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Proclamation of the International Literacy Year

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By resolution 41/118 of 4 December 1986 on efforts and measures to promote the eradication of illiteracy, the General Assembly approved the appeal made by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to proclaim an international literacy year, and invited the Economic and Social Council to consider in 1987 that question and to inform the Assembly of its recommendation at its forty-second session. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Director-General of UNESCO to prepare, in co-operation with other interested organizations, suggestions on the observance of an international literacy year and to submit them to the Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Council.
2. At its second regular session of 1987, by resolution 1987/80 of 8 July 1987, the Council took note with appreciation of the proposals for the observance of an International Literacy Year prepared by the Director-General of UNESCO and invited the General Assembly to proclaim 1990 International Literacy Year.
3. The proposals for the observance of an International Literacy Year by the Director-General of UNESCO are contained in document E/1987/113.