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**DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE  
FOR 1987-1988**

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. Owing to constraints of time, the draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1987-1988, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken a decision and the draft proposals which are pending action by the Committee. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1987-1988 is considered by the Committee.

ANNEX

Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee  
for 1987-1988 a/

1987

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council b/

(a) Co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 40/177) c/

(b) International economic security

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on a concept of international economic security (General Assembly resolution 40/173; A/C.2/41/L.3 and 33) c/

(c) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (General Assembly resolution 32/160) c/

(d) Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa c/

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a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list is finalized only after the Economic and Social Council completes its work each year. Under this item the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council. The Second Committee may wish to decide not to consider draft proposals on this report, except for specific proposals requiring action by the General Assembly contained in the reports of the World Food Council or the Economic and Social Council.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

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(e) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1989-1990

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(f) Population questions

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the summary and conclusions of the biennial report on the world population situation (Council resolution 1347 (XLV)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1986/7 on population questions c/

(a) Role of the public sector

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (Council resolution 1983/61) c/

(h) Economic and technical aspects of marine affairs

Documentation Conclusions and recommendations of the Economic and Social Council on economic and technical aspects of marine affairs (Council resolution 1985/75)

(i) Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development

Documentation Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 40/179)

(j) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 1986/49; A/C.2/41/L.21) c/

(k) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the financial and trade practices of the Israeli occupation authorities in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (General Assembly decision 40/432 and Council decision 1986/155) c/

(l) Net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries (Council resolution 1986/56; A/C.2/41/L.20) c/

(m) Development of human resources

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development and on the activities of the United Nations system in this field (Council resolution 1986/73) c/

(n) World Tourism Organization

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the World Tourism Organization (General Assembly resolution 40/172) c/

(o) Question of an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the question of an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources to increase food and agricultural production in Africa (General Assembly resolution 38/198 and Council decision 1986/149) c/

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the current international monetary situation (A/C.2/41/L.5 and 46)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process of the International Conference on Money and Finance for Development (A/C.2/41/L.19)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development d/

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

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d/ Operative paragraph 4 of draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.47, entitled "Commodities", reads as follows: "Decides to review at its forty-second session the relevant outcome of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to give impetus to follow-up action in the field of commodities".

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Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the outcome of the Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Reverse Transfer of Technology (General Assembly resolution 40/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the Inter-Agency Group on Reverse Transfer of Technology (General Assembly resolution 40/191)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (A/C.2/41/L.37)

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 40/183)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the trade embargo against Nicaragua (A/C.2/41/L.29 and 57-61)

Report of the Secretary-General on preferential trade areas for Eastern and Southern African States (General Assembly resolution 40/186)

Report of the Secretary-General on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (A/C.2/41/L.30)

Draft resolution entitled "Protectionism and structural adjustment" (A/C.2/41/L.7)

Draft resolution entitled "Commodities" (A/C.2/41/L.5)

(b) Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolution 40/205)

(c) Long-term trends in economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the overall socio-economic perspective on the world economy to the year 2000 (General Assembly resolution 40/207) c/

(d) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (General Assembly resolution 40/204)

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the preparation of the first regular update of the survey on the role of women in development (General Assembly resolution 40/204)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1986/65 on strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities c/

(e) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on technical co-operation among developing countries (General Assembly resolution 40/196)

Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (General Assembly resolution 40/195)

(f) Environment

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on remnants of war (General Assembly resolution 40/197)

(a) Desertification and drought

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolutions 32/172, 35/73 and 40/198) c/

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Saharan region (General Assembly resolution 34/187 and 40/198 B) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation and financing of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification (General Assembly resolution 40/198 A) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Saharan region (General Assembly resolution 3054 (XXVIII) and 40/209) c/

Draft resolution entitled "Countries stricken by desertification and drought in Africa" (A/C.2/41/L.34)

(h) Human settlements

Documentation Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution 32/162 and Council resolution 1978/1) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless (Council decision 1986/162)

Report of the Secretary-General on the seminar on priority development projects needed for improving the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (General Assembly resolution 40/201) c/

(i) Science and technology for development

Documentation Report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development (General Assembly resolution 34/218 and 39/217) c/

(j) New international human order: moral aspects of development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the question of a new international human order: moral aspects of development (General Assembly resolution 40/206)

Item 3. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system c/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

(d) United Nations technical co-operation activities

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical co-operation activities

Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 40/213) c/

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Item 4. Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries

Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year



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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council f/

(a) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (General Assembly resolution 32/160) c/

(b) Role of entrepreneurs in promoting economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the role of entrepreneurs in economic development (A/C.2/41/L.28)

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (A/C.2/41/L.31)

(b) Food problems

Documentation Report of the World Food Council c/

(c) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250) c/

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e/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1988 will be updated in 1987, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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- (d) Development of the energy resources of developing countries
- (e) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Item 3. Operational activities for development

- (a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 35/81)

- (b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme c/

- (c) United Nations Fund for Population Activities

Documentation Relevant chapters of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund

- (d) United Nations Children's Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

- (e) World Food Programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 4. Training and research

- (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research

- (b) United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University c/

Item 5. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) and Council resolution 1986/47; A/C.2/41/L.22) c/

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries  
Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

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