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### Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

#### Sudan:\* draft resolution

#### Development cooperation with middle-income countries

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the outcomes of the United Nations major international conferences and summits, including the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>1</sup> and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>2</sup> as well as the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions,

*Reaffirming* its resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007, entitled “Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system”, in which the Assembly recognized that middle-income developing countries still face significant challenges in the area of poverty eradication and that efforts to address those challenges should be supported in order to ensure that achievements made to date are sustained, including through support to the effective development of comprehensive cooperation policies,

*Recalling* its resolution 63/223 of 19 December 2008,

*Emphasizing* that middle-income countries must take primary responsibility for their own development, and that their national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of middle-income countries, while taking into account their specific national conditions,

*Noting* that national averages based on criteria such as per capita income do not always reflect the actual particularities and development needs of the middle-

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\* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

<sup>1</sup> See resolution 55/2.

<sup>2</sup> See resolution 60/1.



income countries, and recognizing the significant diversity of middle-income countries,

*Concerned* that, despite the achievements obtained and efforts made by middle-income countries, a significant number of people are still living in poverty and inequalities still remain,

*Recognizing* the need to support the actions taken by middle-income countries to address their particular challenges,

*Acknowledging* the vulnerability of middle-income countries to external shocks,

*Also acknowledging* the negative effects of the current global financial and economic crisis on the development efforts of middle-income countries, and recognizing that these effects are threatening to unravel many of the development gains of the recent past, including the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

*Expressing deep concern* that some middle-income countries are highly indebted and, as such, are at risk of severe debt distress, particularly with the onset of the current global financial and economic crisis,

*Recognizing* that climate change is one of the challenges to the development efforts of middle-income countries,

*Taking note* of the outcomes of the international conferences on development cooperation with middle-income countries held in Madrid,<sup>3</sup> El Salvador<sup>4</sup> and Windhoek,<sup>5</sup> and the regional conference on the theme “Increasing the competitiveness of African middle-income countries”, held in Cairo,<sup>6</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>7</sup>
2. *Recognizes* that middle-income countries still face significant challenges in their efforts to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and, in that regard, underlines the importance of international support through various forms, that is, in accordance with national priorities and development policies, to address the development needs of middle-income countries;
3. *Acknowledges* the efforts made and successes achieved by many middle-income countries to eradicate poverty and achieve the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, as well as their significant contribution to global and regional development and economic stability;
4. *Recognizes* the solidarity of middle-income countries with other developing countries with a view to supporting their development efforts, including in the context of South-South and triangular cooperation;

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<sup>3</sup> A/62/71-E/2007/46.

<sup>4</sup> A/62/483-E/2007/90.

<sup>5</sup> A/C.2/63/3.

<sup>6</sup> Held on 11 and 12 March 2008 to discuss how the World Bank and the African Development Bank can better align their services to the needs of the middle-income countries in Africa.

<sup>7</sup> A/64/253.

5. *Invites* the United Nations development system to enhance its support to middle-income countries and to improve its coordination and exchange of experiences with other international organizations, international financial institutions and regional organizations in this field as well as to align the programming of its activities more closely with national development strategies while targeting specific existing and emerging needs of middle-income countries;

6. *Invites* the international community, including international financial institutions, to enhance their support to the development efforts of middle-income countries through targeted and substantial technical assistance, while taking into account their national priorities and development policies and by promoting new partnerships and cooperation arrangements, including bilateral arrangements, as well as by working in competent multilateral, regional and international forums, in support of national development strategies;

7. *Calls* on the international community to undertake immediate measures to address the new and additional challenges that the current economic and financial crisis has imposed on middle-income countries;

8. *Underscores* the need for sustained efforts towards achieving debt sustainability in middle-income countries in order to avoid a debt crisis, and in this regard emphasizes the need for coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring;

9. *Calls* on developed countries to support middle-income countries through the provision of resources, technology transfer and capacity-building in order to overcome their development challenges, including those posed by climate change;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution at its sixty-fifth session, and decides to include in its provisional agenda, under the item "Globalization and interdependence", a sub-item entitled "Development cooperation with middle-income countries".

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