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Annotations

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/246](#) and paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution [77/329](#) of 25 August 2023, the sessions of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries will be convened at United Nations Headquarters in New York on the following dates: 13 September 2023 (organizational session), 5 to 8 February 2024 (first session) and 29 April to 1 May 2024 (second session).

The Preparatory Committee will review the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference.



1. Opening of the session

Pending the election of the Bureau at the organizational session, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States will act as the temporary Chair to open the session and preside over the election of the Co-Chairs.

2. Election of officers

In paragraph 38 of its resolution [77/246](#), the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee should have a Bureau consisting of two members from each regional group, that the Bureau should elect its own Co-Chairs and that the host country and the Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries should serve as ex officio members of the Bureau. In paragraph 39 of the same resolution, the Assembly also decided that the Bureau should be co-chaired by two Member States, comprising one developed State and one developing State.

The Preparatory Committee may wish to elect two Co-Chairs and eight Vice-Chairs, one of whom would also serve as Rapporteur, on the basis of the nominations from the regional groups.

Furthermore, Rwanda, as the host country of the Conference, and Botswana, as the Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, should serve as ex officio members of the Bureau.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for its organizational, first and second sessions is contained in the present document. At its organizational session, the Committee may wish to adopt the agenda and take decisions concerning the organization of its work.

In paragraph 42 of its resolution [77/246](#), the General Assembly decided that the Conference and the meetings of its Preparatory Committee should provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies and that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 of 12 February 1993 and 1995/201 of 8 February 1995, should apply to the meetings of the Committee, as applicable.

In paragraph 51 of its resolution [77/246](#), the General Assembly decided to invite non-governmental organizations that were in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process, and also decided to invite other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, international financial institutions, civil society organizations, the private sector, other international bodies and other non-governmental organizations to participate as observers in the Conference and the meetings of the Preparatory Committee. The Assembly also requested the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the Conference and its preparatory process.

4. Preparations for the Conference

(a) Organizational and procedural preparations

In paragraph 42 of its resolution [77/246](#), the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee shall consider and adopt the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, taking into consideration the established practice of the Assembly, except as otherwise provided in that resolution. The Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference for adoption and transmittal to the Conference for its approval.

The Preparatory Committee should consider proposals relating to the Conference on other relevant matters, including the provisional agenda of the Conference and other background documentation.

(b) Substantive preparations

The Preparatory Committee is expected to consider the substantive preparations for the Conference, including on the basis of the reports of the regional review meetings.

5. General statements

Delegations will have the opportunity to deliver general statements at the organizational session (time permitting), as well as at the first and/or second session of the Preparatory Committee, as appropriate.

6. Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference

The General Assembly, in paragraph 25 of its resolution [76/217](#), decided, in accordance with paragraph 66 of the Political Declaration of the High-level Midterm Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024, that the Conference should undertake a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and formulate and adopt a renewed framework for international support to address the special needs of landlocked developing countries and to strengthen partnerships between the landlocked developing countries and transit countries and their development partners.

The Preparatory Committee should consider proposals relating to the draft outcome document of the Conference.

7. Other matters

8. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

The report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee should be adopted at the final meeting of the second session of the Committee. It will then be submitted to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries for its consideration and appropriate action.