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DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS  
BETWEEN STATES

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the fortieth session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 39/78 of 13 December 1984.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1985, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. At its 3rd meeting, on 25 September 1985, the Sixth Committee decided to set up a sub-committee under the chairmanship of one of the Vice-Chairmen to clarify and identify the elements of good-neighbourliness: the Sub-Committee would be representative, politically and geographically, and its meetings would be open-ended. It would have a maximum target of four meetings and would report to the Sixth Committee on the task entrusted to it so as to enable the Sixth Committee to take appropriate action. At its 22nd meeting, on 22 October 1985, the Sixth Committee decided to appoint Mr. Roberto Herrera-Caceres (Honduras) as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
4. In connection with this item, the Sixth Committee had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/40/450 and Add.1 and 2);

(b) Report of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness (A/C.6/40/L.28 and Corr.1);

(c) Letters dated 21 December 1984, 7 January, 22 February, 21 and 23 May, 3 and 7 June and 15 and 23 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/59, A/40/70, A/40/146, A/40/332, A/40/335, A/40/351, A/40/364-S/17247, A/40/484 and A/40/501);

(d) Letters dated 26 and 28 December 1984, 2, 4, 7, 10, 14, 15, 22 and 29 January, 7, 12, 14, 19 and 27 February, 18, 19, 25 and 28 March, 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29 April, 1, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 14 May, 3, 10, 11 and 24 June, 1, 11, 23 and 31 July and 9, 16 and 22 August, 11, 19, 23 and 30 September, 7, 14, 22 and 28 October, and 6, 8, 15, 20 and 29 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/60-S/16873, A/40/62-S/16876, A/40/63-S/16879, A/40/67-S/16882, A/40/69-S/16883, A/40/79-S/16890, A/40/80-S/16891, A/40/81-S/16892, A/40/83-S/16894, A/40/94-S/16902, A/40/111-S/16916, A/40/120-S/16944, A/40/126-S/16952, A/40/129-S/16955, A/40/134-S/16964, A/40/155-S/16988, A/40/181-S/17041, A/40/182-S/17042, A/40/208-S/17060, A/40/212-S/17066, A/40/234-S/17102, A/40/240-S/17109, A/40/255-S/17112, A/40/257-S/17116, A/40/264-S/17126, A/40/268-S/17131, A/40/273-S/17135 and Corr.1, A/40/287-S/17155, A/40/288-S/17158, A/40/294-S/17167, A/40/297-S/17173, A/40/310-S/17186 and Corr.1, A/40/311-S/17187, A/40/352-S/17236, A/40/368-S/17250 and Corr.1, A/40/371-S/17256, A/40/403-S/17303, A/40/424-S/17318, A/40/479-S/17339, A/40/500-S/17352, A/40/526-S/17377, A/40/538-S/17390, A/40/556-S/17403, A/40/573-S/17417, A/40/630-S/17458, A/40/664-S/17479, A/40/674-S/17489, A/40/675-S/17490, A/40/690-S/17504, A/40/732-S/17545, A/40/753-S/17568, A/40/782-S/17582, A/40/821-S/17594, A/40/859-S/17613, A/40/866-S/17615, A/40/902-S/17637, A/40/908-S/17601 and A/40/958-S/17660);

(e) Letters dated 10 and 25 January, 4 February, 4, 11, 13, 25 and 26 March, 8, 16 and 20 May, 13 and 27 June and 8 July 1985 from the Permanent Representative, Deputy Permanent Representative, Acting Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/76, A/40/98 and Corr.1 (Chinese only), A/40/116, A/40/161, A/40/170, A/40/175, A/40/206-S/17057, A/40/210-S/17064, A/40/296, A/40/316-S/17194, A/40/333-S/17211, A/40/378-S/17296, A/40/419-S/17311 and A/40/466-S/17330);

(f) Letters dated 19 February and 11 March 1985 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/138-S/16968, A/40/140-S/16970, A/40/172-S/17023);

(g) Letters dated 29 March, 7, 13 and 24 May, 14 and 18 June, 26 July, 21 August and 26 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/214-S/17068, A/40/293-S/17165, A/40/309-S/17185, A/40/338-S/17218, A/40/382-S/17276, A/40/391-S/17285, A/40/512-S/17365, A/40/568-S/17414 and A/40/685-S/17499);

(h) Letter dated 2 April 1985 from the Permanent Representatives of Costa Rica and Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/220);

(i) Letters dated 15 April, 20 May, 20 June, 23 July, 12 and 27 August, 16 September and 22 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/235-S/17103, A/40/330-S/17208 and Corr.1, A/40/401-S/17301, A/40/499-S/17350, A/40/545-S/17395, A/40/582-S/17420, A/40/640-S/17468 and A/40/922-S/17651);

(j) Letter dated 20 May 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/323);

(k) Letters dated 21 May, 25 and 26 July and 3 and 13 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/331-S/17209, A/40/505-S/17359, A/40/507-S/17361, A/40/599-S/17432 and A/40/636-S/17464);

(l) Letter dated 17 July 1985 from the Permanent Representatives of El Salvador and Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/495);

(m) Letter dated 15 November 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/899-S/17636);

(n) Letter dated 31 October 1985 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/40/839-S/17604).

5. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 50th and 51st meetings, on 2 and 3 December 1985. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/40/SR.50 and 51) contain the views of representatives who spoke during the consideration of the item.

6. At the 51st meeting of the Sixth Committee, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee presented its report to the Sixth Committee.

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Romania introduced a draft decision (A/C.6/40/L.29). The Sixth Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote.

8. The representative of Belgium, on behalf of the 10 members of the European Community and of Spain and Portugal, made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft decision.

## II. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

9. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

The General Assembly, having examined the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States", decides:

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(a) To take note of the report of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness, 1/ set up by the Sixth Committee during its fortieth session;

(b) To continue and complete, on the basis of its resolution 39/78 of 13 December 1984, the task of identifying and clarifying the elements of good-neighbourliness within the framework of a sub-committee of the Sixth Committee, at its forty-first session;

(c) To include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States."

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1/ A/C.6/40/L.28 and Corr.1