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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. At its forty-ninth session, the General Assembly decided, by resolution 49/126 of 19 December 1994, to establish an open-ended ad hoc working group of the Assembly in early 1995 under the chairmanship of its President to elaborate further an agenda for development. In its decision 49/497 of 14 September 1995, the Assembly decided that the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group should continue its work at the fiftieth session of the General Assembly with a view to finalizing an agenda for development, and report thereon during the fiftieth session of the Assembly.
- 2. The Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group held four sessions during the fiftieth session of the Assembly. The first session was held from 22 January to 2 February 1996, the second from 20 to 31 May 1996, the third from 17 to 21 June 1996 and the fourth from 3 to 6 September 1996.
- 3. The President of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, Mr. Diogo Freitas do Amaral (Portugal), served as Chairman of the Working Group.
- 4. An organizational meeting of the Working Group was held on 28 November 1995, at which Mr. René Valéry Mongbé (Benin) and Mr. Peter Osvald (Sweden) were reconfirmed as Vice-Chairmen of the Working Group.

II. MODALITIES

- 5. At its first session in 1996, the Working Group had before it a revised synthesis text prepared by the two Vice-Chairmen. That document contained a revised synthesis for chapters I and II, based on discussions held at previous sessions during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly, and an earlier synthesis by the Vice-Chairmen, as well as a first synthesis on chapter III. At the end of the session, the Group entrusted the two Vice-Chairmen with providing a revised synthesis text on chapter III, based on the discussions held during the session and on additional proposals by Member States.
- 6. At its second session in 1996, the Working Group had before it a document containing paragraphs of chapters I and II as amended and/or accepted by the Group (A/AC.250/CRP.1), as well as a revised synthesis text by the Vice-Chairmen on chapter III (A/AC.250/CRP.1/Add.1).
- 7. At its third session in 1996, the Working Group continued its examination of chapters I and II only.
- 8. At its fourth session, also in 1996, the Working Group had before it a document containing proposed amendments to outstanding paragraphs as well as agreed paragraphs in all three chapters (A/AC.250/CRP.2) and continued its examination of chapter III only.
- 9. The Working Group, at its final meeting, on 6 September, concluded its work for the fiftieth session of the General Assembly and decided to recommend that its work on an agenda for development should continue during the fifty-first session of the Assembly, building on the work done in the course of the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

10. At the final meeting, on 6 September, the Working Group decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

"The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on an Agenda for Development, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/126 of 19 December 1994 and General Assembly decision 49/497 of 14 September 1995:

- "(a) Takes note of the report of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group;
- "(b) Decides that the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group should continue its work at the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, with a view to concluding its work as soon as possible, taking into account the progress achieved during the forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions of the Assembly, and report thereon during the fifty-first session of the Assembly."