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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR: PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1984, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Third Committee considered this item jointly with items 89, 90 and 91 at its 16th to 23rd, 27th and 37th meetings, on 19, 22 to 26 October and 1 and 13 November 1984. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/39/SR.16-23, 27 and 37).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
 - (a) International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General (A/39/262);
 - (b) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section B (A/39/3 (Part I)); 1/

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/39/3).

- (c) Letter dated 17 April 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/39/185-S/16486).

4. At the 16th meeting, on 19 October, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement.

5. At the 19th meeting, on 25 October, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.6

6. At the 27th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.6) entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia as well as Austria, Benin, Botswana, the Comores, Democratic Yemen, Dominica, El Salvador, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, the Ivory Coast, Malaysia, Malta, Mozambique, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay and Zimbabwe.

7. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution is contained in document A/C.3/39/L.15 and Add.1.

8. At the 37th meeting, on 13 November, the representative of Romania orally revised operative paragraph 5 of the draft resolution by replacing "from 18 to 27 March 1985" with "from 25 March to 3 April 1985" after the words "the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year shall be convened, within existing resources, at Vienna,".

9. At the same meeting, it was announced that Egypt had withdrawn as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

10. At the same meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.6, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 14, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.12

12. At the 27th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Czechoslovakia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/39/L.12) entitled "Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and work", sponsored by Afghanistan, Angola, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela and Viet Nam as well as Algeria, subsequently joined by Mozambique and Nigeria.

13. At its 37th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.12 without a vote (see para. 14, draft resolution II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

14. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979, 35/126 of

11 December 1980, 36/28 of 13 November 1981, 37/48 of 3 December 1982 and 38/22 of 22 November 1983,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation-building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, for the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Bearing in mind that 1985 is the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations,

Emphasizing again that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Convinced that the preparation and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year under the motto "Participation, Development, Peace" will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major national, regional and international problems,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Recalling that the activities of the International Youth Year at the international level should be primarily supportive of activities undertaken relative to regional, national and local youth issues,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and regional commissions in promoting international co-operation in the field of youth and the necessity of strengthening their role in the effective implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, 2/

Aware of the contribution which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is making to the promotion of international co-operation in the field of youth,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year,

Also noting with satisfaction that many Governments have established national committees or other mechanisms to facilitate the planning, implementation and co-ordination of the activities related to the preparation for and observance of the International Youth Year,

1. Endorses the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year contained in the report on its third session; 3/

2/ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

3/ A/39/262, annex.

2. Decides to devote an appropriate number of its plenary meetings at the fortieth session of the General Assembly, in 1985, to policies and programmes relating to youth and to designate these meetings as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year which should take place in keeping with the procedures and practices of the General Assembly;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to take all measures recommended by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year with a view to ensuring an appropriate observance of the International Youth Year within the United Nations system;
4. Recommends to all States Members of the United Nations that they should include youth representatives in their delegations to the fortieth session of the General Assembly;
5. Decides that the fourth session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year shall be convened, within existing resources, at Vienna, from 25 March to 3 April 1985 with a view to working out, on the basis of a draft prepared by the Secretary-General, guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth which will be transmitted for approval to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;
6. Stresses again the importance of active and direct participation of youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;
7. Invites all international governmental and non-governmental organizations that have planned specific activities devoted to the International Youth Year, as well as the organizers of international youth conferences and festivals in 1985, to be inspired, in the process of preparing and implementing those activities, by the motto of the International Youth Year: "Participation, Development, Peace" and by the provisions of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year endorsed by the General Assembly;
8. Also invites the organizers of international youth conferences and festivals in 1985 to inform the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Secretary-General, of the results of those activities and the documents adopted;
9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/29 of 13 November 1981, 37/49 of 3 December 1982 and 38/23 of 22 November 1983, in which it, inter alia, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

Recalling also its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 4/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 5/ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 5/ with special regard to the right to education and to work,

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of secondary and higher education for young people as well as access for them to appropriate technical and vocational guidance and training programmes,

Expressing its serious interest in the success of the forthcoming International Youth Year which should, inter alia, promote increasing participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country,

1. Calls upon all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and the interested bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to pay continuous attention to the implementation of resolutions 36/29, 37/49 and 38/23 relating to efforts and measures aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

2. Requests the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to pay in its activities, full attention to resolutions 36/29, 37/49 and 38/23 and to all relevant international human rights instruments, particularly in elaborating guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

4/ Resolution 217 A (III).

5/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3. Invites national co-ordinating committees or other organs of co-ordination for the International Youth Year to give appropriate priority in the activities to be undertaken during the Year to the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to pay adequate attention, in his report surveying the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly to the right to education and to work.
