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The General Assembly, by its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, solemnly proclaimed the International Year of Peace, reaffirming that peace constitutes a universal ideal and that the promotion of peace is the primary purpose of the United Nations.

At the 70th plenary meeting of its fortieth session, held on 11 November 1985, the General Assembly adopted resolution 40/10 entitled "Programme of the International Year of Peace". The resolution invites organs and subsidiary bodies of the United Nations to commemorate the International Year of Peace in the most appropriate form, highlighting, inter alia, the role of the United Nations in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security. By the resolution, the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session regarding the implementation of the programme of the International Year of Peace.
