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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 1980, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" in its agenda and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters II to XVII, XXVIII to XXX, XXXII, XXXIII, XXXV and XXXVII of the Council's report. 1/

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/212 of 19 December 1979, the various chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council were considered under the relevant items of the agenda. In the context of item 12, the Committee considered the following questions, which did not seem to fall within the purview of the other items allocated to the Second Committee:

- (a) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
- (b) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
- (c) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories;
- (d) United Nations conferences to conclude a code of conduct on transnational corporations and an international agreement on illicit payments;
- (e) International years and anniversaries;
- (f) World Communications Year.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/35/3/Rev.1).

3. The Committee considered this item at its 8th, 9th, 15th and 17th meetings, from 6 to 14 October 1980. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/35/SR.8, 9, 15 and 17).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of its organizational session for 1980 and its first and second regular sessions of 1980; 2/
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (A/35/227 and Add.1);
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/35/334);
- (d) Letter dated 20 August 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the resolutions and Final Communiqué of the Eleventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Islamabad from 17 to 22 May 1980 (A/35/419-S/14129);
- (e) Letter dated 30 September 1980 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of the declaration issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Group of 77 (A/35/506);
- (f) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the report on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories requested by the Assembly in its resolution 32/161 of 19 December 1977 (A/35/514);
- (g) Draft resolution entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa", recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly (see Council resolution 1980/46);
- (h) Economic and Social Council decision 1980/174 of 24 July 1980 on United Nations conferences to conclude a code of conduct on transnational corporations and an international agreement on illicit payments, whereby the Council decided to transmit the texts of a draft decision and a draft resolution, annexed to that decision, for further consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

2/ Ibid., chaps. II to XVII, XXVIII to XXX, XXXII, XXXIII, XXXV and XXXVII.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1980/46

5. At its 9th meeting, on 7 October, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa", recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 for adoption by the General Assembly.

6. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was issued in document A/C.2/35/L.5.

7. At the same meeting, Mr. Josue L. Villa (Philippines), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations, orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution, whereby the following new paragraph would be added at the end of the preamble:

"Noting with satisfaction the progress report (A/35/334) submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977".

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council, as orally amended (see para. 25, draft resolution I).

9. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77), China, the German Democratic Republic and Morocco.

B. Draft decision A/C.2/35/L.7

10. At the 15th meeting, on 13 October, the representative of Sweden on behalf of Ireland, Sweden and Zambia, introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/35/L.7) entitled "International years and anniversaries". In introducing the draft decision, he orally proposed to amend paragraph 11 of the guidelines contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 by deleting the words "in the light of its practical desirability and the probability of real results" at the end of the paragraph; consequently, the words "as amended" would be added after the words "annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980" in subparagraph (a) of the draft decision.

11. At the 17th meeting, on 14 October, the Chairman informed the Committee that the sponsors of the draft decision had agreed to retain the original text of the guidelines. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para 26).

12. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Nigeria made a statement.

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C. Draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.8

13. At the 15th meeting, on 13 October, the representative of Nigeria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.8) entitled "World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures", on behalf of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Somalia, the Sudan, the United Republic of Cameroon and the United Republic of Tanzania. Subsequently, Burundi, the Central African Republic and Rwanda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

14. At its 17th meeting, on 14 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 25, draft resolution II).

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.9

16. At the 15th meeting, on 13 October, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.9) entitled "Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories" on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Subsequently, Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, the Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, India, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Senegal and Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

17. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was issued in document A/C.2/35/L.11.

18. At the 17th meeting, on 14 October, statements were made before the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.9 by the representatives of Jordan, Israel, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Chad, the German Democratic Republic and the Syrian Arab Republic.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.9 by a recorded vote of 101 to 2, with 22 abstentions (see para. 25, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows: 3/

3/ At the 17th and 18th meetings, the representatives of Bulgaria, the Gambia, Iran, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka stated that, had their delegations been present at the time of the vote, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Haiti, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

20. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community), the United States of America, Portugal, Japan, Kuwait and China.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.10

21. At the 15th meeting, on 13 October, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/35/L.10) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people" on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Subsequently, Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, the Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, India, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Senegal and Yugoslavia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

22. At the 17th meeting, on 14 October, statements were made before the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.10 by the representatives of Israel and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/35/L.10 by a recorded vote of 106 to 2, with 21 abstentions (see para. 25, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows: 4/

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, 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 Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Australia, Belgium, Burma, Canada, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Federal Republic of, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

24. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Luxembourg (on behalf of the States members of the European Economic Community), the United States of America, Japan and China. The observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization also made a statement.

4/ At the 17th and 18th meetings, the representatives of Bulgaria, the Gambia, Iran, Sierra Leone and Sri Lanka stated that, had their delegations been present at the time of the vote, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

25. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/61 of 3 August 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling resolution 341 (XIV), adopted on 27 March 1979 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, in which the Conference recommended that member States should give the highest priority to the development of transport and communications,

Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979, 5/

Further noting the results of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, which adopted the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and the programme of action for the first phase (1980-1983) of the Decade, 6/

Considering that the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa forms a whole and includes national, regional and subregional projects, which should be fully implemented within the period envisaged, so as to enable an integrated transport and communications network to be established in Africa, and that the proposed World Communications Year could provide further impetus to activities in the communications sector,

Taking into account the difficult problems faced by the land-locked African countries and the need to respond more effectively to their financial requirements in the field of transport and communications,

5/ See A/34/552, annex I.

6/ See E/1979/77, part VI, resolutions ECA/UNTACDA/Res.79/1 and 3.

Further taking into account the encouraging results of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, convened on 20 November 1979 by the Secretary-General, during which a general consensus emerged among funding agencies on the financing, essentially on a bilateral basis, of the projects included in the programme for the first phase of the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction the progress report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977, 7/

1. Expresses its thanks to the Secretary-General for having organized the United Nations Pledging Conference for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa for the purpose of mobilizing additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;
2. Notes with appreciation that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its twenty-seventh session, authorized the Administrator of the Programme to approve commitments for technical co-operation projects up to the amount of \$20 million in respect of the Decade during the third programming cycle (1982-1986); 8/
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Economic Commission for Africa for the work accomplished since March 1977 and for the positive and effective co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, the specialized agencies of the United Nations and African intergovernmental organizations in their collaboration with the Commission in the preparation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;
4. Reiterates its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to give the highest priority to the transport and communications projects adopted for the programme for the first phase of the Decade and therefore to include these projects in their development plans;
5. Requests African States to take the initiative of submitting to the various sources of finance requests for the financing of the projects adopted for the first phase and to use the required resources for that purpose;
6. Also requests African States both to allocate from their own national resources a part of the budget for the implementation of the programme for the Decade and to assign a part of the resources derived from outside aid to the implementation of the specific studies contained in the programme for the first phase;
7. Notes with satisfaction that the High-level Meeting on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, held at Geneva from 26 May to

7/ A/35/334.

8/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI, decision 80/30, para. 13 (a).

2 June 1980, 9/ considered possibilities of interregional activities in technical co-operation among developing countries in support of the objectives of the Decade;

8. Appeals to African States to provide the Economic Commission for Africa, in a manner which it shall determine, with the necessary information on the progress made in implementing the projects in the programme for the Decade, so that the Commission will be able to perform effectively the role assigned to it in the global strategy for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

9. Also appeals to the funding agencies and the various financing institutions to consider, with the Commission, the possible ways of financing those projects of the Decade which are not national in character;

10. Calls upon the African States, the funding agencies and the various sources of finance for this purpose to involve, as appropriate, the Economic Commission for Africa in the different phases of the negotiations on the financing of the projects;

11. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments, international financial institutions and United Nations agencies that have contributed financial and technical assistance for the implementation of the programme for the Decade and invites them to continue to provide such assistance;

12. Invites all Governments in a position to do so to provide financial and technical resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

13. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue his efforts for the successful implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade by ensuring the necessary co-ordination between funding agencies and African countries for the programme, particularly for regional and subregional projects, and national projects with a regional or subregional impact;

14. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize as quickly as possible, with groups of donor countries and the financing institutions and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations, either consultative technical meetings based on the various types of programmes for the Decade or consultative technical meetings based on groups of African countries or African subregions, for the purpose of finding the additional financial resources necessary to implement those projects for the Decade that are regional and multinational in character and of carrying out urgently the specific studies contained in the programme for the first phase that must be followed by concrete action not later than during the second phase;

9/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/35/39 and Corr.1).

15. Further requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it to fulfil effectively its role as the lead agency for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

16. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to participate actively in the proposed World Communications Year, with a view to providing special impetus to development in Africa.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

World Communications Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration, as appropriate, one year during the Decade as a World Communications Year, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/69 of 25 July 1980, in which the Council recommended 1983 as an appropriate year for the celebration of World Communications Year, provided that the arrangements necessary for its financing had been made, based on the principle of voluntary contributions,

1. Endorses the arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council concerning the programmes, organization, co-ordination and mobilization of resources to meet the requirements for a World Communications Year, as outlined in resolution 1980/69;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, following its evaluation of the report on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that will be available and on programmes that may be of interest to the international community, particularly the developing countries.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 34/136 of 14 December 1979,

Bearing in mind the relevant principles of international law and the provisions of the international conventions and regulations, in particular Convention IV of The Hague of 1907, 10/ and the fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, 11/ concerning the obligations and responsibilities of the occupying Power,

Recalling its previous resolutions on permanent sovereignty over natural resources, particularly their provisions supporting resolutely the efforts of the developing countries and the peoples of territories under colonial and racial domination and foreign occupation in their struggle to regain effective control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities,

Bearing in mind the pertinent provisions of its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolutions 3175 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3516 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/186 of 21 December 1976 and 32/161 of 19 December 1977 on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories,

Referring to the note by the Secretary-General 12/ concerning the report on permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories requested by the Assembly in its resolution 32/161,

1. Emphasizes the right of the Arab States and peoples whose territories are under Israeli occupation to full and effective permanent sovereignty and control over their natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities;

2. Reaffirms that all measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the human, natural and all other resources, wealth and economic activities in the occupied Arab territories are illegal and calls upon Israel immediately to desist from such measures;

3. Further reaffirms the right of the Arab States and peoples subjected to Israeli aggression and occupation to the restitution of, and full compensation for the exploitation, depletion and loss of and damages to, their natural, human and all other resources, wealth and economic activities, and calls upon Israel to meet their just claims;

4. Calls upon all States to support and assist the Arab States and peoples in the exercise of their above-mentioned rights;

10/ Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, The Hague Conventions and Declarations of 1899 and 1907 (New York, Oxford University Press, 1915), p. 100.

11/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

12/ A/35/514.

5. Calls upon all States, international organizations, specialized agencies, investment corporations and all other institutions not to recognize, or co-operate with or assist in any manner in, any measures undertaken by Israel to exploit the resources of the occupied territories or to effect any changes in the demographic composition, geographic character or institutional structure of those territories;

6. Regrets the failure to prepare a report for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session in accordance with resolution 34/136;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report which takes into consideration the provisions of paragraph 2 of resolution 32/161.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/147 of 20 December 1978 and 34/133 of 14 December 1979,

Recalling also its resolutions 3236 (XXIX) and 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978 (LIX) of 31 July 1975, 2026 (LXI) of 4 August 1976 and 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people, 13/

Also taking note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its twenty-seventh session, 14/

1. Notes with satisfaction the action taken by the Administrator and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in response to General Assembly resolution 34/133;

2. Urges the relevant agencies, organizations, organs and programmes of the United Nations system to take the necessary steps for the full implementation of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2026 (LXI) and 2100 (LXIII);

13/ A/35/227 and Add.1.

14/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1).

3. Requests that assistance to the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza should be rendered through United Nations agencies and organs in co-operation and consultation with the local Palestinian economic, social, educational and municipal organizations in these occupied territories;

4. Requests that assistance to the Palestinian people in the Arab host countries should be rendered through United Nations agencies, in consultation with the parties concerned and in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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26. The Second Committee also recommends to the Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

DRAFT DECISION

Guidelines for international years and anniversaries

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To adopt the guidelines contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 as the criteria and procedures of the United Nations with regard to future proposals for international years;

(b) To recommend that the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system should adopt those guidelines and apply them when proposals for international years are made in their respective legislative organs.