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- **The CDP Briefing for the Second substantive meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on smooth transition**
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- **Strengthening smooth transition from the least developed country category**
  This Background Paper by the CDP Secretariat reviews existing provisions on smooth transition from the LDC category and offers suggestions to enhance their effectiveness...

- **Conflict and the identification of the Least Developed Countries**
  This CDP Background Paper by Ana Luiza Cortez and Namsuk Kim reviews and concludes that adding conflict as an indicator of an LDC neither enhances the understanding of the category, nor affects the composition list of LDCs...

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