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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 12 (see A/41/930, para. 3). Action to be taken on the item was considered at the 19th, 23rd to 25th, 27th, 28th and 34th to 36th meetings, on 22, 28 and 29 October and 4, 12, 21 and 28 November 1986. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/41/SR.28, 34-36).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.2/41/L.14

2. At the 19th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Yugoslavia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/41/L.14) entitled "Protection against products harmful to health and the environment".

3. At the 34th meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jønck (Denmark), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts (see also A/41/930 and Add.2).

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4. Before the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community.
5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/41/L.14 by a vote of 136 to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 46, draft decision I).
6. At the 36th meeting, on 28 November, the representative of Ecuador made a statement (see A/C.2/41/SR.36).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.20

7. At the 23rd meeting, on 28 October, the representative of Yugoslavia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.20) entitled "Net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries".
8. At the 35th meeting, on 28 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jønck (Denmark), made a statement, in which he informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft resolution and, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised it by replacing the word "Reaffirming" by the word "Recalling" in the first preambular paragraph.
9. The Committee then proceeded to a roll-call vote on the draft resolution, at the request of the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.20, as orally revised, by a roll-call vote of 107 to 10, with 10 abstentions (see para. 45, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows: 1/, 2/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada,

1/ The representatives of the Cameroon and Guatemala stated that, had their delegations been present at the time of the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

2/ At the 36th meeting, on 28 November, the representatives of Somalia and Ecuador stated that, had their delegations been present at the time of the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Spain, Sweden.

11. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Canada, Japan and Czechoslovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (see A/C.2/41/SR.35).

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.21

12. At the 24th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of Democratic Yemen introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.21) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people", on behalf of Democratic Yemen, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia and Yemen, subsequently joined by Algeria, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic and Tunisia.

13. At the 27th meeting, on 4 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jønck (Denmark), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

14. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Israel made a statement (see A/C.2/41/SR.27).

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.21 by a vote of 137 to 2 (see para. 45, draft resolution II).

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16. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Czechoslovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Jordan (see A/C.2/41/SR.27).

D. Draft resolutions A/C.2/41/L.26 and L.48

17. At the 25th meeting on 29 October, the representative of Canada introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.26) entitled "Strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women effectively in economic development programmes and activities", on behalf of Canada, Greece, Guyana and Mexico, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Kenya, Lesotho, Malaysia, Morocco, New Zealand and Thailand. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recognizing that the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 3/ have major implications for United Nations work programmes and activities in the economic sector,

"Emphasizing the vital importance to national economic growth and development of the full integration of women in all aspects of economic life and the need to study the impact of the dynamics of development on the advancement of women,

"Noting the debate on the question of the effective mobilization and integration of women in development and the relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council, 4/

"Welcoming the decision of the Economic and Social Council to update the world survey on the role of women in development as recommended in Council resolution 1986/64 of 23 July 1986,

"Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/65 of 23 July 1986."

3/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

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

18. At the 28th meeting, on 12 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jönck (Denmark), made a statement in which he read out an oral draft decision, which had been agreed upon as a result of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.26 (subsequently issued in document A/C.2/41/L.48).

19. At the same meeting the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/41/L.48 (see para. 46, draft decision II).

20. In the light of the adoption of draft decision A/C.2/41/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.26 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

E. Document A/C.2/41/L.2 and draft resolutions A/C.2/41/L.28, L.28/Rev.1 and amendments thereto contained in documents A/C.2/41/L.63 and L.65, and L.28/Rev.2

21. By its decision 1986/170 of 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit the draft resolution entitled "The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development" and amendments thereto to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration and action (see document A/C.2/41/L.2). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling the importance of mobilizing resources for development as well as the full utilization of human resources potential, as emphasized in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/10 on public administration and finance for development and General Assembly resolution 34/137 on the role of the public sector in promoting economic development,

"Convinced that entrepreneurship and individual initiative play an important role in mobilizing national resources and promoting economic growth and development,

"Acknowledging that government attitudes play a key role in encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit and promoting more dynamic economic growth and development in all countries,

"Confident that the active promotion of entrepreneurship and individual initiative can contribute to the expansion of economic activity in all sectors of the economy,

"Further confident that international and national organizations can play a supportive role in this regard,

"1. Affirms the importance of promoting entrepreneurship and individual initiative as a means of mobilizing national resources and encouraging development;

"2. Invites the United Nations Development Programme and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to support, through technical co-operation projects, the efforts of interested States in encouraging entrepreneurship, providing incentives in all sectors of the economy, and promoting private enterprise;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a study on the role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a report thereon to the forty-second session of the General Assembly paying special attention to the following aspects:

"(a) The role of entrepreneurship and individual initiative in mobilizing national resources, setting priorities and participating in economic and social growth and development;

"(b) Ways and means of encouraging and strengthening the private sector;

"(c) Ways and means of facilitating the practical exchange of experience and information, especially among developing countries, on the role of entrepreneurship, including holding seminars and publishing handbooks on the experience of different countries in encouraging entrepreneurship and strengthening the private sector;

"4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda for its second regular session of 1987 an item entitled 'The role of entrepreneurship in promoting economic development'.

"Amendments contained in document E/1986/L.38, as revised

"1. In the title, delete the words 'The role of entrepreneurship in'.

"2. Before the first preambular paragraph, insert a new preambular paragraph, reading:

'Recalling the primary responsibility of each State to promote the economic, social and cultural development of its people'.

"3. In the first preambular paragraph, after the word 'Recalling', insert the words 'further the determination of Governments to establish a new international economic order based on justice and equality and'.

"4. In the third preambular paragraph, replace the word 'entrepreneurship' by the words 'full and effective participation by the entire population in all stages of the development process'; replace the word 'individual' by the word 'creative'.

"5. In the fourth preambular paragraph, replace the words 'government attitudes' by the words 'co-operation between all members of the international community on the basis of sovereign equality and the removal of the disequilibrium that exists between them', delete the words 'encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit and'.

"6. Replace the fifth preambular paragraph by the following:

'Stressing the importance of a fair distribution of the benefits of development and of a more equitable distribution of economic opportunities'.

"7. Replace the sixth preambular paragraph by the following:

'Believing that the primary task of all States and international organizations is to eliminate from the life of society all evils and obstacles to the development process, particularly such evils as inequality, exploitation, colonialism and racism'.

"8. Replace operative paragraph 1 by the following:

'Reaffirms the importance of full and active participation by the entire population and the encouragement of creative initiative as a means of mobilizing national resources, providing incentives in all sectors of the economy and promoting economic and social advancement'.

"9. After operative paragraph 1, insert a new operative paragraph, reading:

'Recognizes the right and responsibility of each State to choose its economic system in accordance with the will of its people, to determine freely its own development objectives, to set its priorities and to decide in conformity with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations the means and methods of their achievement without external interference'.

"10. Replace operative paragraph 2 by the following:

'2. Invites Governments, the United Nations Development Programme and other competent organizations of the United Nations system to support, through technical co-operation projects, the efforts of interested States in encouraging full and effective participation by the entire population in the development process'.

"11. Replace operative paragraph 3 by the following text:

'3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution, to be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, paying special attention to the following aspects:

'(a) The role of international co-operation in mobilizing national resources and promoting economic and social advancement and development in all countries;

'(b) Ways and means of facilitating the practical exchange of experience and information of different countries on encouraging creative initiative of the entire population in the development process and on integrating the private sector in overall national development plans'.

"12. Delete operative paragraph 4.

"Amendments contained in document E/1986/L.40

"1. Replace the title by the following:

'The role of popular enterprises in promoting economic development'.

"2. Replace the third preambular paragraph by the following:

'Convinced that the potentials of individual and collective entrepreneurs can be further developed as a means of promoting economic growth and equitable income distribution'.

"3. Replace the fourth preambular paragraph by the following:

'Further convinced that national policies can create an environment for the development of popular enterprises'.

"4. Replace the fifth preambular paragraph by the following:

'Acknowledging that popular enterprises face many constraints internal and external to the enterprises'.

"5. Replace operative paragraph 1 by the following:

'Affirms the important role of national, individual and collective entrepreneurship in mobilizing and deploying national resources in employment-generating activities'.

"6. Replace operative paragraph 2 by the following:

'Invites Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT and other competent organizations, including non-governmental organizations, to support national efforts in promoting popular enterprises that would generate employment and contribute to efficient resource allocation and the equitable distribution of income'.

"7. Replace operative paragraph 3 by the following:

'Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a study on the role of popular enterprises in promoting economic development and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, paying special attention to the following aspects;

'(a) The role of popular enterprises through individual and collective initiative in mobilizing national resources, efficient resource utilization, relevance of products and participation in the accomplishment of national objectives;

'(b) Ways and means of enabling these enterprises to observe minimum labour and environmental standards;

'(c) Obstacles faced by popular enterprises in national economies;

'(d) Ways and means of facilitating the practical exchange of experience and information, especially among developing countries on the role of popular enterprises, including holding seminars and publishing handbooks on the experience of different countries in encouraging popular enterprises'.

"8. Replace operative paragraph 4 by the following:

'Decides to include in the provisional agenda for the second regular session of 1987 an item entitled "The role of national popular enterprises in promoting development"'. "

22. At the 27th meeting, on 4 November, the representative of Canada introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.28) entitled "The role of entrepreneurs in economic development", on behalf of Australia, Canada, Germany, Federal Republic of, France, Iceland, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the right of each country to determine its objectives, to endeavour to fulfil its development plans, to strengthen the public and private sectors of its economy in accordance with its national economic system and priorities, and to invest in the development of its human resources,

"Recognizing the responsibility of each Government to provide an environment conducive to the promotion of development,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/10 of 28 May 1985 on public administration and finance for development, as well as General Assembly resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, in which

the Assembly emphasized the importance of an efficient public sector in the development process,

"Affirming the importance of both private and public enterprises contributing to the development process,

"Noting that indigenous entrepreneurs play a vital and positive role in mobilizing national resources and promoting economic growth and development,

"Aware that many countries are actively seeking ways and means of encouraging and strengthening the role of entrepreneurs in the development process in order to stimulate creativity and initiative and thus contribute to the objectives of economic growth and development,

"1. Invites the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the regional economic commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and other competent organs of the United Nations system, to support the efforts of interested States in encouraging entrepreneurs and improving the extent and effectiveness of their involvement in the development process in order to achieve higher sustained growth;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the role of entrepreneurs in promoting economic development, including an analysis of existing incentives and impediments;

"3. Further requests that a preliminary oral report on this question be made to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

"4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the second regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council an item entitled 'The role of entrepreneurs in economic development'."

23. On 19 November, a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.28/Rev.1) entitled "Indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development" was circulated by the sponsors. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming the right of each country, in accordance with its chosen economic and social system and priorities, to determine its objectives, to endeavour to fulfil its development plans, to strengthen the public and private sectors of its economy and to promote the development of its human resources,

"Recognizing the responsibility of the international community to provide an external environment supportive of the development of developing countries,

"Recognizing also the role and responsibility of each Government to promote development and provide an environment conducive to it,

"Reaffirming its resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/10 of 28 May 1985 on public administration and finance for development and 1986/73 of 23 July 1986 on the development of human resources,

"Noting that indigenous entrepreneurs can play a crucial and positive role in mobilizing resources and promoting economic growth and socio-economic development,

"Aware that many countries are actively seeking to encourage, strengthen and improve the effectiveness of indigenous entrepreneurs in expanding and modernizing productive capacities, particularly by increasing productivity and technological capabilities, and in contributing generally to the development process,

"Recognizing that people are the mainspring and inspiration of social and economic progress,

"1. Invites the Secretary-General and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, such as the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Bank, as well as regional development banks, within their existing mandates, programmes and priorities:

"(a) To continue to support through, inter alia, technical co-operation projects, the efforts of States in encouraging indigenous entrepreneurs in the private, public and/or other sectors in accordance with national laws, priorities and regulations;

"(b) To facilitate the practical exchange of information and experience among all countries on the role of indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to study measures at the national and international levels to promote the contribution of indigenous entrepreneurs in both private and public sectors to the economic development of developing countries, drawing upon the work already in progress in the United Nations system and bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication of effort and cost, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session through the Economic and Social Council."

24. On 20 November, an amendment to revised draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.28/Rev.1, was circulated in the name of Peru (A/C.2/41/L.63). The amendment read as follows:

"Insert the following paragraph before the last preambular paragraph:

'Deeply concerned that the development of national entrepreneurial possibilities and capabilities in developing countries are continuously hindered by lack of financial and technical resources and narrow market opportunities resulting from the sluggish world economic growth, the continuous decline of commodity prices, the external debt crisis, the increased protectionist practices in world trade and the net overall transfer of resources from developing to developed countries, thus impairing the capital formation process in the developing countries'."

25. On 20 November, an amendment to revised draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.28/Rev.1, was circulated in the name of Mexico (A/C.2/41/L.65). The amendment read as follows:

"Insert the following as the first preambular paragraph:

'Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States; 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and decision 40/438 of 17 December 1985, which contains the agreed conclusions on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade'."

26. At the 35th meeting, on 28 November, the Committee had before it a further revised draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.28/Rev.2), submitted as a result of informal consultations.

27. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jønck (Denmark), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on revised draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.28/Rev.2, which had taken into account the amendments contained in documents A/C.2/41/L.63 and L.65.

28. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.28/Rev.2 (see para. 45, draft resolution III).

29. In the light of the adoption of the revised draft resolution, the amendments contained in documents A/C.2/41/L.63 and L.65 were considered withdrawn by their sponsors.

30. After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Czechoslovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) and Algeria (see A/C.2/41/SR.35).

F. Draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.50

31. At the 28th meeting, on 12 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jønck (Denmark), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.50) entitled "United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development", submitted on the basis of informal consultations, and orally revised operative paragraph 6 thereof by (a) replacing the words "in their co-operation with" by the words "and the Governing Council of", and (b) by deleting the words "the contribution of".

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.50, as orally revised (see para. 45, draft resolution IV).

33. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Yugoslavia made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

G. Document A/C.2/41/L.3, draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.33
and revised draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.33/Rev.1

34. By its decision 1986/171 of 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council decided to transmit the draft resolution entitled "International economic security" to the General Assembly at its forty-first session for consideration and action (see A/C.2/41/L.3). The draft resolution read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/173 of 17 December 1985, in which the Assembly, in particular, requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and organs and organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a comprehensive analytical report on a concept of international economic security for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-second session,

"Convinced that interdependence between countries and regions, as well as among global problems and issues in the world economy, including trade, money, finance, debt, resource flows, raw materials and science and technology, generates the mutuality of interest of all States in promoting development and co-operation in a secure, predictable and equitable world economic environment,

"Convinced that a multisectoral and co-operative approach, involving Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and the international community as a whole, is indispensable in the search for ways to settle world economic problems to the benefit of all,

"Noting that international security today should be a comprehensive concept embracing, inter alia, the political, economic, social and humanitarian fields,

"1. Considers that the system of international economic security should promote a stable, predictable and peaceful social and economic development of all countries, especially developing countries, and create the most conducive conditions for broad economic, scientific and technological co-operation among them on the basis of equality and mutual benefit;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General, when preparing the comprehensive analytical report requested in General Assembly resolution 40/173, to take into account the need to identify the points of existing or potential convergence in the approaches of various countries and groups of countries towards the solution of global problems and unresolved issues in the world economy, as well as the need to promote the mutuality of interest for a secure, equitable and predictable system of international economic relations;

"3. Further requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his report, to take into account possible early warning measures for the monitoring and assessment of emerging problems in the world economy and international economic relations and for the elaboration of action-oriented recommendations on ways and means to tackle those problems in the spirit of co-operation and mutual benefit;

"4. Recommends the Committee for Development Planning to consider at its twenty-third session possible ways and means to promote international economic security and to submit its views on the concept of international economic security to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council."

35. At the 28th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.33) entitled "International economic security", on behalf of Angola, Democratic Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 40/173 of 17 December 1985, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive analytical report on a concept of international economic security for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his comprehensive analytical report on a concept of international economic security, inter alia:

"(a) To analyse approaches of different countries and groups of countries to economic development and international economic co-operation, and identify existing or potential common elements in those approaches;

"(b) To take into account the views expressed at the forty-first session of the General Assembly regarding possible ways and means of strengthening the dialogue on development and international economic co-operation for the benefit of all;

"(c) To keep in mind the role and responsibilities of existing international and regional organizations, institutions and forums;

"2. Looks forward to contributions to the report of the Secretary-General from organs and organizations of the United Nations system."

36. At the 34th meeting, on 21 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/41/L.33/Rev.1) entitled "Report of the Secretary-General in implementation of General Assembly resolution 40/173".

37. The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Finn Jönck (Denmark), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the revised draft resolution.

38. Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Canada and Tur'zia (see A/C.2/41/SR.34).

39. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/C.2/41/L.33/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 106 to 17, with 13 abstentions (see para. 45, draft resolution V). The voting was as follows: 5/

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

5/ The representatives of Sri Lanka, Ecuador and Somalia stated that, had their delegations been present at the time of the voting, they would have voted in favour of the revised draft resolution.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Fiji, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Abstaining: Austria, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Finland, Greece, Israel, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, Turkey, United States of America.

40. After the adoption of the revised draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Pakistan, Czechoslovakia (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Israel, Liberia, Bangladesh, China, Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) (see A/C.2/41/SR.34).

H. Draft decision on the periodicity of meetings of the Commission on Transnational Corporations

41. At the 36th meeting, on 28 November, the Chairman proposed that the Committee take note of the letter from the Chairman of the Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1996/68).

42. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and the German Democratic Republic (see A/C.2/41/SR.36).

43. At the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee then decided to recommend that the General Assembly refer the matter to the Economic and Social Council in 1987 (see para. 46, draft decision III).

I. Draft decision on reports submitted under item 12

44. At the 36th meeting, on 28 November, the Committee, at the proposal of the Chairman, decided to recommend that the General Assembly take note of the reports submitted under item 12 that were not covered by any specific decisions taken by the Committee (see para. 46, draft decision IV).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

45. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/56 of 22 July 1986,

Profoundly concerned at the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries, which is taking place at alarming levels and accelerating rates and which is adversely affecting the development efforts of developing countries and the living conditions of their people,

1. Reaffirms the urgent need to take appropriate and effective measures in the fields of money, finance, debt, resource flows, trade and development, in order to halt and reverse the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the report called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/56, also to take duly into account the interrelationship between the issues of money, finance, debt, resource flows, trade and development.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/170 of 17 December 1985,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/49 of 22 July 1986,

Recalling further the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, 6/

6/ Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

Noting that the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145 of 19 December 1983 has not been prepared,

Noting the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 7/

2. Welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to send a mission to prepare the programme of economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people requested in General Assembly resolution 38/145;

3. Notes the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people held at Geneva on 2 July 1986 in response to General Assembly resolution 40/170;

4. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General for convening the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people;

5. Regards such a meeting as a valuable opportunity to assess progress in economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people and to explore ways and means of enhancing such assistance;

6. Urges the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to disburse their aid or any other form of assistance to the occupied Palestinian territories only for the benefit of the Palestinian people and in a manner that will not serve to prolong the Israeli occupation;

7. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To convene in 1987 a meeting of the relevant programmes, organizations, agencies, funds and organs of the United Nations system to consider economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people;

(b) To invite the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Arab host countries and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the meeting;

8. Requests the international community, the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

9. Also requests that United Nations assistance to the Palestinians in the Arab host countries should be rendered in co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization and with the consent of the Arab host Government concerned;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development

The General Assembly.

Reaffirming the right of each country, in accordance with its chosen economic and social system and priorities, to determine its objectives, to endeavour to fulfil its development plans, to strengthen the public and private sectors of its economy and to promote the development of its human resources,

Recognizing the responsibility of the international community, in particular of the developed countries, to promote and endeavour to provide an equitable international economic environment supportive of the development of developing countries, in the light of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 8/

Recognizing also the role and responsibility of each Government to promote development and provide an environment conducive to it,

Reaffirming its resolution 34/137 of 14 December 1979 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/10 of 28 May 1985 on public administration and finance for development and 1986/73 of 23 July 1986 on the development of human resources,

Noting that indigenous entrepreneurs can play a crucial and positive role in mobilizing resources and promoting economic growth and socio-economic development,

Aware that many countries are actively seeking to encourage, strengthen and improve the effectiveness of indigenous entrepreneurs in expanding and modernizing productive capacities, particularly by increasing productivity and technological capabilities, and in contributing generally to the development process,

8/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

Bearing in mind that the promotion and development of indigenous entrepreneurs requires a dynamic capital formation process in developing countries, which is also related to financial and technical resources and to broader market opportunities available to these countries,

Recognizing that people are the mainspring and inspiration of social and economic progress,

1. Invites the Secretary-General and relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, such as the regional commissions, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Bank, as well as regional development banks, within their existing mandates, programmes and priorities:

(a) To continue to support through, inter alia, technical co-operation projects, the efforts of States in encouraging indigenous entrepreneurs in the private, public and/or other sectors in accordance with national laws, priorities and regulations;

(b) To facilitate the practical exchange of information and experience among all countries on the role of indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to study measures at the national and international levels to promote the contribution of indigenous entrepreneurs in both private and public sectors to the economic development of developing countries, drawing upon the work already in progress in the United Nations system and bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication of effort and cost, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session through the Economic and Social Council.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

Affirming resolution 6 (VIII) of 6 June 1986 of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development 9/ and decision 86/38 of 27 June 1986 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 10/

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on the termination of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development and the transfer of its resources and responsibilities, 11/

1. Decides to terminate the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development as at 31 December 1986 and to transfer its responsibilities and resources to an identifiable facility entitled "United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development", to be established as a trust fund within the United Nations Development Programme;

2. Requests the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development to provide policy guidance and priorities for activities of the Fund within the framework of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development; 12/

3. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, when identifying projects to be financed from the Fund, to take into account the policy guidance and priorities recommended by the Committee and to report to the Committee on their application;

4. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to establish close working relationships between the Fund and the Centre for Science and Technology for Development on programmatic and substantive matters, and requests the Secretary-General to inform the Committee at its ninth session about the arrangements made;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to inform the Committee at its ninth session on the arrangements made for the Fund;

9/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/41/37), sect. II.A.

10/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 9 (E/1986/29), annex I.

11/ A/C.2/41/3.

12/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

6. Invites Governments and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to give greater emphasis to science and technology for development;

7. Urges all Governments and the international community as a whole to provide the Fund with adequate financial resources to enable it to carry out its functions.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Report of the Secretary-General in implementation of General Assembly resolution 40/173

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/173 of 17 December 1985, as adopted, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive analytical report on a concept of international economic security for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing in this regard that an integrated and co-ordinated approach to economic development and co-operation, with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being, has been a primary accomplishment of the United Nations since its founding and is enshrined in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Requests the Secretary-General, keeping in mind the already existing consensus on economic development and international co-operation, in preparing his report on international economic security, inter alia:

(a) To analyse approaches and contributions to economic development and international economic co-operation and identify common elements in those approaches with emphasis on those that can further contribute to promoting international economic co-operation and development, particularly that of developing countries;

(b) To take into account the views expressed at the forty-first session of the General Assembly regarding possible ways and means of strengthening the dialogue on development and international economic co-operation for the benefit of all;

(c) To keep in mind the role and responsibilities of existing international and regional organizations, institutions and forums.

46. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Protection against products harmful to health
and the environment

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/72 of 23 July 1986 on protection against products harmful to health and the environment.

DRAFT DECISION II

Strengthening the work of the United Nations in integrating women
effectively in economic development programmes and activities

The General Assembly endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/65 of 23 July 1986 and notes that the comments made at the second regular session of 1986 of the Council and at the forty-first session of the Assembly on the question of the effective mobilization and integration of women in development focused on both the impact of development processes on women and the implications of women's socio-economic status for development, in the light of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. 4/

DRAFT DECISION III

Periodicity of the meetings of the Commission on
Transnational Corporations

The General Assembly decides to refer to the Economic and Social Council in 1987 the letter of the Chairman of the Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1986/68).

DRAFT DECISION IV

Documents relating to the report of the Economic
and Social Council

The General Assembly decides to take note of the following:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 39/228 on the International Conference on Population (A/41/179-E/1986/18);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on confidence-building in international economic relations (A/41/320-E/1986/73 and Add.1);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on economic development projects in the occupied Palestinian territories (A/41/342-E/1986/88);

- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (A/41/344-E/1986/80);
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on countries stricken by desertification and drought (A/41/346-E/1986/96);
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/41/382-E/1986/99);
- (g) Note by the Secretary-General on Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories (A/41/410-E/1986/97);
- (h) Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories (A/41/415-E/1986/104);
- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of information exchange schemes within the United Nations system (A/41/588 and Corr.1);
- (j) Oral report of the Secretary-General made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on co-ordination in the United Nations and the United Nations system at the 21st meeting, on 24 October 1986, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 40/177.
