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for an improved annual monitoring and agreed on next steps to finalize the new crisis response process within the mechanism as well as the development of strengthened measures that better link monitoring to special graduation support.

The Committee recommends that the Council reiterate its call for support by Member States and relevant United Nations entities to the enhanced monitoring mechanism developed by the Committee for countries graduating and graduated from the list of least developed countries. As called for by the new Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries, the enhanced monitoring mechanism aims to improve responsiveness to emerging crises and to better link monitoring to specific support. The Committee further recommends that the Council call upon graduating and recently graduated countries to integrate the monitoring of the implementation of smooth transition strategies into their monitoring and evaluation frameworks and to establish effective links to the #

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The Committee reviewed the progress in developing and implementing an enhanced monitoring mechanism for countries that are graduating or have recently graduated from the least developed country category. It welcomes the positive feedback and strong interest in its proposal received during the country consultations (see chap. V), the affirmative recognition in the Doha Programme of Action (A/CONF.219/2022/3, annex, para. 284) and the call by the Council on Member States and relevant United Nations entities to support the # efforts (Council resolution 2021/11, para. 6).

The mechanism will complement rather than duplicate existing national and international monitoring processes by focusing on disruptive events that may affect the smooth transition out of the least developed country category and the short-term and long-term implications of socioeconomic and environmental trends. The

monitoring of its preparation and implementation of the smooth transition strategy.

The Committee decided that the enhanced monitoring mechanism would be implemented in stages and consist of three main elements: improved annual monitoring, the new crisis response process and strengthened support measures linked to the monitoring.

For all three elements, effective communication

The crisis response process enables the enhanced monitoring to react in a timely manner to an adverse situation that may arise in a graduating or graduated country during the course of the year. There are two ways that the crisis response process can be triggered. The primary way is a request by the country, directly or through the United Nations resident coordinator, alerting the Committee that it faces a crisis situation caused by external events that potentially affects the smooth transition of the country out of the least developed country category.

The secondary way is an automated trigger, utilizing a set of predetermined crisis indicators that are monitored against defined thresholds. These indicators will be based on high-frequency at least quarterly, but preferably monthly or weekly data. Initial draft sets of indicators have been prepared by country rapporteurs on the basis of discussions with the Government and with the assistance of the secretariat. The final selection of the indicators and thresholds will be made in

consultation with the Government and will be accompanied by data mapping and data management plans. The Committee will keep crisis indicators and thresholds under review and revise them in consultation with the Government as appropriate.

Once the crisis response process is triggered, the country rapporteur conducts a brief crisis assessment on the nature of the crisis and the potential impact on graduation within two weeks, assisted by the secretariat and other Committee members, as appropriate. The

The Committee agreed that the enhanced monitoring mechanism should continue to be implemented in stages. The improved annual monitoring has been successfully implemented during the current cycle, and the Committee will continue to explore further improvements.

The Committee notes that details of the crisis response process, including the country-specific crisis indicators, the exact specification of the trigger process and the formal steps of the follow-up process must be defined in consultation among the Committee, the countries concerned and relevant United Nations entities.

Further work is required with respect to linking the enhanced monitoring to support measures. The