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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR
THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, IN PARTICULAR
TO THE REVITALIZATION OF ECONOMIC
GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Third session
16-20 April 1990
Agenda item 5

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee on its third session

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the third session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 16 to 20 April 1990. The Committee held meetings (10th to) and a number of informal consultations during that period. In accordance with the decision taken at the second session, informal consultations were also held prior to the convening of the third session of the Preparatory Committee.
2. On 16 April 1990, the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee opened the session.

B. Attendance

3. Representatives of the following Member States attended the third session of the Preparatory Committee:

Afghanistan	Ghana	Poland
Algeria	Greece	Portugal
Argentina	Guatemala	Romania
Australia	Guinea Bissau	Rwanda
Austria	Guyana	Saudi Arabia
Bahamas	Haiti	Senegal
Bahrain	Hungary	Seychelles
Bangladesh	Iceland	Sierra Leone
Barbabos	India	Singapore
Belgium	Indonesia	Somalia
Bhutan	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Spain
Bolivia	Iraq	Sri Lanka
Botswana	Ireland	Sudan
Brazil	Israel	Suriname
Brunei Darussalam	Italy	Sweden
Bulgaria	Jamaica	Syrian Arab Republic
Burkina Faso	Japan	Thailand
Burundi	Jordan	Togo
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Kenya	Trinidad and Tobago
Cameroon	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Tunisia
Canada	Lesotho	Turkey
Cape Verde	Liberia	Uganda
Chile	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
China	Luxembourg	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Colombia	Madagascar	United Arab Emirates
Comoros	Malawi	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Congo	Malaysia	United Republic of Tanzania
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	United States of America
Cuba	Mauritania	Uruguay
Cyprus	Mauritius	Vanuatu
Czechoslovakia	Mexico	Venezuela
Democratic Yemen	Mongolia	Viet Nam
Denmark	Morocco	Yemen
Djibouti	Mozambique	Yugoslavia
Ecuador	Myanmar	Zaire
Egypt	Netherlands	Zambia
Ethiopia	New Zealand	Zimbabwe
Fiji	Nigeria	
Finland	Norway	
France	Oman	
German Democratic Republic	Pakistan	
Germany, Federal Republic of	Paraguay	
	Peru	
	Philippines	

4. The following non-member States were represented by observers:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Holy See

Republic of Korea
Switzerland

5. The United Nations University was represented.
6. The following specialized agencies were represented:

International Labour Organisation
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
World Health Organization
World Bank
International Monetary Fund
World Intellectual Property Organization
United Nations Industrial Development Organization

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International Atomic Energy Agency
General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

African Development Bank
Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee
Commission of the European Communities
Commonwealth Secretariat
Latin American Economic System
Organization of American States
Organization of the Islamic Conference

C. Election of officers

8. At its 10th meeting, on 17 April, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Eduard Kukan (Czechoslovakia) as Vice-Chairman of the Committee to replace Mr. Zapotocky (Czechoslovakia) who had resigned. The other officers elected at the organizational session of the Preparatory Committee also served during the third session.

D. Adoption of the agenda

9. Also at its 10th meeting, the Preparatory Committee considered the provisional agenda for the session (A/AC.233/6). On the proposal of the Chairman, the Preparatory Committee decided to include two new items, namely, a new item entitled "Election of officers" between items 1 and 2, and a new item entitled "Organization of work of the special session" between items 3 and 4.

10. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the following agenda for the session, as orally amended:

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of officers.
3. International economic co-operation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries.
4. Organization of work of the special session.
5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee for submission to the special session.

E. Documentation

11. The Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Provisional agenda (A/AC.233/6);
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the state of international economic co-operation and effective ways and means of revitalizing the economic growth and development of developing countries (A/AC.233/5 and Corr.1);
- (c) Proposal submitted by Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 entitled "Draft declaration on the special session of the General Assembly devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries" (A/AC.233/L.3);
- (d) Proposal submitted by Canada entitled "Elements for a declaration of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries" (A/AC.233/L.6);
- (e) Proposal submitted by Ireland, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community, entitled "Draft declaration on the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries" (A/AC.233/L.8).

II. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE
REVITALIZATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

12. At the 10th meeting, the representative of Canada introduced the draft proposal entitled "Elements for a declaration of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to International Economic Co-operation, in particular to revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries" (A/AC.233/L.6).

13. At the 11th meeting, on 18 April, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community, introduced a draft proposal (A/AC.233/L.8) entitled "Draft declaration on the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries", which read as follows:

Proposal submitted by Ireland

"We, the States Members of the United Nations

"1. Reaffirm that the principal aim of international economic co-operation is to bring about the framework required to allow each individual human being to lead a life of dignity, based on freedom from intolerance, discrimination, oppression, exploitation, illiteracy and poverty, and, to that end;

"2. Adopt the following Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, which sets out the basic principles for the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries:

"1. We affirm that the reduction of international political tensions, the increasing globalization of world economic activity and the growing convergence of views on political and economic issues together enable the United Nations to play a more effective role in tackling the problems faced by the developing countries. In fulfilling this role, the United Nations should take full account of the diversity of situations facing individual countries and work to devise realistic and flexible approaches which benefit all individuals, especially the poorest in the developing countries.

"2. We emphasize the need to bring about sustainable, non-inflationary economic growth in all countries. Effective national policies have a critical role to play in achieving this objective. Such policies should be outward- and market-oriented. They should be supportive of investment as well as of efficient allocation and mobilization of resources to achieve durable growth and development. For many developing countries, in particular the least developed, national policies, in parallel with international co-operation in this field, must over time seek to diversify the economic base, thereby lessening their dependence on primary commodities. The multilateral

development agencies have a crucial role in assisting developing countries design and implement effective national policies.

"3. We affirm that a supportive international environment is crucial to the success of effective national policies. To this end, existing economic imbalances and monetary instability in the industrialized world, which, inter alia, affect the level of interest rates, must be tackled decisively. The achievement of this objective would facilitate increases in resource flows to developing countries and would contribute to a solution of existing debt problems. These problems negatively affect many developing countries and their resolution continues to require innovative approaches.

"4. We recognize that the full mobilization of the human resources of developing countries is crucial to successful development. To this end, there exists the need to support movement towards pluralistic institutions which guarantee equitable development and human rights. Universal access to basic health, education and shelter is crucial. The full and equal involvement of women in the development process will act as an important spur to successful development. Particular attention must be paid to the rate of population growth so as to allow sustainable development.

"5. We recognize the critical importance of an open multilateral trading system. In this regard, efforts must continue to bring about a system that allows the developing countries to benefit further from their areas of comparative advantage. We pledge our determination to work to achieve a successful, balanced and comprehensive outcome to the Uruguay Round. Regional co-operation among developing countries in trade, technical and other forms of economic activity can contribute to a strengthened multilateral trading system.

"6. We jointly commit ourselves to the protection of our common environmental heritage. We recognize that environmental sustainability is central to development. Much of the damage caused to the environment results from patterns of consumption and production in the developed countries. The developed countries must provide additional resources and the appropriate technologies to combat environmental degradation. All countries will increasingly need to integrate environmental concerns into their national development policies.

"7. We reaffirm that substantial resources will be required to support the development process in the years ahead. The developed countries reaffirm their commitment to work to attain the accepted targets set by the United Nations of devoting 0.7 per cent of their gross national product to official development assistance and 0.15 per cent to the least developed countries. In addition, the developed countries stress their determination to improve the quality of the aid they provide. They emphasize that the level of their official development assistance to the developing world will not be negatively affected by their efforts in support of the process of reform in Eastern Europe.

"8. We emphasize that the elaboration of these principles establishes a new agenda for the United Nations based on a global view of the challenges of the 1990s. We affirm that the present Declaration can provide a framework for the successful completion of the work of forthcoming United Nations Conferences, commencing with the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in Paris in September 1990."

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL SESSION

[to follow]

IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SPECIAL SESSION

14. At its 10th and meetings, on 17 and .. April, the Preparatory Committee considered and adopted the draft report on its second session (A/AC.233/L.7), as orally amended.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

[to follow]
