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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Report of the Economic and Social Council;

"(a) Report of the Council;

"(b) Reports of the Secretary-General;".

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/41/1).

2. In the context of item 12, the Second Committee considered the following questions referred by the Economic and Social Council to the Assembly that did not fall within the purview of the items specifically allocated to the Second Committee:

(a) Confidence-building in international economic relations;

(b) The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development;

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/41/3).

- (c) International economic security;
- (d) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
- (e) Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994;
- (f) Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;
- (g) Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;
- (h) Economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories;
- (i) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
- (j) Population and development;
- (k) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment;
- (l) Countries stricken by desertification and drought;
- (m) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation;
- (n) Co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system;
- (o) World decade for cultural development;
- (p) International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
- (q) Inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries;
- (r) Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Transnational Corporations.

3. The Committee held a general discussion on this item at its 18th to 22nd meetings, on 21 to 24 October 1986. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/41/SR.18-22). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, on 6 and 8 to 10 October 1986 (A/C.2/41/SR.3-9). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in two addenda to the present report.

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Documentation under the item as a whole

- A/41/118 Letter dated 27 January 1986 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the memorandum of the Soviet Government on international economic security
- A/41/123 Letter dated 29 January 1986 from the Acting Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the basic provisions of the Comprehensive Programme to Promote the Scientific and Technological Progress of the Member Countries of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA) up to the Year 2000, and the communiqué issued at the forty-first (special) meeting of the Session of CMEA
- A/41/315-
E/1986/71 Letter dated 29 April 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement of the Soviet Government issued on 23 April 1986
- A/41/326-
S/18049 Letter dated 5 May 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the texts of the final communiqué and of the resolutions adopted by the Sixteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Fez from 6 to 10 January 1986
- A/41/354 Letter dated 21 May 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration and statement issued at the Tokyo Economic Summit, held from 4 to 6 May 1986 by the heads of State of seven major industrial nations and the representatives of the European Community
- A/41/461-
E/1986/119
and Corr.1 Letter dated 11 July 1986 from the representatives of Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a document entitled "Contributions to the development activities of the United Nations system"
- A/41/462-
E/1986/121 Letter dated 14 July 1986 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the comments of his Government on the statement of the Soviet Government issued on 23 April 1986

- A/41/474 Letter dated 7 July 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the joint statement by the socialist countries concerning the "Contribution of the economic organs of the United Nations to the International Year of Peace"
- A/C.2/41/3 Note by the Secretary-General entitled "Termination of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development and the transfer of its resources and responsibilities"
- A/C.2/41/6 Letter dated 22 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Second Committee of the General Assembly
- A/C.2/41/7 Letter dated 22 October 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

(a) Confidence-building in international economic relations

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/41/320-
E/1986/73
and Add.1 Report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations

(b) The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/C.2/41/L.2 Note by the Secretariat entitled "The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development"

(c) International economic security

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/C.2/41/L.3 Note by the Secretariat entitled "International economic security"

(d) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. B 1/
- A/41/382-
E/1986/99 Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and
Communications Decade in Africa

(e) Transport and Communications Decade for Asia
and the Pacific, 1985-1994

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. B 1/

(f) Israeli economic practices in the occupied
Palestinian and other Arab territories

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III,
sect. H 1/
- A/41/410 Note by the Secretary-General on Israeli economic practices in
the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

(g) Living conditions of the Palestinian people
in the occupied Palestinian territories

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. H 1/
- A/41/415-
E/1986/104 Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of
the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories

(h) Economic development projects in the
occupied Palestinian territories

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. D 1/
- A/41/342-
E/1986/88 Report of the Secretary-General on economic development
projects in the occupied Palestinian territories

(i) Assistance to the Palestinian people

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. D 1/
- A/41/319-
E/1986/72
and Corr.1
and Add.1-2 Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the
Palestinian people

(j) Population and development

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III, sect. E 1/
- A/41/179-
E/1986/18 Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 39/228 on the International Conference on Population

(k) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. C 1/
- A/41/329-
E/1986/83 Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment
- A/41/588
and Corr.1 Report of the Secretary-General on the review of information exchange schemes within the United Nations system

(l) Countries stricken by desertification and drought

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. J 1/
- A/41/346-
E/1986/96 Report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought

(m) Co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. C 1/
- A/41/344-
E/1986/80 Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation

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

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. C 1/

(o) World decade for cultural development

- A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. C 1/

E/1986/L.30, annex Note by the Secretary-General containing the text of the draft plan of action for the world decade for cultural development submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

(p) International Year of Shelter for the Homeless 2/

A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. H 1/

A/C.2/41/L.4 Note by the Secretariat entitled "Report of the Commission on Human Settlements"

(q) Inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries

A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/

(r) Periodicity of the sessions of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

A/41/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IX, sect. C 1/

E/1986/68 Letter dated 22 April 1986 from the Chairman of the twelfth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations to the President of the Economic and Social Council

5. At the 18th meeting, on 21 October, statements were made by the representative of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and the Vice-President for External Relations of the World Bank (see A/C.2/41/SR.18).

6. At the 20th meeting, on 23 October, statements were made by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (see A/C.2/41/SR.20).

7. At the 21st meeting, statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, who presented an oral report on co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system, and by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe (see A/C.2/41/SR.21).

2/ The report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its ninth session (A/41/8) was brought to the attention of the Assembly.