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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.27

Special assistance to Namibia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/198 of 21 December 1990 on the inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries, by which it decided to give Namibia special consideration in support of its economic and social development,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 643 (1989) of 31 October 1989, by which the Council urgently appealed to Member States, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend, in coordination with the Secretary-General, generous financial, material and technical support to the Namibian people, both during the transitional period and after independence,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that the international community adopt special measures in favour of Namibia for a period of years in order to assist it in mobilizing its considerable economic potential as a newly independent nation, 1/

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32), para. 263.

Welcoming decision 91/14 of 25 June 1991, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Governing Council decided to extend special assistance to Namibia during the fifth programming cycle equivalent to that given to a least developed country, 2/

Further welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50 of 26 July 1991, on special assistance to Namibia,

Considering the urgent need of Namibia for assistance in its efforts to reconstruct and strengthen its fledgling economic and social structures,

1. Endorses the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution E/1991/50 to invite States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia for a number of years assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country;
2. Requests States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to give special consideration to extending to Namibia, during the period immediately after independence, special assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country;
3. Invites the Committee for Development Planning to review the situation of Namibia, taking into account its need for special assistance, and to make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session.
