

Resolution

2011/9

Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Istanbul Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020, adopted by the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 9 to 13 May 2011,¹ and endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution 65/280 of 17 June 2011, in which the Assembly called upon all the relevant stakeholders to commit to implementing the Programme of Action,

Reaffirming the overarching goal of the Programme of Action of overcoming the structural challenges faced by the least developed countries in order to eradicate poverty, achieve internationally agreed development goals and enable graduation from the least developed country category,

Recalling its resolution 2010/27 of 23 July 2010 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020;¹

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Government and the people of the Republic of Turkey for hosting the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and for providing all the necessary support, and expresses its gratitude to other donors and contributors for their generous contributions to the Conference and its preparatory process;

3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the decisions taken by the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) at their 2011 annual

¹ A/CONF.219/7.

sessions to integrate the Programme of Action within their respective programmes of work;

4. *Invites* all other organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions and international and regional financial institutions, to contribute to the implementation of the Programme of Action and to integrate it into their programmes of work, as appropriate and in accordance with their respective mandates, and to participate fully in its review at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

5. *Invites* its subsidiary bodies, including the functional commissions and regional commissions, to make effective contributions to the implementation and review of the Programme of Action, in accordance with their respective mandates;

6. *Decides* to include the Programme of Action as part of its review of the implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits;

7. *Calls upon* the least developed countries, with the support of their development partners, to promote implementation of the Programme of Action, including by integrating its provisions into their national policies and development framework and conducting regular reviews with the full involvement of all key stakeholders;

8. *Also calls upon* the least developed countries, in cooperation with their development partners, to broaden their existing country review mechanisms, including those for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and the implementation of poverty reduction strategy papers, common country assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, and the existing consultative mechanisms to cover the review of the Programme of Action;

9. *Calls upon* the development partners and all other relevant actors to implement the Programme of Action by integrating it into their respective national cooperation policy frameworks, programmes and activities, as appropriate, to ensure enhanced, predictable and targeted support to the least developed countries, as set out in the Programme of Action, and the delivery of their commitments, and to consider appropriate measures to overcome shortfalls or shortcomings, if any;

10. *Underlines* the need to take the steps necessary to ensure mutual accountability of least developed countries and their

development partners for delivering their commitments undertaken under the Programme of Action;

11. *Decides* to include in its annual ministerial review, in 2015, the review of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

12. *Also decides* that the Development Cooperation Forum should take into consideration the Programme of Action when it reviews the trends in international development cooperation, as well as policy coherence for development;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2012, under the sub-item entitled “Review and coordination of the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020”, a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action.

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