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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of
the Committee, Mr. Ahmed Amaziane (Morocco), on
the basis of informal consultations held on draft
resolution A/C.2/45/L.13

Co-operation in fisheries in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/225 of 18 December 1984, by which it endorsed the Strategy for Fisheries Management and the related programmes of action adopted by the World Conference on Fisheries Management and Development,

Recalling its resolution 44/225 of 22 December 1989, entitled "Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impacts on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas",

Recognizing the significant contribution that fisheries can make to economic growth and development of the developing countries through food self-sufficiency, the improvement of nutrition and the diversification of exports,

Bearing in mind the significant capabilities that exist in developing countries in the field of fisheries, which provide opportunities for co-operation among them, and the importance of fostering the development of these capabilities to help developing countries realize their full potential in this regard,

Considering the need for African countries to develop inter-State co-operation in order to promote the development of the fishery sector,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/77 of 27 July 1990, entitled "Co-operation in fisheries in Africa", as adopted;

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2. Takes note of the Ministerial Conference on Co-operation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, held at Rabat, Morocco, from 30 March to 1 April 1989, and of the meeting of the follow-up committee, held also at Rabat, from 29 to 31 May 1990;

3. Requests Member States to make full use of advanced marine training centres in Africa, promote the exchange of information and the joint negotiation of fishery agreements concerning the high-sea fleets of non-African countries, accord greater importance to the development of small-scale fishing, improve the living conditions of African fishermen, acknowledge the role of women in fisheries, strengthen fish marketing and preservation facilities and facilitate the access of African fishery products to the markets of developed countries;

4. Requests the relevant international organizations to contribute actively to the promotion of co-operation in fisheries in Africa, including the preparations and work for the forthcoming Ministerial Conference on Co-operation in Fisheries among the African States Bordering the Atlantic Ocean, which is scheduled to take place in 1991;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, in close consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh regular session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992, a report on co-operation in fisheries in Africa, including recommendations for its enhancement;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his report ways and means to develop the potential capabilities of developing countries in fisheries, including economic and technical co-operation, particularly among developing countries;

7. Calls upon the international community, in particular the developed countries, to support the endeavours of developing countries to develop their fisheries infrastructure;

8. Decides to consider the issue of co-operation in fisheries in Africa at its forty-seventh regular session under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation".
