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Economic and environmental questions: sustainable development**Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council, Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), on the basis of informal consultations****Report of the Committee on Development Policy on its sixth session***The Economic and Social Council,**Recalling* its decision 2004/299 of 23 July 2004 on the report of the Committee for Development Policy,*Taking into account* its resolution 2004/___ of ___ November 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the group of least developed countries,

1. *Endorses* the recommendation on the graduation of Cape Verde and Maldives from the least developed country category contained in the report of the Committee on Development Policy;¹

2. *Recommends* that the General Assembly take note of the recommendation of the Committee for Development Policy to graduate Cape Verde and Maldives from the group of least developed countries.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 13 (E/2004/33), chap. I, para. 1.*