## **Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session**

## The Economic and Social Council,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 59/209 of 20 December 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries,

Recalling also its resolution 2004/66 of 5 November 2004,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee for Development Policy;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Endorses* the request of the Committee for Development Policy to be informed by the Secretary-General during the transition period on the implementation of the transition strategy of graduating countries and on their development progress,<sup>2</sup> as laid out in General Assembly resolution 59/209 in order to enable the Committee to carry out the function assigned to it in paragraph 12 of that resolution;

3. *Takes note* of the report on the work of the Committee for Development Policy, contained in chapter IV of its report,<sup>3</sup> regarding general principles and the refinement of criteria with a view to achieving the objective of equal treatment of countries in similar situations;

4. *Requests* the Committee for Development Policy to continue developing a consistent set of criteria that can be applied to all recommendations regarding the inclusion and graduation from the list of least developed countries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 33 (E/2005/33).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ibid., chap. I, sect. A, recommendation 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ibid., chap. IV, sects. B and C.