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Operational activities for development

Report of the Second Committee*

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Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled:

“Operational activities for development:

“(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

“(b) South-South cooperation for development”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee held a general discussion, considered proposals and took action on the item at its 18th, 21st, 22nd and 25th meetings, on 12 October, 9 November, 20 November and 22 November 2023. An account of the Committee’s consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.¹ Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings on 2 to 4 October 2023.² An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Item 22 (a)

Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution [75/233](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system ([A/78/72-E/2023/59](#), [A/78/72/Add.1-E/2023/59/Add.1](#)).

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbols [A/78/465](#), [A/78/465/Add.1](#) and [A/78/465/Add.2](#).

¹ [A/C.2/78/SR.18](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.21](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.22](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.25](#).

² See [A/C.2/78/SR.2](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.3](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.4](#), [A/C.2/78/SR.5](#) and [A/C.2/78/SR.6](#).



Item 22 (b)

South-South cooperation for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation ([A/78/290](#));

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its twenty-first session ([A/78/39](#)).

4. At the 18th meeting, on 12 October 2023, the Committee heard introductory statements, under item 22 (a), by the Acting Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Support and Coordination for Sustainable Development in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and, under item 22 (b), by the Trust Fund Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation.

5. At the 21st meeting, on 21 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.
