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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the Recommendation of the General Committee, **decided** to include in its agenda the **item entitled:**

"Report of the Economic and Social Council;

" (a) Report of the Council ;

" (b) Reports of the Secretary-General,".

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report 1/ that were **considered** under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/42/1).

2. In the context of item 12, the Second Committee **considered** the following questions referred by the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly that did not fall within the purview of items specifically allocated to the Second Committee:

(a) Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development, of developing countries;

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts.

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/42/1).

- (b) **Net transfer of resources** from developing to developed countries;
- (c) International economic **security**;
- (d) **Inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries**;
- (e) **Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories**;
- (f) Pattern of **consumption**; qualitative aspects of **development**;
- (g) **International year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources** to increase food and **agricultural** production in Africa!
- (h) **Industrial Development Decade** for Africa)
- (i) **Transport and Communications Decade** in Africa!
- (j) Food and agricultural **problems**;
- (k) Target for World **Food Programme pledges** for the **period 1989-1990**;
- (l) Population and **development**;
- (m) United Nations Fund for Population **Activities**; change of name;
- (n) Development **of human resources**;
- (o) Co-ordination in the **United Nations** and the **United Nations system**;
- (p) Fortieth anniversary of the **World Health Organization, 1988**;
- (q) World Tourism **Organization**;
- (r) Assistance to the Palestinian people)
- (s) Office of the **United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator**;
- (t) 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**.

3. The **Committee** held a general **discussion on this item** at its 16th to 19th and 25th meetings, on 19 to 21 and 27 October 1987. An account of the **Committee's discussion** is contained in the relevant **summary records (A/C.2/42/SR.16-19 and 25)**. Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the **Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, on 5 and 7 to 9 October 1987 (A/C.2/42/SR.3-9)**. An account of the **Committee's further consideration of the item** will be given in the addenda to the present report.

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documenter

Documentation under the item as a whole

A/42/3 **Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1987 1/**

**A/42/137-
E/1987/48** Letter dated 18 February 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the **Secretary-General, transmitting the text of an address by the Prime Minister of Australia at a symposium at Davos, Switzerland, on 29 January 1987, and the text of a paper released by the Prime Minister at the symposium, comprising a proposal for resolving the international agricultural trade crisis**

**A/42/178-
S/18753** Letter dated 3 March 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General **transmitting the final communiqué and resolutions adopted by the Fifth Islamic Summit Conference, held at Kuwait from 26 to 29 January 1987**

A/42/337 Letter dated 10 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, **transmitting the text of the statement on East-West relations issued at the Venice Economic Summit on 9 June 1987**

**A/42/354-
E/1987/110** Letter dated 12 June 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a document on the elimination of underdevelopment and the establishment of a new international economic order adopted at the session of the Political Consultative Committee of the States parties to the Warsaw Treaty, held at Berlin on 28 and 29 May 1987

**A/42/359-
E/1907/112** Letter dated 23 June 1987 from the head of the delegation of the German Democratic Republic to the second regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the Secretary-General, **transmitting** a document entitled "Assistance rendered by the German Democratic Republic to developing countries and national liberation movements in 1986"

**A/42/381-
E/1987/117** Letter dated 3 July 1987 from the representatives of Australia, Belgium, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General., transmitting a document entitled "Contributions to the development activities of the United Nations system"

- A/42/386- Letter **dated** 25 June 1987 **from** the head of the delegation of the Union
E/1987/114 of Soviet **Socialist** Republics to the second regular session of 1987 of
the Economic and Social Council addressed to the Secretary-General,
transmitting **a document** concerning the economic co-operation of the
Union of Soviet Socialist **Republics** with **the** developing countries
- A/42/402- Letter dated 15 July 1987 from the Charge **d'affaires a.i.** of **the**
S/18979 Permanent **Mission** of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General, transmitting **the** text of the declaration concerning
East-West relations adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs **of** the
twelve States members of the European Community at Copenhagen on
13 July 1987
- A/42/625 Letter dated 9 October 1987 from **the** Permanent Representative of Canada
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting
the text of the ministerial statement **issued** at the conclusion of the
Second Ministerial Meeting of the **Cairns** Group, held at Ottawa from 21
to 23 **May** 1987
- A/42/677 Letter dated 19 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,
transmitting the Vancouver Declaration on World Trade, the Okanagan
Statement on Southern **Africa** and **Programme** of Action and the communique
of the Commonwealth Heads **of** Government Meeting, held at **Vancouver**,
Canada, from 13 to 17 October 1987
- A/C.2/42/4 **Latter** dated **16 October** 1987 from the Permanent Representative of
Hungary to the United Nations **addressed** to the **Secretary-General**,
transmitting the text of **a** joint statement of the delegations of
Bulgaria, **the Byelorussian** Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia,
the **German** Democratic Republic, **Hungary**, Mongolia, Poland, the
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics on **the** question of international economic security

(a) Role of the public sector in **promoting the economic**
development of developing countries

- A/42/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/42/130- Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in
E/1987/50 promoting the economic development of developing **countries**

(b) Net transfer-of resources from **developing**
to developed countries

- A/42/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/42/272- Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources from
E/1987/72 developing to developed countries

(c) International economic security

A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council, chap. II 1/

A/42/314-
E/1907/ 77 Report of **the** Secretary-General **on** a concept of **international economic security**
and MA.1

(d) Inclusion of Burma in the list of the least developed countries

A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council, chap. II 1/

(e) Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council., chap. III, sect. J 1/

A/42/341-
E/1987/78 **Note by the Secretary-General on Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories**

(f) Patterns of consumptiona qualitative aspects of development

A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social **Council.**, chap. IV, sect. B 1/

(g) International year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa

A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council, chap. IV, **sect. I** 1/

A/42/310-
E/1987/88 Report of **the** Secretary-General. on an international year for **the mobilization** of financial and technological resources to **increase food and agricultural production in Africa**

(h) Industrial Development Decade for Africa

A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council, **chap. IV, sect. I** 1/

A/42/559 **Note by the Secretary-General** transmitting the sixth joint progress report by the **secretariats** of the **Economic Commission For Africa, the Organization of African Unity** and **United Nations Industrial Development Organisation** on the implementation of **the** programme for the **Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

(i) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

- A/42/3 Report of the **Economic and Social** Council, chap. IV, **sect. I** 1/
- A/42/288-
E/1987/71 Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications **Decade** in Africa

(j) Food and agricultural problems 2/

- A/42/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, **sect. J** 1/

(k) Target for World Food Programme pledges
for the period 1989-1990

- A/42/3 **Report** of the Economic and Social **Council**, chap. IV, **sect. J** 1/

(l) Population and development

- A/42/3 Report of the Economic and Social **Council**, chap. IV, **sect. M** 1/
- A/42/302-
E/1987/81 Report of the Secretary-General **on the implementation of Council** resolution **1986/7** on population question&

(m) United Nations Fund for Population Activities:
change of name

- A/42/3 Report of the **Economic and Social** Council, chap. IV, **sect. M** 1/

(n) Development of human resources

- R/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council, chap. VI, **sect. C** 1/
- A/42/33 5-
E/1987/84 Note by the Secretary-General **on human** resources development

2/ The report of the World Food Council on the work of its thirteenth ministerial session (Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/42/19)) was **brought** to the attention of the General Assembly.

(o) Co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system

- A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social **Council** 1, chap. VI, sect. C 1/
A/42/23 2- Report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination in the United
E/1987/68 **Nat ions** and the United Nations system

(p) Fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization, 1988

- A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social **Council**, chap. VI, sect. C 1/ .

(q) World Tourism Organization

- A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and **Social** Council, chap. VI, sect, C 1/
A/42/227- Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the
E/1987/65 Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organisation

(r) Assistance to the Palestinian people

- A/42/3 Report of the **Economic** and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. D 1/
A/42/209- Report of the **Secretary-General** on assistance to the
E/1987/86 Palestinian people
and Add.1
and 2 and
Add.2/
Corr.1

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

- A/ 42/657 Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of **General Assembly** resolution 41/201

- (t) 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

A/C.2/42/L.4 Note by the Secretariat transmitting a 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", deferred for consideration from the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly

5. At the 19th meeting, on 21 October, statements were made by the Executive Director of the World Food Council and the Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (see A/C. 2/42/SR.18) .

6. At the 25th meeting, on 27 October, statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/201 (A/42/657), and by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (see A/C. 2/42/SR. 25) ,
