

*Recognizing* in this regard that the observance of the Year has contributed towards the reaffirmation of the goals of a new international economic order,

*Recognizing also* that the situation of children in the developing countries depends on the economic and social development of those countries and consequently on the establishment of a new international economic order,

*Deeply gratified* by the world-wide response of the international community in observing the Year as a first essential step towards achieving the longer-range objectives of the Year, while also highlighting the international co-operative efforts towards the improvement of the well-being of children and the attainment of the harmonious development of their personalities,

*Bearing in mind* the conclusions and recommendations of the International Seminar on Children under *Apartheid*, held in Paris from 18 to 20 June 1979<sup>6</sup> at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in observance of the Year,

*Noting* that the approach adopted by the United Nations in organizing the Year contributed to its success,

*Convinced* that the fresh and necessary impetus to activities, generated by the Year, should be maintained and that the new perspectives it has created should be followed by appropriate action in the years to come,

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund on the International Year of the Child,<sup>7</sup>

1. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* to all Governments which elaborated national programmes for the implementation of the aims of the International Year of the Child and to those among them which became initiators of major regional and other international events;

2. *Expresses also its deep appreciation* to the United Nations Children's Fund, the lead agency, and to the Executive Director of the Fund and his Special Representative for the International Year of the Child and her staff, and commends the efforts of other concerned organizations of the United Nations system and the contributions made by non-governmental organizations;

3. *Urges* Governments to make every effort to consolidate and to build further on the results of the Year in order to achieve lastingly increased benefits for children by such measures, where appropriate, as:

(a) *Planning* for programmes and services benefiting children, including integrated mother and child health care, in their national planning for social and economic development;

(b) *Further identifying*, defining and documenting the situation of children;

(c) *Setting specific national targets and goals* for meeting the needs of children, *inter alia*, in the fields of health and education and for the development of their intellectual and cultural abilities;

(d) *Increasing budgetary provision* for programmes benefiting children by reviewing and/or revising present priorities;

4. *Recognizes* the importance of assisting and protecting the family as a basic unit of society and the natural environment for the development and welfare of all its members, especially the children;

5. *Requests* Governments and organizations to develop special programmes of assistance to the children oppressed by the inhuman policy of *apartheid*;

6. *Urges* Governments and organizations providing assistance to developing countries through the United Nations Children's Fund and other channels to review their policies, in order to give more recognition to programmes benefiting children, and to increase the flow of such assistance;

7. *Stresses* the importance of following up the experience and activities of the Year through long-term plans and action to improve the situation of children in the world, particularly in the developing countries;

8. *Designates* the United Nations Children's Fund as the lead agency of the United Nations system responsible for co-ordinating the development aspects of the follow-up activities of the Year, in consultation with the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, within their respective spheres of competence;

9. *Notes* that the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund will consider the scope of the Fund's co-operation with countries as a follow-up to the Year;

10. *Requests* Governments and organs and organizations of the United Nations system to evaluate and follow up the impact of the Year on their activities, and to inform the Secretary-General, who will report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

11. *Invites* non-governmental organizations to continue and expand their programmes related to children in order to maintain the momentum generated by the Year;

12. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy, in elaborating its goals and objectives, to take into account the importance of the interests of children and of meeting their needs.

39th plenary meeting  
18 October 1979

### 34/11. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1978,<sup>8</sup>

*Taking note* of the statement made by the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 2 November 1979,<sup>9</sup> which provides additional information on developments in the Agency's activities during 1979,

*Conscious* of the urgent need to develop all sources of energy, with a view to helping both developing and industrialized countries to mitigate the effects of the energy crisis, and bearing in mind the fact that nuclear energy remains the main readily available alternative to fossil fuel for the generation of electric power in the coming decades,

*Considering* that the International Atomic Energy Agency will be called upon to play an increasingly important role in making the benefits of nuclear power

<sup>8</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1978* (Austria, August 1979); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/497).

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Plenary Meetings, 52nd meeting, paras. 8-42.*

<sup>6</sup> A/34/512, annex.

<sup>7</sup> See A/34/452 and Add.1.

available to all nations, in particular the developing countries,

*Conscious* of the continuing need to protect mankind from the perils resulting from the misuse of nuclear energy and noting with appreciation in this connexion the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>10</sup> and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives,

*Appreciating* the assistance given by the International Atomic Energy Agency to the International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation, which will be completed in February 1980,

*Noting* the excellent safety record of nuclear power generation but aware of the need to pay continuing attention to the question of nuclear safety and waste management,

*Bearing in mind* the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the International Atomic Energy Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the continuing efforts of the International Atomic Energy Agency to strengthen further its activities in the field of technical assistance to developing countries and urges all States to help the Agency to achieve this objective by increasing their voluntary contributions;

3. *Notes with appreciation* that the negotiations on the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material were concluded successfully at Vienna on 26 October 1979 with the signing of the final act and that the Convention will be opened for signature on 3 March 1980 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and at the Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency at Vienna;

4. *Commends* the International Atomic Energy Agency for its continuing efforts to ensure the safe and secure use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes throughout the world and notes with satisfaction the steady improvement of the Agency's safeguards system;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the special measures taken by the International Atomic Energy Agency to expand and strengthen its programmes in nuclear safety, particularly aimed at helping Member States to develop their nuclear regulatory framework, to acquire adequate cadres of trained personnel and to deal effectively with any emergency that may occur;

6. *Urges* all States to support the endeavours of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to its statute, in furthering the peaceful uses of nuclear power, improving the effectiveness of safeguards and promoting nuclear safety;

7. *Notes with satisfaction:*

(a) The continuing work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in keeping under review the world's uranium resources, production and demand, the expansion of the Agency's International Nuclear Information System, the setting up of the International Tokamak Reactor workshops, intended to prepare a project for demonstrating the technical feasibility of generating elec-

tricity by nuclear fusion, and the assistance given by the Agency to Member States in assessing the role that nuclear power can play in their energy development;

(b) The progress made by the International Atomic Energy Agency towards establishing a system of international storage of plutonium and the action it has taken in regard to the international management of spent fuel;

8. *Notes* that the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 33/3 of 2 November 1978 will be considered by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its twenty-third regular session and expresses the hope that the matter will be brought to an early conclusion;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

53rd plenary meeting  
2 November 1979

#### 34/20. Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea<sup>11</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973, 3334 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3483 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/63 of 10 December 1976, 32/194 of 20 December 1977 and 33/17 of 10 November 1978,

*Taking note* of the letter dated 4 September 1979 from the President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea to the President of the General Assembly<sup>12</sup> informing the latter that, on the basis of a time-table for its work under which it was to complete the preparation of a convention on the law of the sea in 1980, the Conference had decided to recommend to the General Assembly that provision should be made for it to hold one session, divided into two parts, in 1980, apart from a possible final session at Caracas for signature, and that the dates for the two parts of the session would be from 27 February to 4 April in New York and from 28 July to 29 August at Geneva,

*Considering* that the Conference discussed a recommendation regarding a study on the training of nationals of developing countries in deep-sea mining but did not have the time to approve formally a decision in that regard,

1. *Approves* the convening of the two parts of the ninth session of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in New York for the period from 27 February to 4 April and at Geneva for the period from 28 July to 29 August 1980;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Secretary-General of the Conference, to prepare a study on the training needs of developing countries in deep-sea mining and related activities for submission to the Conference as early as possible in 1980.

61st plenary meeting  
9 November 1979

<sup>11</sup> See also sect. X.B.1, decision 34/407.

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 22, document A/34/479.*

<sup>10</sup> Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.