The Committee reviewed its analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on the least developed country category. While many of the least developed countries have managed to limit the immediate health crisis caused by the pandemic, they have been hit hard by the socioeconomic crisis. Insufficient fiscal space, pre-

As mandated by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 2020/10, the Committee undertook a comprehensive study on the impact of COVID-19 on the least developed country category. The full study will be

support, as outlined in the present report (see chapters VI and VII).

Second, as indicated by the Secretary-General, vaccines must be seen as a global public good

available and affordable to all, and ensuring that least developed countries are not once again left behind.

Third, the provision of effective debt relief must be part of enhanced financial support for least developed countries. The Debt Service Suspension Initiative provided short-term relief and more fiscal space in least developed countries but has proven insufficient, and the suspension of debt servicing merely postpones rather

than addresses the challengeT63 her