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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES RELATING TO YOUTH

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Policies and programmes relating to youth:

"(a) Physical education and sports exchanges among young people: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations: report of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Co-ordination and information in the field of youth: report of the Secretary-General."

and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item jointly with items 76, 78, 80, 84 and 90 at its 15th to 17th, 19th, and 21st to 29th meetings held from 12 to 26 October 1981. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States, specialized agencies and observers on the item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/36/SR.15-17, 19 and 21-29).

3. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Co-ordination and information in the field of youth: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/135);

(b) Physical education and sports exchanges among young people: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/409);

- (c) Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/427);
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/36/1);
- (e) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter XIX (A/36/3/Add.19). 1/
4. At the 15th and 16th meetings, on 12 and 13 October, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Director of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs made introductory statements.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.23

5. At the 27th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Argentina introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.23) entitled "Physical education and sports exchanges among young people", sponsored by Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bolivia, Ecuador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Uruguay, and Venezuela, later joined by the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Mali, Mozambique and the Philippines.
6. At the 28th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution unanimously (see para. 10, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.21

7. At the 27th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Egypt introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.21) entitled "Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations", sponsored by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Greece, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Romania, Rwanda, the Sudan, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, later joined by Equatorial Guinea, Guinea, Guyana, Lebanon, Nepal, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Uganda and the United Republic of Cameroon.
8. At the same meeting, the representative of Egypt orally revised the draft resolution (a) by adding, after the seventh preambular paragraph, a new preambular paragraph reading as follows:

1/ To be incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/36/3/Rev.1).

"Also taking note of the valuable contribution that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization can make in the improvement of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,";

and (b) by inserting, in paragraph 4 of the annex to the draft resolution, the words "and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization" between the words "United Nations Development Programme" and the words "for the provision of" and make the required editorial changes.

9. At the 28th meeting, on 23 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, without a vote (see para. 10, draft resolution II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

10. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Physical education and sports exchanges among young people

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples proclaimed in its resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

Recalling also its resolution 33/8 of 3 November 1978, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its thirty-sixth session a report on the activities undertaken by Member States, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, regional organizations and other interested organizations and programmes within the United Nations system in the field of physical education and sports, particularly among young people,

Taking into account the activities carried out by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with a view to promoting physical education and sports in school curricula and their importance in promoting universal understanding and friendship,

Convinced of the importance of physical education and sports exchanges in promoting peace, mutual understanding, co-operation and the development of friendly relations among peoples,

1. Takes note of the report submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with the request made in General Assembly resolution 33/8; 1/

1/ A/36/409.

2. Also takes note of the replies of Member States to the questionnaire prepared by the Secretary-General in pursuance of resolution 33/8;

3. Calls upon Member States to develop sports activities and physical education in the context of continuing education and, in particular, to give priority to programmes prepared in the framework of a policy of "sports for all" in order to reach all sectors of the population, especially young people who are not in school and rural populations;

4. Recommends that special attention be paid, in preparing programmes, to the promotion of local forms of physical and sports training, to adapting other forms of sports, especially by using local materials, and to reducing costs and infrastructure needs with a view to enabling the largest possible number of persons to participate.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/135 of 16 December 1977, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Recalling its resolution 35/139 of 11 December 1980, in which it requested the Secretary-General, taking into account the views expressed by Governments, to submit to the Assembly, at its thirty-sixth session, for adoption, proposals for additional guidelines, consistent with the guidelines already adopted in its resolution 32/135 and on the basis of the draft additional guidelines contained in the annex to its resolution 34/163 of 17 December 1979, as well as the suggestions of the Secretary-General in his reports to the Assembly at its thirty-third, 1/ thirty-fourth 2/ and thirty-fifth 3/ sessions,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/25 of 2 May 1980 concerning co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 10 September 1981, 4/

Noting with appreciation that the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year 5/ contains useful proposals for the improvement of channels of communication between United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

1/ A/33/261.

2/ A/34/199.

3/ A/35/503.

4/ A/36/427.

5/ A/36/215.

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Equally convinced of the valuable contributions that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and in implementing the new international economic order and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 6/

Also taking note of the valuable contribution that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization can make in the improvement of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations for the proper information of youth and youth organizations and their effective participation in the United Nations and specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels,

Convinced that the existence and the proper functioning of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth organizations form a basic prerequisite of the successful preparation, celebration and follow-up of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

1. Adopts the additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations set forth in the annex to the present resolution;
2. Requests Member States, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations to implement these additional guidelines, together with the guidelines adopted in General Assembly resolution 32/135, in co-operation with youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and with other youth organizations concerned;
3. Requests the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to promote the implementation of the additional guidelines, together with the guidelines adopted in resolution 32/135, during the preparation for and celebration of, International Youth Year: Participation, Development and Peace;
4. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the reports of Member States, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations as well as non-governmental youth organizations, to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

6/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

ANNEX

Additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

A. NATIONAL

1. Attention should be given to the expansion of advisory services on youth activities provided by the United Nations to Governments at their request.

2. Governments should consider the inclusion of youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and to other relevant United Nations meetings.

B. REGIONAL

3. The regional commissions should review their relationships with regional non-governmental youth organizations in order to facilitate co-operation with and among such organizations.

4. The regional commissions should pay special attention to the question of the active participation of youth in the process of development and should consider the need to co-operate closely with the international programmes of the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the provision of services for and by youth with regard to employment.

5. In the context of paragraph 4 above, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandates, should consider the promotion and co-ordination of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development within their respective regions.

6. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

7. The regional commissions should, with the assistance of regional liaison officers, strengthen the co-operation with youth organizations.

C. INTERNATIONAL

8. The Administrative Committee on Co-ordination should continue arrangements for the promotion and co-ordination of the activities in the field of youth and the integration of those activities into the over-all programmes of social and economic development. This could be done by, inter alia, regularly including the item concerning youth in its agenda or by convening ad hoc interagency meetings on youth, or both.

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9. The practice of providing internships to youth should be expanded in order to give a broad section of young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of being acquainted with the United Nations and thereby learning of its activities. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.

10. The Joint United Nations Information Committee should take into account the views of representatives of youth organizations of all regions of the world in all phases of production of United Nations publications of interest to youth and to ensure the broadest possible circulation of such publications.

11. The Secretary-General should continue to strengthen and promote the relationship with and assistance to the Geneva informal meetings of international non-governmental youth organizations as an important channel of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations.
