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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By resolution 2837 (XXVI) of 17 December 1971, the General Assembly, inter alia, approved the conclusions of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly, decided to review from time to time the progress achieved in rationalizing its work and requested the Secretary-General, as appropriate, to report on the extent to which the conclusions of the Special Committee had been reflected in the practice of the General Assembly.

2. At its thirty-fourth session, the General Assembly had before it a report on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly (A/34/320) prepared by the Secretary-General in compliance with the above-mentioned resolution. In section VII of that report the Secretary-General observed that, while subsidiary organs constituted an essential means of ensuring the continuity of the work of the General Assembly between sessions, a sharp increase in the number of such organs had created problems not only in connexion with documentation, but also in the provision of conference services. He recommended that:

(a) The General Assembly should, beginning at the thirty-fourth session, review the usefulness of those subsidiary organs which had been unable to submit concrete recommendations;

(b) A moratorium on the establishment of additional subsidiary organs should be declared for a period of one year.

3. At its thirty-fourth session, the General Assembly, in section VI of its decision 34/401 of 12 December 1979, appointed the following States as members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Subsidiary Organs, under the chairmanship of the President of the thirty-fourth session of the Assembly, to review the question of the continuation of subsidiary organs with a view to making recommendations thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, on the understanding that the Committee would work on the basis of consensus:

(a)	Bahamas	Panama
	Belgium	Papua New Guinea
	Benin	Romania
	Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	Singapore
	China	Somalia
	Costa Rica	Syrian Arab Republic
	Cyprus	Thailand
	Egypt	Togo
	Ethiopia	Turkey
	France	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
	Guyana	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
	Iceland	United Republic of Cameroon
	Lesotho	United States of America
	Pakistan	Yemen

(b) India (as Chairman of the Group of 77);

(c) Cuba (as Chairman of the Group of Non-Aligned Countries);

(d) States holding the chairmanship of the regional groups. 1/

The General Assembly also decided that a moratorium for a fixed period on the establishment of additional subsidiary organs should be considered by the Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

II. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

4. The Committee held two meetings, on 27 February and 28 July 1980.

5. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman recalled that at its thirty-fourth session the General Assembly had already adopted a number of decisions which affected the work of its subsidiary organs. In section III of decision 34/401, the General Assembly had decided that subsidiary organs should be required to complete their work at the latest by 1 September, so that their reports might be available in all the working languages in time for consideration by the opening of the session of the Assembly. He added that the efforts already begun during the previous session to improve the functioning of the Organization should continue and that members of the Committee should use the opportunity given to them by the creation of the Committee to exchange views with regard to the improvement which the Assembly might make in its procedures.

6. After an exchange of views, the Committee decided that informal consultations should be held before the following formal meeting.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a document containing information on the composition and the mandate of subsidiary organs. The document, issued on 28 March 1980 (A/AC.202/1), contained a list of those subsidiary organs established by the General Assembly which had held meetings in 1977, 1978 or 1979 and were still in existence and of those newly-created organs which were scheduled to meet in 1980. It also contained data concerning in particular the mandate and the membership of the subsidiary organs and the duration of their sessions.

8. At its 2nd meeting, the Committee had before it an informal draft resolution submitted by the Chairman to the members of the Committee to serve as a basis for discussion.

9. The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he noted that his delegation was not in a position to agree to the idea expressed in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution regarding a moratorium on the establishment of new subsidiary organs.

1/ Czechoslovakia, France, Mali, Sri Lanka and Trinidad and Tobago at the 1st meeting of the Committee, in February 1980; Barbados, Luxembourg, Niger, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Yemen at the 2nd meeting of the Committee, in July 1980.

10. The representative of Benin observed that the measure proposed in operative paragraph 4 of the draft resolution regarding the scheduling of meetings on a biennial basis should not apply to such organs as the United Nations Council for Namibia and the Special Committee against Apartheid.

11. The Chairman noted that paragraph 1 was merely a recommendation to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session. He also noted that paragraph 4 was a recommendation which would not apply to any organs, such as those mentioned by the representative of Benin, which dealt with current developments. He added that paragraph 1 would not affect any decision that might be taken at the eleventh special session.

12. Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 13).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

13. The Ad Hoc Committee on Subsidiary Organs recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling paragraph 35 of its decision 34/401 of 12 December 1979 by which it established the Ad Hoc Committee on Subsidiary Organs,

"Having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee,

"1. Declares, as a temporary measure, a one-year moratorium on the establishment of new subsidiary organs of the General Assembly;

"2. Decides that the preparatory work for special United Nations conferences should be carried out by existing organs;

"3. Decides that, in order that the limited resources available may be used in the most efficient manner, the duration of the sessions of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly should be reduced, whenever possible, taking into account the experience of past sessions;

"4. Requests subsidiary organs to make a greater effort to schedule their meetings on a biennial basis;

"5. Requests the Committee on Conferences to take the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 above duly into account in the preparation of future calendars of conferences and meetings;

"6. Decides to review at its thirty-sixth session the implementation of the present resolution."

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