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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION:  
EFFECTIVE MOBILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN  
DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee (Part XII)\*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 77 (see A/46/..., para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (j) was considered at the 18th and 32nd meetings, on 17 October and 5 November. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.18 and 32).

### II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/46/L.14 and L.29

2. At the 18th meeting, on 17 October 1991, the representative of Ghana, on behalf also of Egypt and Zambia, subsequently joined by Algeria, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and Uganda, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.14) entitled "International Forum on Health - A Conditionality for Economic Development: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Inequity", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which it

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\* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in 12 parts (see also A/46/645/Add.1-11).

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endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 1/

"Recalling also its resolution 43/161 of 8 December 1988, in which it reaffirmed the need for the Forward-looking Strategies to be translated into concrete action by Governments, as well as by the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

"Recalling further its resolution 45/129 of 14 December 1990 on the Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,

"Recognizing the importance of an integrated approach to the health of women in developing countries and the crucial role of women in health and development,

"Recognizing also the effects of poor health on women and their socio-economic development and emphasizing the need to accelerate the economic empowerment of women,

"1. Expresses its appreciation, in this regard, for the recent initiative taken by the Government of Ghana and the World Health Organization to hold an International Forum on Health - A Conditionality for Economic Development: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Inequity, to be hosted by the First Lady of Ghana, Mrs. Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, in Accra from 4 to 6 December 1991, at which special consideration will be given to improving the health status and economic situation of vulnerable and marginalized groups, especially women in developing countries;

"2. Invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to participate in and support the International Forum;

"3. Requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization to widely share the results of the Forum with all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other interested parties."

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"1/ 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.

3. At its 32nd meeting, on 5 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.29) submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Iran, Islamic Republic of), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14.
4. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.29 without a vote (see para. 7).
5. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Japan and Ghana made statements.
6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.29, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International Forum on Health - A Conditionality for Economic  
Development: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Inequity

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which it endorsed the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 1/ and 45/129 of 14 December 1990, in which it reaffirmed the need for the Forward-looking Strategies to be translated into concrete action by Governments, as well as by organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Recognizing the importance of an integrated approach to the health of women in developing countries and the crucial role of women in health and development,

Recognizing also the effects of poor health on women and their socio-economic development and emphasizing the need to accelerate the economic empowerment of women in economic development,

Welcoming the initiative taken by the Government of Ghana and the World Health Organization to hold an International Forum on Health - A

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Conditionality for Economic Development: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty and Inequity, to be hosted by the First Lady of Ghana, Mrs. Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, at Accra from 4 to 6 December 1991,

1. Welcomes the support provided by the World Health Organization in preparation for the Forum and requests it to continue to provide all the necessary input and to contribute to the Forum in cooperation and coordination with appropriate United Nations organizations;

2. Invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in and support the Forum, at which special consideration will be given to improving the health status and economic situation of vulnerable and marginalized groups, especially women in developing countries;

3. Requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in collaboration with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to make efforts to enable participants from the least developed countries to attend the Forum;

4. Requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization to share the results of the Forum with all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other interested parties.

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