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Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirteenth session

The Economic and Social Council,

PP.1. *Recalling* General Assembly resolutions [59/209](#) of 20 December 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries, [A/65/286](#) of 29 June 2011 on Implementing the smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of list developed countries, and [A/61/16](#) of 9 January 2007 on the Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council;

PP.2. *Recalling also* General Assembly resolution [65/280](#) of 17 June 2011 on the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020;

PP.3. *Recalling further* its resolutions [2010/9](#) of 22 July 2010, [2009/35](#) of 31 July 2009, [2007/34](#) of 27 July 2007, and [1998/46](#) of 31 July 1998;

PP.4. *Expressing* its conviction that no country graduating from the least developed countries category should have its positive development disrupted

or reversed, but should be able to continue and sustain its progress and development;

PP.5. *Acknowledging* the contribution the Committee can make in further strengthening the work of the Council by broadening and deepening the use of the expertise available in the Committee,

OP.1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirteenth session;

OP.2. *Requests* the Committee, at its fourteenth session, to examine and make recommendations on the themes chosen by the Economic and Social Council for the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2012;

OP.4. Also *takes note* of the proposals made by the Committee regarding its future work programme, in particular the monitoring of the development progress of Cape Verde and the Maldives and the review of the existing smooth transition mechanisms to identify how they can be further strengthened or improved and better monitored;

OP.4.bis. *Recalls* its endorsement of the recommendation of the Committee that Equatorial Guinea be graduated from the list of least developed countries;

OP.4.ter. Also *reiterates* its recommendation¹ that the General Assembly take note of the recommendation of the Committee that Equatorial Guinea be graduated from the list of least developed countries;

OP.5. *Welcomes* the outcome of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held in Istanbul from 9 to 13 May 2011 and notes the contributions of the Committee to the Conference;

OP.6. *Requests* the Committee to monitor the development progress of countries graduating from the list of least developed countries and to include its findings in its annual report to the Economic and Social Council;

OP.7. Also *reiterates* the importance for development and trading partners to implement concrete measures in support of the transition strategy for ensuring durable graduation

OP.8. *Decides to* hold, within existing resources, more frequent interactions with the Committee for Development Policy and *invites* the Chairperson and,

¹ ECOSOC Resolution 2009/35 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session.

as necessary, other members of the Committee to meet with the Council including as appropriate:

- a) *To discuss*, prior to the annual substantive session of the Council, the views and recommendations on the themes of the high-level segment and other relevant issues contained in its annual report to the Council; and,
 - b) *To exchange views*, during the general segment, on the Committee's work programme on the themes to be addressed by the Council at the high level segment of its following substantive session and on other pertinent issues that the Committee wishes to bring to the attention of the Council.
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