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NEW INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORDER

Austria, Bulgaria, France, Jordan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Morocco,
and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: draft resolution

Promotion of international co-operation in the humanitarian field

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/121 of 7 December 1987 and 43/130 of
8 December 1988,

Noting that one of the purposes of the United Nations, set forth in its
Charter, is to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems
of a humanitarian character,

Recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ which proclaims,
inter alia, that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and
inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom,
justice and peace in the world,

Recalling also that everyone is entitled to a social and international order
in which universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms can be fully
realized,

Mindful of the fact that unresolved humanitarian problems may impede the
effective realization of human rights and even lead to violations of these rights,

1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

Convinced that solving humanitarian problems requires co-operation and harmonization of actions taken by Governments, international bodies, non-governmental organizations and individuals,

Mindful of the significance of the existing workable system to promote, facilitate and co-ordinate humanitarian activities carried out by Governments, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. Calls upon Governments, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations further to develop international co-operation in the humanitarian field;

2. Reiterates that international co-operation in the humanitarian field will facilitate better understanding, mutual respect, confidence and tolerance among countries and peoples, thus contributing to a more just and non-violent world;

3. Notes the need to identify humanitarian problems of the highest priority and to develop a universal strategy of action in the humanitarian field;

4. Invites Governments to promote, within existing mechanisms, regular exchanges of information and of national experience in addressing humanitarian problems;

5. Calls for the broadening of the concept of international co-operation in the humanitarian field through effective bilateral dialogue and activities pertaining to specific humanitarian issues;

6. Encourages the international community to contribute substantially and regularly to international humanitarian activities;

7. Invites all non-governmental organizations concerned with the humanitarian issues examined by the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues and working with strictly humanitarian motives to bear in mind the recommendations and suggestions made in the report 2/ of the Independent Commission in the context of their policies and actions in the field;

8. Decides to consider this issue at its forty-seventh session under the item entitled "New international humanitarian order".
