

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 22 March 2019

General Assembly

Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

 [archived video]

5th plenary meeting

General debate on the role of South-South cooperation and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: challenges and opportunities [item 8]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Italy, Switzerland, Ethiopia, Guyana, Zimbabwe, the Sudan, Chile, Nigeria, Colombia, Belize, Senegal, Rwanda, His Excellency Mamadou Tangara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Gambians Abroad of the Gambia; and Kiribati

Statements were made by the International Organization for Migration; the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System; the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean; the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; the International Chamber of Commerce; the Pacific Islands Development Forum; and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization (also on behalf of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme); the International Labour Organization; the International Atomic Energy Agency; the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; the United Nations Volunteers; the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction; the International Trade Centre; and the United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism.

The Conference also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders: International Trade Union Confederation; ASUL -South-South Cooperation Research and Policy Center; OXFAM International; and Foro Consultivo Económico Social Del Mercosur.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

The President suspended the meeting.

The President resumed the meeting.

Interactive panel discussions: summaries by the Co-Chairs [item 9 (d)]

The summary of interactive panel discussion 1, on “Comparative advantages opportunities of South-South cooperation and sharing of experiences, best practices and

success stories” was presented by its Co-Chair, Her Excellency Sahar Ahmed Mohamed Abdelmoneim Nasr, Minister of Investment and international Cooperation of Egypt.

The summary of interactive panel discussion 2, on “Challenges and the strengthening of the institutional framework of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation” was presented by its Co-Chair, His Excellency Santiago Chávez, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador.

The summary of interactive panel discussion 3, on “Scaling up the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in support of South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation” was presented by its Co-Chair, Her Excellency Diene Keita, Minister of Cooperation and African Integration of Guinea.

The President made a statement in which he congratulated the Co-Chairs of the interactive panel discussions and reminded participants that the summaries of the three discussions would be contained in the report of the Conference.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 9 and agenda item 9 as a whole.

Election of officers other than the President; Organization of work, [Items 5 and 6]

The President reminded the Conference that agenda items 5 and 6, which had been considered at a previous meeting, remained open.

There being no other matters to be discussed under the items, the Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda items 5 and 6.

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.235/5) [item 7 (b)]

The Chair of the Credentials Committee, Ambassador Anthony Liverpool (Antigua and Barbuda) made a statement and introduced the report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.235/5) and informed the Conference that since the formal meeting of the Committee, credentials in due form had been received from El Salvador, Guatemala Myanmar, Serbia, Singapore and Lesotho.

The Conference adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Credentials Committee in paragraph 19 of its report (A/CONF.235/5) and accepted the additional credentials which were mentioned by the Chair of the Credentials Committee.

After adoption of the resolution, statements was made by the representatives of the European Union, Peru (also on behalf of the Lima Group (composed of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay and Peru) as well as Australia, the Dominican Republic Georgia, Israel, , the Republic of Korea the United Kingdom and the United States), the Czech Republic, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the Russian Federation, Cuba, China, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Nicaragua, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, South Africa, and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 7 and of agenda item 7, as a whole.

Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference (A/CONF.235/L.1 and A/CONF.235/3) [item 10]

The Conference had before it document A/CONF.235/L.1 containing a draft resolution entitled the “Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation”.

The President made a statement and thanked the Co-Facilitators of the negotiations on the outcome document, Her Excellency Audra Plepytė, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the United Nations, and His Excellency Adonia Ayebare, Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations.

The Secretary of the Conference made a statement, in the course of which she orally corrected the “Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation” as contained in document A/CONF.235/3

Before the adoption of the resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the State of Palestine (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Conference adopted draft resolution A/CONF.235/L.1, thereby adopting “Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation” contained in document A/CONF.235/3, as orally corrected.

After adoption of the resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

Adoption of the report of the Conference (A/CONF.235/L.2 and A/CONF.235/L.3)
[item 11]

The Conference had before it a draft resolution A/CONF.235/L.2 entitled “Expression of thanks to the people and Government of Argentina”, which was introduced by the State of Palestine, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Conference adopted draft resolution A/CONF.235/L.2.

His Excellency Sven Jürgenson (Estonia), Rapporteur-General of the Conference, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the draft report of the Conference (A/CONF.235/L.3).

The Conference adopted the draft report (A/CONF.235/L.3) and authorized the Rapporteur-General to finalize the report.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 11.

Closing of the Conference [item 12]

Mr. Achim Steiner, Secretary-General of the Conference and Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, made a statement.

Her Excellency María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés, President of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly, made a statement.

The ex-officio Vice- President (Argentina), on behalf of the President of the Conference, also made a statement and declared closed the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation
