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The main objective of the EGM is to consider existing support measures specifically made available for the least developed countries by the international community, assess their relevance and effectiveness in addressing LDC's structural handicaps and propose approaches how to strengthen such measures.

Additionally, the EGM will address resolution E/2009/17 in which the Council requested the Committee to consider the findings of the Secretary General report A/64/278 on the implementation of the Mauritius strategy and to submit its views on the United Nations support for the small island developing States (SIDS).

The EGM will reach an agreement on the main findings and recommendations which will be further discussed at the Committee's plenary meeting in 22-26 March 2010. The outcome of the discussions in March will subsequently be presented in the CDP report to ECOSOC.