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**DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS
BETWEEN STATES**

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, pursuant to paragraph (b) of decision 45/402.
2. On the recommendation of the General Committee, the General Assembly decided at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, to include the item in the agenda of its forty-sixth session and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The following documents were circulated in connection with the item:
 - (a) Letters dated 5 January 1991, 7 July 1991 and 9 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/59-E/1991/7; A/46/292-S/22769; A/46/294);
 - (b) Letters dated 15 April 1991 and 9 July 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. and the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/153-S/22506; A/46/300-S/22782);
 - (c) Letter dated 26 June 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/273);

(d) Note verbale dated 15 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/304-S/22796);

(e) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/336);

(f) Letter dated 9 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/451-S/23026);

(g) Letter dated 12 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/469);

(h) Letter dated 18 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/582);

(i) Letter dated 29 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/605-S/23176).

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 21st, 22nd and 28th meetings, on 25 and 28 October and 4 November 1991. The summary records of those meetings are contained in documents A/C.6/46/SR.21, 22 and 28.

5. The Chairman held intensive consultations with delegations on this item with a view to elaborating an appropriate draft resolution.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

6. At the 21st meeting, on 25 October, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/46/L.5) proposed by him.

7. At its 28th meeting, on 4 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 9).

8. The representative of Guatemala made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

9. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness
between States

The General Assembly.

Recalling that, in the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations, living together in peace with one another "as good neighbours" is one of the means by which the ends of the United Nations are to be achieved,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, approved by its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Considering that the great changes of a political, economic and social nature, as well as the scientific and technological advances that have taken place in the world and led to unprecedented interdependence of nations, have given new dimensions to good-neighbourliness in the conduct of States and increased the need to develop and strengthen it,

Bearing in mind that good-neighbourliness should continue to be taken into account by United Nations bodies in their efforts to promote and strengthen the rule of law,

1. Reaffirms that, by acting as good neighbours, States can help to ensure that the ends for which the United Nations was established are achieved;
2. Emphasizes that States should act as good neighbours whether or not they are contiguous;
3. Calls upon all States to keep in mind the need to act as good neighbours both in their dealings with other States and when taking decisions that could affect them;
4. Expresses the conviction that good-neighbourliness is best fostered by each State respecting the rule of law in its international relations, and by practical measures designated to promote good relations with other States;
5. Decides that the question of development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States should continue to guide States as a goal to be pursued in their consideration of the issues before the United Nations, and notes that it could be considered in the future.
