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**Resumed substantive session of 2001**

**2001/43. Report of the Committee for Development Policy**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998, in which it decided that the Council should decide on an appropriate programme of work for the Committee for Development Policy,

Recalling also its resolution 2000/34 of 28 July 2000 on the report of the Committee on its second session,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 on the report of the Committee and criteria for identifying the least developed countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the presentation by the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of the Committee and of the report of the Committee on its third session,<sup>127</sup>

Noting that the Committee had received insufficient information to carry out a thorough re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of the least developed countries, as requested by the Council in resolution 2000/34,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on ensuring a smooth transition of countries graduating from least developed country status<sup>128</sup> and the note by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the benefits associated with the least developed countries status and the question of graduation,<sup>129</sup>

Having considered the memorandum submitted by the Government of Maldives,<sup>130</sup>

1. Requests the Committee for Development Policy to continue its work on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its fourth and fifth sessions and to submit a progress report to the Economic and Social Council at its next substantive session and the final recommendations to the Council at its 2003 substantive session, taking into account the information referred to in preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present resolution and further information to be provided by relevant development partners and multilateral organizations;

2. Calls upon the relevant development partners and multilateral organizations to make available to the Committee the relevant information on their likely response to a country's graduation before the fourth session of the Committee in 2002;

3. Decides to extend the transition period of Maldives until the next triennial review of the list of the least developed countries in 2003, as recommended by the Committee;<sup>131</sup>

4. Urges the international organizations, bilateral donors and graduating or near graduating countries to initiate a debate concerning the treatment of graduating countries with a view to ensuring that the graduation of a country from the list of the least developed countries should not result in disruption to its development plans, programmes and projects and the importance of ensuring a smooth transition from least developed country status for countries that become eligible for graduation;

5. Reiterates the importance of consulting with relevant Member States in the preparation and use of country vulnerability profiles as well as the continuing need for transparency, objectivity and accuracy in those processes;

6. Requests the Committee to continue its work on the methodology to be used for the identification of the least developed countries, where appropriate in association with other international organizations working on environmental and economic vulnerability issues, and to report to the Council in 2002 on the criteria it proposes to use in the triennial review of the list of the least developed countries scheduled for 2003;

7. Also requests the Committee, at its fourth session, to examine and make recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2002 of the Council;

8. Welcomes the proposals made by the Committee regarding its future programme of work;

9. Invites the Chairman and, as necessary, other members of the Committee to continue the practice of reporting orally to the Council on the work of the Committee.

*45th plenary meeting  
24 October 2001*

**2001/44. Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolution 2001/34 of 26 July 2001,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of

<sup>127</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 13 (E/2001/33).

<sup>128</sup> E/2001/94 and Corr.1.

<sup>129</sup> E/2001/CRP.5 and Add.1.

<sup>130</sup> E/2000/104, annex, enclosure.

<sup>131</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 13 (E/2001/33), para. 9.