.28/Rev.1)

Draft resolution on Sustainable Gastronomy Day (A/C.2/71/L.28/Rev.1)

- 13. **The Chair** said he took it that the Committee wished to waive the 24-hour provision under rule 120 of the rules of procedure in order to proceed with action on the draft resolution.
- 14. It was so decided.
- 15. Mr. Seoane (Peru) said that adoption of the draft resolution would contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The annual celebration of Sustainable Gastronomy Day would highlight cultural diversity and raise awareness of culture as a catalyst for sustainable development. It would also highlight the links between many Sustainable Development Goals and targets related to eating practices. According to the draft resolution, gastronomy was a cultural expression that could inspire more cohesive efforts to promote agricultural development, food security and nutrition, as well as sustainable food production and the conservation of biodiversity. In conclusion, he announced that Ethiopia, Greece and Qatar wished to become sponsors.
- 16. **The Chair** said that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.
- 17. **Ms. Herity** (Secretary of the Committee) said that Côte d'Ivoire, Guyana, Haiti, Palau and Tunisia also wished to join the list of sponsors.
- 18. Draft resolution A/C.2/71/L.28/Rev.1 was adopted. The meeting rose at 11.55 a.m.

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