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## Preparatory Committee for the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries

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Agenda item 8

### Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee

## Report of the Preparatory Committee for the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries on its organizational, first and second sessions

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### I. Organization of the sessions

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolutions [76/217](#), [77/246](#) and [77/329](#) and decision 78/550, the Preparatory Committee for the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries held its organizational session on 13 September 2023, its first session from 5 to 8 February 2024 and its second session on 3 June 2024, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

#### A. Opening and duration of the sessions

2. During the organizational session, one plenary meeting was held. The organizational session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and Secretary-General of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries. Upon their election, the Co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, Alexander Marschik (Austria) and Enkhbold Vorshilov (Mongolia), made statements.

3. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the Secretary-General of the Conference.

4. At the first session, three plenary meetings as well as two informal meetings were held. At the 1st plenary meeting of the first session, on 5 February 2024, opening statements were made by the Co-Chairs as well as by the Secretary-General of the Conference. At the 3rd plenary meeting of the first session, on 8 February 2024, closing statements were made by the Secretary-General of the Conference and by the Co-Chairs.



5. During the second session, one plenary meeting was held, on 3 June 2024. At that meeting, opening statements were made by the Co-Chairs as well as by the Secretary-General of the Conference.

6. At the same meeting, closing statements were made by the Co-Chairs.

## **B. Election of officers**

7. At the 1st plenary meeting of its organizational session, on 13 September 2023, the Preparatory Committee elected its officers as follows:

*Co-Chairs:*

Alexander Marschik (Austria)  
Enkhbold Vorshilov (Mongolia)

*Vice-Chairs:*

Bolivia (Plurinational State of)  
Burundi  
Luxembourg  
Nepal  
Paraguay  
Romania  
Russian Federation  
Zimbabwe

*Ex officio:*

Rwanda  
Botswana

8. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [77/246](#), Rwanda, as host country of the Conference, and Botswana, as the Chair of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries, served as ex officio members of the Bureau.

9. At the 1st plenary meeting of its first session, on 5 February 2024, the Preparatory Committee designated José Eduardo Pereira Sosa (Paraguay) as Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee.

## **C. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

10. At the 1st plenary meeting of its organizational session, on 13 September 2023, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for its organizational, first and second sessions as contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/1](#). The agenda was as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
4. Preparations for the Conference:
  - (a) Organizational and procedural preparations;
  - (b) Substantive preparations.
5. General statements.
6. Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee.

11. At the 1st plenary meeting of its first session, on 5 February 2024, the Preparatory Committee approved its organization of work as contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.3](#), with the understanding that further adjustments would be made, as necessary, during the session.

12. At the 1st plenary meeting of its second session, on 3 June 2024, the Preparatory Committee approved its organization of work as contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.5/Rev.1](#), with the understanding that further adjustments would be made, as necessary, during the session.

#### **D. Preparations for the Conference**

13. At the 3rd plenary meeting of its first session, on 8 February 2024, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 4, Preparations for the Conference, and heard statements by the Secretary-General of the Conference and the representatives of Rwanda (in its capacity as host country) and Botswana (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries).

14. At the 1st plenary meeting of its second session, under agenda item 4, the Preparatory Committee heard a statement by the Secretary-General of the Conference.

#### **E. Attendance**

15. The first and second sessions of the Preparatory Committee were attended by representatives of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies. Representatives of intergovernmental organizations and other entities, representatives of United Nations organs and representatives of non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of Preparatory Committee participants is contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/INF/1](#).

#### **F. Documentation**

16. The list of documents before the Preparatory Committee is contained in the annex to the present report.

#### **G. General statements**

17. At the 1st plenary meeting of its organizational session, on 13 September 2023, under agenda item 5, the Preparatory Committee heard statements by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Paraguay, Luxembourg, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Armenia, Romania and Nepal.

18. At the 1st plenary meeting of its first session, on 5 February 2024, in joint consideration of agenda items 5, General statements, and 6, Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference, statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), the European Union, Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Botswana (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Samoa (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Benin (on behalf of the Group of African States), Canada, South Africa, Bulgaria, Romania, Armenia, Rwanda, the Dominican Republic, Latvia, Poland, Lesotho, Mongolia, Thailand, Malawi, Indonesia, Italy, Paraguay, Portugal, the Plurinational State of Bolivia,

Greece, Luxembourg, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Türkiye, Malta, Morocco, China, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Japan, Bhutan and Georgia.

19. At the 2nd plenary meeting of its first session, on 5 February 2024, statements were made by the representatives of Zambia, France, the United States of America, Pakistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, India and Tajikistan.

20. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the International Development Law Organization, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Trade Centre, the International Telecommunication Union and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

21. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by representatives of the following non-governmental organizations with consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or accredited to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries: Action citoyenne pour l'information et l'éducation au développement durable and the Global Partnerships Forum.

22. At the 1st plenary meeting of its second session, on 3 June 2024, statements were made by the representatives of Uganda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Botswana (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), the European Union, Nepal (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), Cameroon (on behalf of the Group of African States), the Russian Federation, Mongolia, Poland, the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Armenia, Luxembourg, Lesotho, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Morocco, Paraguay, Germany, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, China, Japan, Zimbabwe, India, Portugal, Bhutan, Rwanda and the Holy See.

23. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

## **II. Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference**

24. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6, Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference, jointly with agenda item 5 at the 1st and 2nd plenary meetings of its first session (see paras. 18–21 above).

25. Intersessional informal meetings and consultations were held between 19 February and 21 May 2024 to continue consultations on the draft outcome document of the Conference.

26. At the 1st plenary meeting of its second session, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 6, Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference. The Committee had before it the draft outcome document of the Conference, entitled “draft outcome document of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries: draft Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034”, as contained in an informal paper dated 31 May 2024.

27. At the same meeting, before the approval of the draft outcome document, a statement was made by the representative of Türkiye.

28. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the draft outcome document, as contained in the informal paper dated 31 May 2024,<sup>1</sup> and recommended it to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries for adoption.

29. Following the approval of the draft outcome document, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

### III. Actions taken by the Preparatory Committee

30. At the 1st plenary meeting of its organizational session, on 13 September 2023, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled “Additional modalities and format of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”, as contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.1](#) (resolution 1).

31. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft resolution entitled “Provisional rules of procedure of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries”, as contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.2](#), by which the Committee recommended to the Conference the adoption of the provisional rules of procedure as contained in the annex to the resolution (resolution 2).

32. At the 1st plenary meeting of its first session, on 5 February 2024, the Committee adopted the draft decision entitled “Supplementary modalities for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and its preparatory process”, as contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.4](#) (decision 101).

33. At the 1st plenary meeting of its second session, on 3 June 2024, the Preparatory Committee recalled that at its organizational session on 13 September 2023, through its adoption of the resolution entitled “Additional modalities and format of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries” ([A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.1](#)), the Committee had approved general modalities of the interactive thematic round tables to be organized during the Conference and entrusted the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee to finalize the themes and other modalities of the round tables. Accordingly, the Committee took note of the modalities of the interactive thematic round tables of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries as finalized by the Bureau and contained in document [A/CONF.225/2024/PC/CRP.1](#) (decision 102).

### IV. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

34. At the 1st plenary meeting of its second session, on 3 June 2024, the Preparatory Committee adopted its draft report ([A/CONF.225/2024/PC/CRP.2](#)) and entrusted the Rapporteur to finalize it in conformity with the practice of the United Nations, with the support of the Secretariat.

<sup>1</sup> Subsequently issued as document [A/CONF.225/2024/4](#).

## Annex

### Documentation

| <i>Symbol</i>                                | <i>Title</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/1</a>         | Annotated provisional agenda                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/2</a>         | Note by the Secretariat on the Gaborone outcome document                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/3</a>         | Note by the Secretariat on the Asunción call for action                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/4</a>         | Note by the Secretariat on the Euro-Asia call for action                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.1</a>       | Draft resolution on the additional modalities and format of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.2</a>       | Draft resolution on the provisional rules of procedure of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries                                                                                       |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.3</a>       | Proposed organization of work of the first session of the Preparatory Committee                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.4</a>       | Supplementary modalities for the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders to the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries and its preparatory process |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/L.5/Rev.1</a> | Revised proposed organization of work of the second session of the Preparatory Committee                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/INF/1</a>     | List of participants                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/CRP.1</a>     | Modalities of the interactive thematic round tables of the third United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries                                                                                          |
| <a href="#">A/CONF.225/2024/PC/CRP.2</a>     | Draft report                                                                                                                                                                                                           |