

**1997/223. Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-first session**

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the following recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning at its thirty-first session<sup>21</sup> regarding the list of least developed countries:

(a) That Vanuatu be graduated from the list with immediate effect;

(b) That Cape Verde, Maldives and Samoa be graduated from the list at the time of the next review, in 2000, provided that they continue to meet the criteria for graduation at that time.

<sup>21</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1997, Supplement No. 15 (E/1997/35)*, chap. I.