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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 entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-second session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 41/84 of 3 December 1986.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. At its 3rd meeting, on 22 September, the Sixth Committee decided to re-establish the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness and at its 7th meeting, on 28 September, it elected Mr. Václav Mikulka (Czechoslovakia) as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
4. The Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness held eight meetings in the course of the session and submitted its report to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/42/L.6).
5. The Sixth Committee also had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Letters dated 23 December 1986, 5, 8, 13, 16 and 23 January, 10 and 25 February, 2, 5, 9, 11, 16 and 30 March, 8, 13 and 28 April, 4, 12 and 21 May, 2, 8 and 26 June, 16 and 27 July, 17 and 21 August, 10 and 29 September, 6, 9, 19 and 30 October and 11 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/64-S/18543, A/42/71-S/18561,

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A/42/81-S/18583, A/42/84-S/18596, A/42/90-S/18611, A/42/96-S/18627, A/42/124-S/18684, A/42/154-S/18722, A/42/161-S/18734, A/42/162-S/18735, A/42/164-S/18737, A/42/165-S/18739, A/42/172-S/18747, A/42/175-S/18750, A/42/188-S/18764, A/42/190-S/18770, A/42/215-S/18789, A/42/221-S/18801, A/42/258-S/18830, A/42/274-S/18846, A/42/291-S/18861, A/42/303-S/18876, A/42/316-S/18891, A/42/330-S/18904, A/42/368-S/18950, A/42/406-S/18985, A/42/423-S/19000, A/42/486-S/19056, A/42/503-S/19069, A/42/558-S/19127, A/42/598-S/19168, A/42/624-S/19182, A/42/656-S/19207, A/42/671-S/19223, A/42/707-S/19247 and A/42/735-S/19264);

(b) Letters dated 31 December 1986, 6, 13 and 19 January, 2, 9 and 12 February, 4, 5, 26, 27 and 30 March, 1 and 23 April, 1 May, 15 June, 30 July, 26 and 27 August, 5, 22 and 23 October and 6 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/66-S/18552, A/42/74-S/18564, A/42/86-S/18604, A/42/91-S/18612, A/42/117-S/18655, A/42/123-S/18683, A/42/128-S/18692, A/42/168-S/18742, A/42/169-S/18743, A/42/170-S/18745, A/42/187-S/18763, A/42/203-S/18775, A/42/205-S/18778, A/42/206-S/18780, A/42/240-S/18823, A/42/271-S/18845, A/42/347-S/18923, A/42/428-S/19007, A/42/510-S/19074, A/42/513-S/19077, A/42/619-S/19178, A/42/680-S/19229, A/42/686-S/19231 and A/42/767-S/19269);

(c) Letters dated 5 and 29 January, 7 April, 5 June, 13 and 17 August, 28 September and 29 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/68-S/18558, A/42/113-S/18646, A/42/213-S/18786, A/42/327-S/18902, A/42/477-S/19048, A/42/478-S/19051 and Corr.1, A/42/593-S/19159 and A/42/709-S/19248);

(d) Letters dated 14 and 16 January, 31 July, 21 and 31 August, 2 September and 4 and 9 October 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/85-S/18599, A/42/88-S/18608, A/42/432-S/19010 and Corr.2, A/42/500-S/19067, A/42/524-S/19088, A/42/531-S/19100, A/42/615-S/19173 and A/42/634-S/19189);

(e) Letters dated 2 and 23 February, 4 March, 14, 20 and 29 April, 7 May, 5, 25 and 29 June, 17 August, 3 September, 5 October and 18 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/114-S/18647, A/42/140-S/18716 and Corr.1, A/42/163-S/18736, A/42/222-S/18802, A/42/233-S/18817, A/42/260-S/18832, A/42/280-S/18853, A/42/323-S/18899, A/42/367-S/18948, A/42/376-S/18959, A/42/479-S/19055, A/42/536-S/19104, A/42/616-S/19174 and A/42/783-S/19276);

(f) Letter dated 4 February 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/120);

(g) Letter dated 20 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/236-S/18818);

- (h) Notes verbales dated 1 and 16 June and 28 July 1987 from the Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/312-S/18687, A/42/351-S/18929, A/42/352-S/18930 and A/42/425-S/19003);
- (i) Letters dated 17 June, 12 October and 14 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/348, A/42/662 and A/42/778);
- (j) Letter dated 9 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/389-S/18972);
- (k) Letter dated 24 July 1987 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/420);
- (l) Letters dated 31 July, 7, 9 and 15 October and 24 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/440-S/19014, A/42/626-S/19183, A/42/632-S/19188, A/42/663-S/19212 and A/42/800-S/19299);
- (m) Letter dated 7 August 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia and Peru to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/474);
- (n) Letter dated 8 September 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of Bolivia and Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/549);
- (o) Letter dated 6 October 1987 from the Permanent Representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/622-S/19181);
- (p) Letter dated 19 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/666);
- (q) Letter dated 23 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/681);
- (r) Letter dated 12 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/736-E/19265).

6. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 52nd to 55th meetings, held on 17, 18, 20 and 23 November. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/42/SR.52-55) contain the views of the representatives who spoke on the item.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.6/42/L.11

7. At the 55th meeting, on 23 November, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" (A/C.6/42/L.11) sponsored by Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica,

Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, Iraq, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, the Niger, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Singapore, the Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Uruguay, Yugoslavia and Zaire, later joined by Guyana.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee took the following action on draft resolution A/C.6/42/L.11:

(a) The seventh preambular paragraph was adopted by a roll-call vote of 96 to 19, with 6 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Brazil, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Venezuela.

(b) Operative paragraph 5 was adopted by a roll-call vote of 95 to 20, with 5 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Kuwait, Lao

People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: Brazil, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Venezuela.

(c) Draft resolution A/C.6/42/L.11 as a whole was adopted by a roll-call vote of 101 to none, with 21 abstentions (see para. 10). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

9. Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria, Italy, the United States, Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and the United Arab Emirates.

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

10. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States

##### The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter of the United Nations, to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

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

Recalling its resolutions 1226 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 2129 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 34/99 of 14 December 1979, 36/101 of 9 December 1981, 37/117 of 16 December 1982, 38/126 of 19 December 1983, 39/78 of 13 December 1984 and 41/84 of 3 December 1986, as well as its decision 40/419 of 11 December 1985,

Bearing in mind that, for various reasons, there are particularly favourable opportunities for co-operation and mutual advantage between neighbouring countries in many fields and various forms, and that the development of such co-operation may have a positive influence on international relations as a whole,

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,

Taking into account the working papers concerning the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States, as well as the written replies sent by States and international organizations on the content of

good-neighbourliness and on ways and means to enhance it, 1/ the views expressed by States on this subject and the reports of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness set up by the Sixth Committee, 2/

Recalling its opinion that it is necessary to continue to examine the question of good-neighbourliness in order to strengthen and develop its content, as well as ways and modalities to enhance its effectiveness, and that the results of this examination could be included, at an appropriate time, in a suitable international document,

1. Reaffirms that good-neighbourliness fully conforms with the purposes of the United Nations and shall be founded upon the strict observance of the principles of the United Nations as embodied in the Charter and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and so presupposes the rejection of any acts seeking to establish zones of influence or domination;

2. Calls once again upon States, in the interest of the maintenance of international peace and security, to develop good-neighbourly relations, acting on the basis of these principles;

3. Reaffirms that the generalization of the long practice of good-neighbourliness and of principles and rules pertaining to it is likely to strengthen friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter;

4. Takes note of the report of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness, which functioned within the Sixth Committee during the forty-second session of the General Assembly; 3/

5. Decides to continue and to complete at its forty-third session, on the basis of the present resolution and of the report of the Sub-Committee, the task of identifying and clarifying the elements of good-neighbourliness and to begin the elaboration of a suitable international document on the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States within the framework of a sub-committee on good-neighbourliness;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States".

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1/ See A/36/376 and Add.1, A/37/476, A/38/336 and Add.1 and A/40/450 and Add.1 and 2.

2/ See A/C.6/40/L.28 and Corr.1, A/C.6/41/L.14 and A/C.6/42/L.6.

3/ See A/C.6/42/L.6.