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DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1992-1993

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1992-1993, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The draft proposals that are pending action by the Committee have been placed in square brackets. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1992-1993 is considered by the Committee.

The attention of the members of the Second Committee is drawn to the ever increasing number of separate items proposed for inclusion in the programme of work of the Committee, a number of which contradict the biennialization of the work of the Committee. The number of separate items has increased from 6 at the forty-second session to 16 proposed items for the forty-seventh session (including 15 substantial sub-items). The proliferation of new separate items, some of which are being considered annually, is clearly inconsistent with the intent of General Assembly resolution 39/217, entitled "Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee". The Committee may wish to address this problem in the context of its consideration of the draft biennial programme of work for 1992-1993.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee
for 1992-1993 a/

(as at 6 December 1991)

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

(a) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 39/229 of 18 December 1984) c/

(b) United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(c) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (General Assembly decision 45/436 of 21 December 1990)

[(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.12)] c/

[(e) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories]

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of Israel's establishment of settlements in the Palestinian territory, the Syrian Golan and the other occupied Arab territories (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.8 and Corr.1)] g/

[(f) Impact of recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries]

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of East-West relations on the growth and development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.21)] g/

(g) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.33/Rev.1 g/

[(h) Report of the Committee for Development Planning: criteria for identifying the least developed countries]

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the resource and other implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries on the implementation of the Programme of Action for those countries for the 1990s (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.34)] g/

Item 2. Development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/193 on the support of the international community for the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen g/

Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries (General Assembly resolution 45/192 of 21 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.7/Rev.2)

[Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.58)] c/

[Report of the Secretary-General on requirements necessary to implement the decisions on desertification and drought of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.109)]

[Report of the Secretary-General on the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.89)]

Report of the Secretary-General on further substantive follow-up to General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 by Governments and organizations of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa (General Assembly resolution 45/184 of 21 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/73 of 26 July 1991) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and coordination of the efforts of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to pursue sustainable and environmentally sound development (General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987, and 44/227 of 22 December 1989) c/

(a) Trade and development

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 45/200 of 21 December 1990)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/202 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries

Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 45/261 of 3 May 1991)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.22)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.92)

(b) Food and agricultural development

Documentation

Report of the World Food Council g/

Report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and developments in the liberalization of international trade in agricultural and tropical products (Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/53 of 26 July 1991)

(c) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982) g/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/208

(d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive programme of action for the acceleration of the exploration and development of energy resources in developing countries (General Assembly resolution 45/209 of 21 December 1990) c/

[Item 3. Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Report of the Conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.75)]

[Item 4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.80]

[Item 5. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the coordinating actions undertaken to formulate improved and enhanced action-oriented technical cooperation programmes for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.106)]

[Item 6. External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.38]

Item 7. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation for the comprehensive triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980, 41/171 of 5 December 1986, 42/196 of 11 December 1987, 44/211 of 23 February 1990, [A/C.2.46/L.66 and L.69 and Corr.1]) c/

[Report of the Director-General on a strategy of training for United Nations staff members and national officials involved in operational activities (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.66)]

[Report of the Director-General on the contributions of the operational activities of the United Nations system to the enhancement of the scientific and technological capacities of developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.66)]

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children c/

(e) World Food Programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 8. International cooperation for economic growth and development

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the steps taken by Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system towards implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.79)

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(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990) c/

Item 9. Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of promoting the enhancement of United Nations activities with regard to the training of scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs from developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 45/196, para. 9, and A/C.2/46/L.72)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on ways and means of fostering United Nations system activities with regard to industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 45/196, para. 10, and A/C.2/46/L.72)

[Item 10. International conference on the financing of development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the convening of an international conference on the financing of development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.105)]

Item 11. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990)

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries and regions

Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

Item 12. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.49

[Item 13. International cooperation to mitigate the environmental consequences on Kuwait and other countries in the region resulting from the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.71] c/

Item 14. Training and research

(a) United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University c/

[(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.77]

[Item 15. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1] c/

[Item 16. Environment and agricultural protectionist policies

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the relationship between protectionist agricultural policies and the environment (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.74)]

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/ *

(a) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1995-1996

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Special assistance to Namibia

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.84

Item 2. Development and international economic cooperation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.73)

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) g/

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.55)]

[Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.57)]

* Under this item, the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council.

[(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s]

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.104]

(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/173 of 11 December 1987, and A/C.2/46/L.61) g/

Preliminary version of the updated World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 44/77 of 8 December 1989 and 44/171 of 19 December 1989) g/

(d) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187 of 8 December 1986, 44/238 of 22 December 1989 and 45/189 of 21 December 1990) g/

(e) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) g/

[Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on technical cooperation among developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.18)]

Report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Coordination Conference (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.93)

(f) Environment

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972) g/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975)

(g) Desertification and drought

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolutions 32/172 of 19 December 1977 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985) g/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 40/209 of 17 December 1985) g/

(h) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977, 43/180 and 43/181 of 20 December 1988) g/

(i) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolutions 34/218 of 19 December 1979 and 39/217 of 18 December 1984) g/

[Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means of strengthening endogenous capacity-building in the developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.23)]

(j) Entrepreneurship

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 45/188 of 21 December 1990) g/

[Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.25/Rev.2)]

Item 3. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 41/171, 44/171 of 19 December 1989 and 44/211 of 22 December 1989) c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations technical co-operation activities

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Item 4. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolutions 44/236 of 22 December 1989 and A/C.2/46/L.39) c/

Item 5. Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries

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Item 6. Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on regional economic integration among developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.82)

Item 7. Human resources development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.99

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1992.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1993 will be updated in 1992, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1993.
