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Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution [2004/66](#) of 5 November 2004,

Recalling also its decisions [2006/253](#) of 28 July 2006, [2006/266](#) of 15 December 2006 and [2007/212](#) of 15 March 2007 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session,¹ as well as the letter dated 5 April 2007 from the Chairperson of the Committee for Development Policy to the President of the Economic and Social Council containing the report of the Committee on the least developed country status of Samoa,²

Recalling further General Assembly resolution [59/209](#) of 20 December 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries,

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,

1. *Requests* the Committee for Development Policy to continue developing a consistent set of criteria that can be applied to all recommendations regarding the inclusion in and graduation from the list of least developed countries, with due account being taken of economic vulnerability as a structural characteristic of the least developed countries;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee that Samoa be graduated from the list of least developed countries;³

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take note of the recommendation of the Committee that Samoa be graduated from the list of least developed countries.

47th plenary meeting
27 July 2007

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 13* (E/2006/33).

² E/2007/12.

³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 13* (E/2006/33), chap. I, sect. A, recommendation 2.