

# GRADUATION FROM LDC CATEGORY

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the LDC category (by [RES/59/209](#) of 20 December 2004)

Implementing the smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the LDC category (by [RES/65/286](#) of 29 June 2011)

Smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the LDC category (by [RES/67/221](#) of 21 December 2012)

List is organized chronologically, based on the date of first consideration by the UN Committee for Development Policy.

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VANUATU

1997

Recommended to be graduated  
from the list with immediate effect  
([E/1997/35](#))

graduated in Dec 2020

2000

Noted that Vanuatu fully met only

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MALDIVES

2000

graduated in 2011





TUVALU

2012

Recommended for graduation  
([E/2012/33](#))

2018

Recommended for graduation

Recommended that Tuvalu be placed in the category of extremely vulnerable countries to be accorded specific support  
([E/2018/33](#))

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ANGOLA

***Graduation deferred  
to a later date***

2015

Recommended for graduation  
based on income-only exception  
([E/2015/33](#))

2023

Took note that the COVID-19 pandemic aggravated the overall macroeconomic situation and that GNI per capita had fallen below the graduation threshold of the income-only exception, while passing the regular income threshold. The country had not sufficiently improved in the other two LDC criteria and thus would no longer be eligible to be





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SOLOMON ISLANDS

2018

Recommended for graduation  
([E/2018/33](#))

***will graduate in 2027***

2023

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NEPAL

2018

***will graduate in 2026***

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COUNTRIES RECOMMENDED FOR GRADUATION	ACTION BY THE CDP	ACTION BY ECOSOC	ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CAMBODIA	2021		
COMOROS	All 5 LDCs were found to have fulfilled the graduation criteria for the first time ( <a href="#">E/2021/33</a> )		
DJIBOUTI			
SENEGAL			
ZAMBIA			