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COORDINATION QUESTIONS: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Albania*, Angola*, Argentina*, Bahamas, Bangladesh*, Benin*,
Bhutan, Brazil, Cameroon*, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica,
Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic*, Democratic Republic of
Korea*, Dominican Republic*, Egypt, El Salvador*, Ethiopia*,
Gabon, Ghana, Guinea*, Honduras*, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic
Republic of)*, Iraq*, Kenya*, Lebanon*, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,
Madagascar*, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco*, Mongolia*, Myanmar*,
Namibia*, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania,
Senegal, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic*, Thailand, Uganda,
United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yemen*, Swaziland* and
Zimbabwe: draft resolution

The need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems
for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1991/70 of 26 July 1991, 1992/60 of
31 July 1992, 1993/56 of 29 July 1993 and 1994/46 of 29 July 1994 on the need
to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal
utilization and accessibility by all States,

Conscious of the deep interest of Member States in harnessing the
benefits of new information technologies for the objectives of economic and
social development,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic
and Social Council.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the follow-up action taken, 1/

Deeply concerned at the limited progress achieved so far in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions,

1. Reiterates once again the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and for observers through, inter alia, their permanent missions, to the growing number of computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations;
2. Calls once again for the urgent implementation of the measures required to achieve these objectives;
3. Stresses once again the urgent need for representatives of States to be closely consulted and actively associated with the respective executive and governing bodies of the United Nations institutions dealing with informatics within the United Nations system, so that the specific needs of States as internal end-users can be given due priority;
4. Requests once again that the initial phases of the action programme to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States be implemented from within existing resources and in full consultation with the representatives of States;
5. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to convene an ad hoc open-ended working group, from within existing resources, to make appropriate recommendations as soon as possible for the due fulfilment of the provisions of previous resolutions on this question, including ways to ensure that Member States benefit fully from the informatics revolution in meeting the challenges of development, and the specific measures that the agencies, funds, programmes and various bodies of the United Nations system need to take to help the Member States in this regard;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all assistance to this Working Group and to report on the follow-up action taken on the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996.

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