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MEASURES TO ASSIST THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND DOMINICA FOLLOWING THE SEVERE DISASTERS CAUSED IN THOSE COUNTRIES BY HURRICANE "DAVID" AND HURRICANE "FREDERIC"

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, included in its agenda the item entitled "Measures to assist the Dominican Republic and Dominica following the severe disasters caused in those countries by hurricane 'David' and hurricane 'Frederic'" and allocated it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered this item during its general debate at its 4th to 18th meetings, from 1 to 15 October, and at its 25th meeting, on 29 October 1979. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/34/SR.4-18 and 25).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Letter dated 17 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/34/242);
 - (b) Letter dated 16 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a resolution adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Conference (A/34/619, annex VII);
 - (c) Letter dated 12 October 1979 from the President of the Dominican Republic addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/34/10);

- (d) Letter dated 8 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/34/11);
- (e) Letter dated 29 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/34/12);
- (f) Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on the effect of hurricane "David" on the island of Dominica (E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.2);
- (g) Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its thirteenth special session (E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.6).

4. At the 16th meeting, on 12 October, the representative of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator made an introductory statement.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/34/L.10 AND A/C.2/34/L.11

5. At the 25th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Paraguay, on behalf of Argentina, the Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Spain, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela, introduced two draft resolutions (A/C.2/34/L.10 and A/C.2/34/L.11) entitled, respectively, "International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the Dominican Republic" and "International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the Commonwealth of Dominica". Subsequently, the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mali, Nepal, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolutions.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.2/34/L.10 and A/C.2/34/L.11 (see para. 8, draft resolutions I and II).

7. Statements on the draft resolutions were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Japan, Sweden (Also on behalf of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway) and France (see A/C.2/34/SR.25).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

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DRAFT RESOLUTION I

International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction
and development of the Dominican Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its thirteenth special session, 1/

Deeply concerned at the magnitude of the damage caused in the Dominican Republic by hurricanes "David" and "Frederic", which resulted in extensive loss of human life and destruction of the economic and social infrastructure,

1. Endorses the resolution adopted by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America; 2/
2. Urges Governments of Member States and international organizations to provide with the utmost urgency the assistance envisaged in the said resolution for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the Dominican Republic;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly informed during the next two years of the results achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

International assistance for the rehabilitation, reconstruction
and development of the Commonwealth of Dominica

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America on its thirteenth special session, 3/

Deeply concerned at the magnitude of the damage caused in the Commonwealth of Dominica by hurricanes "David" and "Frederic", which resulted in extensive loss of human life and destruction of the economic and social infrastructure,

1. Endorses the resolution adopted by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America; 4/
2. Urges Governments of Member States and international organizations to provide with the utmost urgency the assistance envisaged in the said resolution for the rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the Commonwealth of Dominica;

1/ E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.6.

2/ Ibid., chap. IV, resolution 417 (PLEN.13).

3/ E/CEPAL/PLEN.13/G.6.

4/ Ibid., chap. IV, resolution 418 (PLEN.13).

3. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly informed during the next two years of the results achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.
