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### NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS

#### Report of the Third Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1985, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress: reports of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Third Committee considered this item jointly with items 89, 90, 95, 96, 97 and 98 at its 16th to 23rd, 30th and 37th meetings on 18, 21, 22, 24, and 28 October and 4 and 11 November. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/40/SR.16-23, 30 and 37).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
  - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section B (A/40/3); 1/
  - (b) National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress: report of the Secretary-General (A/40/65-E/1985/7 and Add.1);

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1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/40/3/Rev.1).

(c) National experience in promoting the co-operative movement: report of the Secretary-General (A/40/78-E/1985/10);

(d) Letter dated 19 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/672-S/17488).

4. At the 16th meeting, on 18 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Director of the General Analysis and Policies Division of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs made introductory statements.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/40/L.16

5. At the 30th meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/40/L.16) entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress", sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Ethiopia, Hungary, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Poland and Viet Nam as well as Madagascar and Mozambique.

6. At its 37th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/40/L.16 by a recorded vote of 120 to 1, with 15 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire), Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Germany, Federal Republic of, Grenada, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

7. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 2/

Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3/ as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 4/

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

Recalling its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/38 of 30 November 1976, 36/19 of 9 November 1981 and 38/25 of 22 November 1983, in which it reaffirmed the importance for every State to exercise its inalienable right to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in this field,

Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, military, political and economic intervention and pressure, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination, as well as all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

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2/ Resolution 2542 (XXIV), annex.

3/ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

4/ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States, as well as effective measures in the field of disarmament, create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing countries,

Considering that the exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 5/

Reaffirming the sovereign and inalienable right of all peoples freely to determine their political status and freely to pursue their economic, social and cultural development,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress; 6/

2. Calls upon all States to give special attention in their national development plans and programmes to the social aspects of development with a view to increasing the well-being of the population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to proceed with the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/32 of 29 May 1985, paying special attention to paragraphs 3 and 5 thereof;

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements for holding in 1986 the interregional seminar called for in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 38/25, within the resources allotted to the programme for sectoral and regional advisory services;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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5/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

6/ A/40/65-E/1985/7 and Add.1.