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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 43/195 of 20 December 1988, 44/212 of 22 December 1989 and 45/213 of 21 December 1990,

Noting that the eradication of poverty in developing countries has become a top priority development objective of the international community for the 1990s,

Concerned that the adverse international economic environment continues to hinder the growth and development of developing countries, thus reducing their capacity to undertake social and economic programmes for the eradication of poverty,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Noting that efforts so far made nationally and internationally to eradicate poverty have not had a significant impact on the problem of increasing poverty,

Aware that achieving the objective of eradicating poverty requires more concerted action at all levels,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries; 1/

2. Reiterates that a supportive international economic environment is crucial to the success of efforts of developing countries to deal with the eradication of poverty;

3. Reiterates also its request to the international community to adopt specific and effective measures designed to increase concessional financial flows to developing countries, including attainment of the agreed target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product for official development assistance, in order to strengthen the efforts of those countries to eradicate poverty;

4. Calls upon the international community to implement technical cooperation programmes, including the transfer of new and relevant technologies on concessional and preferential terms, in order to improve substantially the food situation, health and education and meet other basic needs of the populations of developing countries;

5. Encourages the international community, as well as the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to give financial and technical support to the programmes of developing countries with a view to strengthening endogenous technical capacities and generating opportunities for production and full employment;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the progress made in the coordinating actions undertaken, in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organizations and other multilateral bodies, to formulate improved and enhanced action-oriented technical cooperation programmes for the eradication of poverty in developing countries, within the framework of the United Nations system, in accordance with the policies, priorities and strategies of those countries;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries".
