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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Least Developed Countries: Developing Productive Capacities

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1 *Having adopted* the United Nations Millennium Declaration (A/RES/55/2) and
2 the Millennium Development Goals,

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4 *Sharing* a commitment to fight poverty, inequality, and exclusion, and to help
5 control globalization with the goal of protecting people's economic, social, and cultural
6 rights,

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8 *Convinced* that tackling poverty must not eclipse attempts to get the conditions
9 right for balanced development in the country concerned,

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11 *Recognizing* the need for developing states to have greater access to technologies
12 that will allow Least Developed Countries to further develop agricultural capacities,

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14 *Acknowledging* the potential for economic growth within Least Developed
15 Countries offered by expanded access to technology, knowledge and positive
16 contributions to the international community,

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18 *Believing* the non-agricultural productive sector is not only the driving force for
19 economic growth and jobs, but directly contributes to achieving the Millennium
20 Development Goals,

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22 *Fully believing* that all productive sectors create employment, provide income and
23 structure all developing countries,

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25 *Reaffirming* the fundamental role of competition law and policy for sound
26 economic development,

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28 *Recognizing* the importance of the productive sector relative to environmental
29 concerns, social inequalities, and disparities in terms of transparencies,

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Emphasizing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which stipulates that “Everyone who works has the right to just and favorable remuneration ensuring for himself and his family an existence worth of human dignity...”

Alarmed by unequal and inadequate progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Endorses* the reduction of restrictions on enterprise, so as to support knowledge-sharing in order to encourage balanced and better distributed growth that respects social and environmental standards;

2. *Further endorses* placing particular emphasis on the development of local productive systems, notably those of small enterprises, by supporting their entry into the formal sector through micro-finance and other joint public-private financing opportunities;

3. *Encourages* the Least Developed Countries to focus on smallholder agriculture development as a viable option to develop productive capacities and alleviate poverty, through the promotion of micro-finance lending ventures towards integration into the formal economic system;

4. *Endorses* efforts to improve access to structures and institutions in developing countries through the creation of:

- a. Instruments that reduce currency exchange risks;
- b. Tools that reduce country risk for the investor;
- c. The use of official development assistance as a catalyst for either public or private joint financiers;

5. *Encourages* developing countries to consider, as a matter of importance, establishing competition laws and frameworks best suited to their development needs, complemented by technical and financial assistance for capacity building, taking fully into account the objectives of other national policies and capacity constraints;

6. *Encourages* Member States to establish and reinforce regional blocs to promote greater trade, development, and technological assistance to foster economic growth within the Lesser Developed Countries and sustainable development towards integration into the formal economic system;

7. *Recognizes* that liberalization and privatization without competition safeguards could adversely affect sound economic development;

8. *Recommends* that the governments of the Least Developed Countries substantially increase public investment in scientific research, infrastructure improvement including rural roads, irrigation, fertilizer, seeds, and credit;

76 9. *Calls upon* Member States to increase cooperation between competition
77 authorities and Governments for the mutual benefit of all countries in order to strengthen
78 effective international action against anti-competitive practices, especially when these
79 occur at the international level; while remaining cognizant that such cooperation should
80 take particular note of the needs of developing countries and economies in transition;

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82 10. *Recommends* that quantitative increases in official development assistance be
83 accompanied by efforts in relation to aid efficacy, taking into account the receiving
84 countries' performances and the needs of the population;

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86 11. *Further invites* developing countries to expand access to basic infrastructures,
87 water, and sanitation, through public-private partnerships, which promote decentralized
88 distribution models in addition to the classic national-scale operations;

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90 12. *Takes note* of the voluntary financial and other contributions received from
91 member States;

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93 13. *Invites* Member States to continue to assist UNCTAD on a voluntary basis in
94 its capacity-building and technical cooperation activities by providing experts, training
95 facilities, or financial resources;

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97 14. *Supports* multilateral partnership-based relationships with a view to
98 solidarity and sustainable development with several objectives:
99 a. Consolidating the rule of law within developing countries to battle
100 corruption and ensure governmental and financial stability;
101 b. Supporting sustainable growth form the basis of well balanced, more
102 diversified and less vulnerable economies;
103 c. Covering the essential social needs;
104 d. Rationally managing the territory and resources and protecting the
105 environment;
106 e. Promoting participative and cultural development;
107 f. Stability and regional integration;
108 g. Strengthening governance at the regional level;
109 h. Coordinating and strengthening of scientific environmental expertise;

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111 15. *Requests* that UNCTAD convene an expert meeting to prepare a report on the
112 state of competition in international and regional markets, a summary of capacity-
113 building and assistance efforts, for review at the next session.

Passed, Yes: 17 / No: 2 / Abstain: 2