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## Social development

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230 of 30 May 1991,

Taking note of the general debate during the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly,

Mindful of paragraph 42 of the Declaration of the Foreign Ministers of the Group of 77, adopted on 30 September 1991 which states: "The Ministers reiterated the importance of social matters within the system of the United Nations. They stressed the need for a concerted effort by developing countries to coordinate and harmonize their positions in this area. In this regard, the Ministers welcomed the possibility of convening a world summit for social development",

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Taking into account the debate in the Third Committee on the item entitled "Social development" and the widespread support expressed for the world summit for social development and for the consultations under way,

Taking note of the statements delivered by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation and Development and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and Head of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, before the Third Committee of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session,

Recalling resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, which endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, 1/

Recalling also resolution 44/65 of 8 December 1989, which reaffirmed the validity of the Guiding Principles as an appropriate framework for future action in the field of social welfare and development,

Mindful of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

<u>Conscious</u> of the increasing international awareness of economic and social factors as important components of peace and security,

- 1. <u>Welcomes</u> Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230, which requests the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all Member States on the possibility of convening a World Summit for Social Development and to report to the regular session of the Council of 1992;
- 2. Also welcomes the decision of the Secretary-General to appoint a special representative to carry out these consultations on his behalf, and invites the Special Representative to take due note in his report to the Secretary-General of the points of view expressed in the General Assembly and in the Third Committee on the world summit for social development;
- 3. <u>Calls upon</u> Governments to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and his Special Representative by participating actively in these consultations;
- 4. Requests the concerned organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General and his Special Representative in these consultations, as appropriate;
- 5. <u>Calls upon</u> the Economic and Social Council, after considering the report of the Secretary-General requested by Council decision 1991/230, to make an appropriate recommendation to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

