

42/5. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, in particular resolution 41/4 of 17 October 1986,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,¹¹

Recalling the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional arrangements for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the desire of the League of Arab States to consolidate and develop the existing ties with the United Nations in all areas relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, and to co-operate in every possible way with the United Nations in the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East,

Aware of the vital importance for the countries members of the League of Arab States of achieving a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict,

Realizing that the strengthening of international peace and security is directly related, *inter alia*, to disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

Convinced that the maintenance and further strengthening of co-operation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States contribute to the work of the United Nations system and to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need for closer co-operation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in realizing the goals and objectives set forth in the Strategy for Joint Arab Economic Development adopted by the Eleventh Arab Summit Conference, held at Amman from 25 to 27 November 1980,

Having heard the statement of the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States of 15 October 1987 on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,¹² and having noted the emphasis placed therein on follow-up actions and procedures on the recommendations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields adopted at the meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Tunis from 28 June to 1 July 1983,¹³ as well as on the recommendations relating to political matters contained in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the follow-up action taken by him on the proposals

adopted at the meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system held at Tunis and the sectoral meeting on social development in the Arab region, held at Amman from 19 to 21 August 1985,¹⁴ as well as to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system for their efforts to facilitate the implementation of the Tunis and Amman proposals;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen co-operation with the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States for the purpose of implementing United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East in order to achieve a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict;

4. Requests the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, within their respective fields of competence, further to intensify their co-operation towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of international peace and security, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to enhance their capacity to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the follow-up action to facilitate the implementation of the proposals of a multilateral nature adopted at the Tunis meeting in 1983, and to take appropriate action regarding the multilateral proposals relating to social development adopted at the Amman meeting in 1985, including the following measures:

(a) Promotion of contacts and consultations between the counterpart programmes, organizations and agencies concerned;

(b) Setting up of joint sectoral inter-agency working groups;

7. Calls upon the specialized agencies, and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system:

(a) To continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the programmes, organizations and agencies concerned within the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in the follow-up of multilateral proposals aimed at strengthening and expanding co-operation in all fields between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

(b) To maintain and increase contacts and consultations with the counterpart programmes, organizations and agencies concerned regarding projects of a bilateral nature in order to facilitate their implementation;

(c) To inform the Secretary-General, not later than 15 May 1988, of the progress of their co-operation with the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations, in particular the follow-up action taken on the mul-

¹¹ A/42/394 and Add.1 and 2.

¹² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 40th meeting.

¹³ A/38/299 and Corr.1, sect. V.

¹⁴ See A/40/481/Add.1.

tilateral and bilateral proposals adopted at the Tunis and Amman meetings;

8. *Takes note with appreciation* of the arrangements for the convening of a regional workshop on human resources development in the Arab region in Kuwait on 28 and 29 November 1987, in implementation of paragraph 6 (c) of resolution 41/4;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to arrange for a joint meeting in 1988 of the representatives of the United Nations system and the representatives of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in order to review and appraise progress achieved in their co-operation during the past five years, with the objective of enhancing future co-operation;

10. *Requests* both the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States to initiate consultations for the purpose of drafting an agreement of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to hold periodic consultations, as and when appropriate, between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States on follow-up policies, projects, actions and procedures;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

*40th plenary meeting
15 October 1987*

42/6. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1986,¹⁵

Taking note of the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 19 October 1987,¹⁶ which provides additional information on the main developments in the Agency's activities during 1987,

Recalling that this year the Agency is celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of its establishment in 1957,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency to promote further the application of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute,

Also recognizing the special needs of the developing countries for technical assistance by the Agency in order to benefit effectively from the application of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes as well as from the contribution of nuclear energy to their economic development,

Conscious of the importance of the work of the Agency in the implementation of safeguards provisions of the

¹⁵ International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1986* (Austria, July 1987), (GC(XXXI)/800 and Corr.1); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/42/458 and Corr.1).

¹⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Plenary Meetings*, 42nd meeting.

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons¹⁷ and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as in ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

Recognizing the importance of the work of the Agency on nuclear power, nuclear safety, radiological protection and radioactive waste management, including its work directed towards assisting developing countries in planning for the introduction of nuclear power in accordance with their needs,

Again stressing the need for the highest standards of safety in the design and operation of nuclear plants so as to minimize risks to life, health and the environment,

Welcoming the entry into force on 27 October 1986 and 26 February 1987, of the Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident and the Convention on Assistance in the Case of a Nuclear Accident or Radiological Emergency,¹⁸ and the fact that many States have already ratified them or consented to be bound by them provisionally pending ratification,

Noting with appreciation the entry into force on 8 February 1987 of the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material,

Bearing in mind resolutions GC(XXXI)/RES/470, GC(XXXI)/RES/472, GC(XXXI)/RES/473, GC(XXXI)/RES/474, GC(XXXI)/RES/475 and GC(XXXI)/RES/485 adopted on 25 September 1987 by the General Conference of the Agency at its thirty-first regular session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Affirms* its confidence in the role of the Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. *Urges* all States to strive for effective and harmonious international co-operation in carrying out the work of the Agency, pursuant to its statute; in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of the necessary measures to strengthen further the safety of nuclear installations and to minimize risks to health; in strengthening technical assistance and co-operation for developing countries; and in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's safeguards system;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency the records of the forty-second session of the General Assembly relating to the Agency's activities.

*43rd plenary meeting
20 October 1987*

42/7. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3026 A (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 3148 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, 3187 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973, 3391 (XXX) of 19 November 1975, 31/40 of 30 November 1976, 32/18 of 11 November 1977, 33/50 of 14 December 1978, 34/64 of

¹⁷ Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.

¹⁸ See International Atomic Energy Agency, *Final Document. Resolutions and Conventions Adopted by the First Special Session of the General Conference, 24-26 September 1986*, sects. I-IV.