Agriculture development, food security and nutrition

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its seventy-eighth session the item entitled

   “Agriculture development, food security and nutrition:
   “(a) Agriculture development, food security and nutrition;
   “(b) Natural plant fibres and sustainable development.”

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 16th to 18th meetings, on 11 and 12 October, heard the introduction of two proposals under the item at its 21st and 23rd meetings, on 9 and 21 November, and took action on the item at its 23rd and 25th meetings, on 21 and 22 November 2023. An account of the Committee’s discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records.\(^1\) Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 6th meetings, from 2 to 4 October.\(^2\)

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

   Item 23
   Item 23 (a)

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   (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the future of food and agriculture: drivers and triggers for achieving sustainable agrifood systems (A/78/218);
(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the implementation of the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (2019–2028) (A/78/233);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the main decisions, outcomes and policy recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security (A/78/74-E/2023/67).

Item 23 (b)

Natural plant fibres and sustainable development

No documentation submitted.

4. At the 16th meeting, on 11 October, the Director of the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made an introductory statement, under agenda item 23 (a) (by videoconference).

5. At the same meeting, the Director of the Partnerships and United Nations Collaboration Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made an introductory statement, under agenda item 23 (a) (via video link).

6. At the 21st meeting, on 9 November, the representative of the United States of America made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Committee.³

³ See A/C.2/78/SR.21.