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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES RELATING TO YOUTH

Report of the Third Committee

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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 "Policies and programmes relating to youth: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Third Committee considered this item jointly with items 85, 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 discussions is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/39/SR.16-23, 27 and 37).
3. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace (A/39/262) and the report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section B (A/39/3 (Part I)). 1/
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.

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

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/39/L.11

6. At the 27th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Egypt introduced a draft resolution entitled "Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations", sponsored by Bangladesh, Cameroon, Chile, the Comoros, Denmark, Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, Morocco, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Romania, Spain, the Sudan, Sweden, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zaire as well as Belgium, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Rwanda, subsequently joined by Costa Rica, Indonesia, Senegal and Yemen.

7. At the 37th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/39/L.11 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

8. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth organizations, and also recalling its resolution 38/26 of 22 November 1983,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of effective channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations for the proper information of young people and their effective participation in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General relating to youth, 2/

Also taking note of the report of the Expert Group meeting on channels of communication, held at Vienna from 9 to 13 January 1984,

Further taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, specifically of the paragraphs dealing with the channels of communication, 3/

2/ E/1984/40 and Corr.1.

3/ A/39/262, annex.

Taking note of resolution 22/C/22 on youth adopted by the twenty-second General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Convinced that effective and proper functioning of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations forms a basic prerequisite for active involvement of young people in the work of the United Nations,

Equally convinced that the effective participation of youth representatives from the Member States in international congresses dealing with youth issues will enhance and strengthen the current and future channels of communication and will help in understanding the problems facing youth in our contemporary world,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a detailed, structured and evaluative report on the implementation of the guidelines and additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication, which would serve as a background paper at the fourth session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, and to submit that report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

2. Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication not only in their general terms, but also in concrete projects dealing with issues of importance to young people;

3. Calls upon the national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year and other similar structures to assist national youth organizations, upon their request, in carrying out their role as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations;

4. Stresses the necessity of making use, within the framework of the channels of communication, of mechanisms which have been set up by youth and youth organizations themselves at the national, regional and international levels;

5. Decides to take up the question of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations at its fortieth session on the basis of the next report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year.
