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### DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1988-1989

#### 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. Owing to constraints of time, the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1988-1989, 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 a decision. The draft proposals which 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 1988-1989 is considered by the Committee.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee  
for 1988-1989 a/

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

(a) In-depth study of the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 41/213)

(b) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the 'Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977) c/

(c) Global strategy for shelter to the year 2000

Documentation Report of the special session of the Commission on Human Settlements on a Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (A/C.2/42/L.33) c/

(d) Indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development (General Assembly resolution 41/182) c/

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 1987/77; A/C.2/42/L.22) c/

(f) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly decision 40/432 on Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (General Assembly decision 40/432 and Council resolution 1987/87) c/

(g) 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 the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolution 41/187) c/

(h) Guidelines for international decades

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/C.2/42/L.90)

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation d/

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the current international monetary situation (A/C.2/42/L.69)

Draft resolution entitled "International ecological security" (A/C.2/42/L.34)

Note by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly regarding accession by the United Nations to the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, Vienna, 1986, and to the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency, Vienna, 1986 (A/C.2/42/6)

Draft resolution entitled "International conference on money and finance for development" (A/C.2/42/L.52)

(a) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000)

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on information for the preparation and elaboration of an international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (A/C.2/42/L.75) c/

(b) Trade and development

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

Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution 41/163)

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 (A/C.2/42/L.56)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the trade embargo against Nicaragua (A/C.2/42/L.67)

Draft resolution entitled "Commodities" (A/C.2/42/L.5)

Draft resolution entitled "Protectionism and structural adjustment" (A/C.2/42/L.6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/C.2/42/L.84)

(c) Food problems

Documentation Report of the World Food Council c/

Oral report by the Secretary-General on the liberalization of international agricultural trade (Council resolution 1987/90) c/

(d) 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) c/

(e) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 37/251)

(f) Long-term trends in economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective on the world economy to the year 2000 (General Assembly resolution 40/207) c/

(g) A long-term strategy for sustainable and environmentally sound development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (A/C.2/42/L.81) c/

[Item 3. External debt crisis and development

Draft resolutions entitled "External debt crisis and development" and "Debt and related issues" (A/C.2/42/L.9) and "Furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problem between developing and developed countries, multilateral financial institutions and commercial banks" (A/C.2/42/L.20)]

Item 4. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 41/171 and A/C.2/42/L.92) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of its decision in October 1986 to improve the overall functioning and efficiency of its subsidiary machinery for operational activities (A/C.2/42/L.92) c/

(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 chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

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

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

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

(e) World Food Programme

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

Item 5. Training and research

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/C.2/42/L.88)

(b) United Nations University

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

Item 6. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

Documentation Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of decision A/C.2/42/L.82

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/42/L.86)

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

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Council resolution 1986/47) c/

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries

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

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

(a) Development of human resources

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development and the activities of the United Nations system in that field (Council resolution 1987/81) c/

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(b) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992

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

(c) International economic security

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on international economic security (A/C.2/42/L.38/Rev.2) c/

(d) 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) c/

(e) Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development

Documentation Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 40/179 and Council resolution 1987/6)

(f) World Tourism Organization

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization on the further implementation of Assembly resolution 40/172 (A/C.2/42/L.26) c/

(g) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/C.2/42/L.86) c/

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

(a) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000)

(b) Trade and development

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

Report of the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/C.2/42/L.50)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (A/C.2/42/L.54/Rev.1)

(c) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

(d) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

Documentation Comprehensive and analytical report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States (General Assembly resolution 40/182 and decision 41/440) c/

(e) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation World survey on the role of women in development (General Assembly resolution 40/204) c/

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the reports by the organizations of the United Nations system on the measures taken or proposed to implement the system-wide medium-term plan for women and development (Council resolution 1987/86) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (A/C.2/42/L.57) c/

(f) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

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

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries (A/C.2/42/L.72)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on technical co-operation among developing countries (A/C.2/42/L.74)

Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development and Co-ordination Conference (A/C.2/42/L.55)



(g) Environment

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/C.2/42/L.79, A/C.2/42/L.80 and A/C.2/42/L.81) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development (A/C.2/42/L.81) c/

Report of the Secretary-General to review and co-ordinate the efforts of all the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to pursue sustainable and environmentally sound development (A/C.2/42/L.80 and A/C.2/42/L.81) c/

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)

Report of the Secretary-General on the question of illegal traffic of toxic and dangerous products (A/C.2/42/L.78)

Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the resolution on the protection of the ozone layer (A/C.2/42/L.64) c/

(h) Desertification and drought

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on countries stricken by desertification and drought (A/C.2/42/L.24) c/

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (General Assembly resolutions 32/172, 33/89 and A/C.2/42/L.60 A and B) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions on the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (A/C.2/42/L.60 A, B and C) c/

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) and 40/209) c/

(i) Human settlements

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and Council resolution 1978/1 of 12 January 1978) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (A/C.2/42/L.23) c/

(j) Science and technology for development g/

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) c/

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 Co-operation for the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 41/171 and A/C.2/42/L.92) c/

Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on developments related to the field office structure of the United Nations system (A/C.2/42/L.92) 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 co-operation 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

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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 only after the Economic and Social Council completes its work each year.

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

d/ In draft resolution A/C.2/42/L.91, the General Assembly decided to consider further the question of the consequences of the recent sharp fluctuations and their implications for the development of the developing countries in the light of the relevant discussions in the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other appropriate international organs and organizations.

e/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1989 will be updated in 1988, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

f/ 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 only after the Council completes its work each year. Under this item the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council. The Second Committee may wish to decide not to consider draft proposals on that report, except specific proposals requiring action by the General Assembly contained in the reports of the World Food Council or the Economic and Social Council.

g/ In accordance with the resolution on the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology (A/C.2/42/L.70), the general discussion on that question will be conducted at the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly in plenary meeting.