Seventy-eighth session
Agenda item 19

Globalization and interdependence

Report of the Second Committee*

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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:
   
   “Globalization and interdependence”:
   
   “(a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development;
   
   “(b) Culture and sustainable development;
   
   “(c) Development cooperation with middle-income countries”

   and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee held a general discussion, considered proposals and took action on the item at its 10th and 11th meetings, on 6 October 2023. An account of the Committee’s consideration 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 on 2 to 4 October 2023.2 An account of the Committee’s further consideration of the item is provided in the addenda to the present report.

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

   Item 19 (a)
   Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development

   Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development (A/78/232)

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* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in four parts, under the symbols A/78/462, A/78/462/Add.1, A/78/462/Add.2 and A/78/462/Add.3.
1 A/C.2/78/SR.10 and A/C.2/78/SR.11.
Item 19 (b)
Culture and sustainable development
Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on culture and sustainable development (A/78/217)

Item 19 (c)
Development cooperation with middle-income countries
Report of the Secretary-General on development cooperation with middle-income countries (A/78/224)

4. At the 10th meeting, on 6 October 2023, the head of science, technology and innovation in the Division on Technology and Logistics of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Director of the New York Liaison Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made introductory statements.

5. 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 See A/C.2/78/SR.21.