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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 "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
- 2. The Committee considered this item jointly with items 77, 78, 80, 84 and 90 at its 15th to 17th, 19th and 21st to 29th meetings, from 12 to 26 October 1981. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States and specialized agencies and by observers on this 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) Report of the Secretary-General (A/36/215 and Add.1);
- (b) Note verbale dated 12 October 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/36/9).
- 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.15

- 5. At the 27th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.15) entitled "International Youth Year:
 Participation, Development, Peace", sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, the Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and also by Chile, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon, the Upper Volta, Viet Nam and Yemen.
- 6. In an oral statement made at the 28th meeting, on 23 October, the attention of the Committee was drawn to the financial implications of the draft resolution, and in particular to the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/215) and the addendum thereto (A/36/215/Add.1).
- 7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.15) without a vote (see para. 14, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.20 and Rev. 1 and 2

8. At the 27th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Czechoslovakia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.20) entitled "Measures for securing the rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Grenada, Mongolia and the Syrian Arab Republic and also by Nicaragua, later joined by Benin, the German Democratic Republic, Guinea, Madagascar, Mozambique, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Mindful of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of the International Covenant of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

"Recalling its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

"Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth for all-round development of each country,

"Convinced of the need for the codification and implementation of the rights of youth with special regard for the right to work as one of the most fundamental human rights,

"Aware of the fact that the unemployment of youth is a hindrance to the full participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country and limits their possibility to participate in the development process and is, furthermore, a source of increased criminality, drug abuse and other anti-social behaviour of youth,

"Considers it necessary that States, international organizations and their bodies should deal in a more comprehensive, systematic and effective manner with the securing of the rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work,

- "1. Calls upon all States with regard to the approaching International Youth Year, to adopt all the necessary legislative, administrative and other measures, as appropriate, for the realization of the rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work;
- "2. Appeals to the respective governmental and non-governmental organizations to pay during the preparation and observation of the International Youth Year increased attention to the securing and realization of the basic right of young people to work;
- "3. Requests the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Human Rights, as well as other relevant bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to give increased systematic and continuous attention to the problems of the unemployment of youth and securing of its right to work."
- 9. Subsequently, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.20/Rev.1) entitled "Measures for securing human rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, the German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Guinea, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Mindful of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

"Recalling its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

"Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth for all-round development of each country,

"Convinced of the need for the codification and implementation of the rights of youth with special regard for the right to work as stipulated in article 6 of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as one of the fundamental human rights,

"Aware of the fact that the unemployment of youth is a hindrance to the full participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country and limits their possibility to participate in the development process and is, furthermore, a source of increased criminality, drug abuse and other anti-social behaviour of youth, and in this regard emphasizes the importance of access to appropriate technical, vocational guidance and training programmes,

"Considers it necessary that States, international organizations and their bodies should deal in a more comprehensive, systematic and effective manner with the securing of human rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work, as well as the problems of youth unemployment,

- "1. Calls upon all States with regard to the approaching International Youth Year, to adopt necessary legislative, administrative and other measures, as appropriate, for the realization of the human rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work as well as resolving the problems of youth unemployment;
- "2. Appeals to the respective governmental and non-governmental organizations to pay during the preparation and observation of the International Youth Year increased attention to the securing and realization of the basic right of young people to work, including the opportunity to work and access to technical, vocational and training programmes;
- "3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission for Human Rights, as well as other relevant bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to give systematic and continuous attention to the problems of the unemployment of youth and securing of its right to work;
- "4. Requests the Advisory Committee to ensure that in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year, systematic and continuous attention is given to the promotion of human rights of youth with special regard to the right to work, as well as to resolving the problems of youth unemployment."
- 10. At the 28th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Morocco submitted amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.20/Rev.1, which she subsequently revised to incorporate a subamendment proposed by the representative of Sweden aimed at replacing the words "human rights of youth", wherever they appeared in the text of the draft resolution, by the words "enjoyment by youth of human rights". The amendments submitted by Morocco, as revised (A/C.3/36/L.30), were as follows:

"Subtitle

"Replace the subtitle 'Measures for securing human rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work' by 'Efforts to ensure the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, including the right to education and the right to work'.

"Preamble

"Fourth paragraph

"Insert the words 'whenever possible' after the word 'implementation' and before the phrase 'of the rights of youth ...'.

"Fifth paragraph

- 1. Delete the word 'emphasizes' between the words 'in this regard' and 'the importance' and replace it by the word 'emphasizing'.
- 2. Insert the words 'secondary and higher education and' between the words 'the importance of' and 'access to appropriate'.

"Sixth paragraph

Redraft the paragraph as follows:

'Considering it necessary that States, international organizations and their bodies should study in a more comprehensive, systematic and effective manner ways of ensuring the implementation and enjoyment by youth of human rights, including the right to education and the right to work, the only solutions to the problems of youth unemployment,'

"Operative paragraph 1

Redraft the paragraph as follows:

"Calls upon all States, in view of the forthcoming International Youth Year, to adopt the necessary legislative, administrative and other measures, if they deem them to be possible and appropriate, for resolving the problems of youth unemployment;"

"Operative paragraph 2

- 1. Insert the words 'to education, vocational training and' between 'the basic right of young people' and 'to work'.
- 2. Delete the words 'including the opportunity to work and access to technical, vocational and training programmes;'

"Operative paragraph 3

Delete the words 'securing of its right to work' and replace by 'to resolving them;'

"Operative paragraph 4

Redraft the paragraph as follows:

"Requests the Advisory Committee to ensure that in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year, systematic and continuous attention is given to the efforts to be made to promote human rights and their enjoyment by youth, including the right to education and the right to work."

11. At the 29th meeting, on 26 October, the sponsors revised the draft resolution, taking into account some of the amendments contained in document A/C.3/36/L.30, and further revised the text incorporating oral amendments by Ethiopia and Ghana. The draft resolution, as further revised (A/C.3/36/L.20/Rev.2), was sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Benin, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Equatorial Guinea, the German Democratic Republic, Grenada, Guinea, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe, and read as follows:

"Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

"The General Assembly,

"Mindful of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

"Recalling its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

"Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth for all-round development of each country,

"Convinced of the need for further action aimed at the codification and implementation of the rights of youth with special regard for the right to work as stipulated in article 6 of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as one of the fundamental human rights,

"Aware of the fact that the unemployment of youth is a hindrance to the full participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country and limits their ability to participate in the development process and is, furthermore, a source of increased social ills, and in this regard emphasizes the importance of secondary and higher education of youth as well as of its access to appropriate technical, vocational guidance and training programmes,

"Considering it necessary that States, international organizations and their bodies should examine in a more comprehensive, systematic and effective manner ways and means to secure the implementation of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and the right to work, aimed at solving the problem of youth unemployment,

- "1. Calls upon all States in view of the forthcoming International Youth Year, to adopt appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures, for the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work aimed at solving the problem of youth unemployment;
- "2. Appeals to the respective governmental and non-governmental organizations to pay during the preparation and observation of the International Youth Year increased attention to the securing and realization of the basic right of young people to education, vocational training and to work;
- "3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, as well as other relevant bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to give continuous attention to the problems of the unemployment of youth and the securing of its right to work;
- "4. Requests the Advisory Committee to ensure that in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year, systematic and continuous attention is given to the efforts aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth particularly the right to education, vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of youth unemployment."
- 12. The representative of Morocco subsequently withdrew all the amendments contained in document A/C.3/36/L.30 (see para. 10 above), with the exception of those relating to the fourth preambular paragraph and to operative paragraph 3.
- 13. The Committee then took the following action on the revised draft resolution (see para. 11) and the amendments thereto (see para. 10):
- (a) It adopted the amendment by Morocco to the fourth preambular paragraph by 86 votes to 25, with 19 abstentions;
- (b) It adopted the amendment by Morocco to operative paragraph 3 by 80 votes to 30, with 18 abstentions;
- (c) It adopted the fourth preambular paragraph, as amended, by a recorded vote of 99 to none, with 37 abstentions. The voting was as follows:
 - In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain,
 Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria,
 Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape
 Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia,

Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia,
Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt,
El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, German
Democratic Republic, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti,
Honduras, Hungary, India, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya,
Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho,
Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta,
Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua,
Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Qatar,
Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal,
Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad
and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic,
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United
Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet
Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

- Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France,
 Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland,
 Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg,
 Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New
 Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Singapore, Spain,
 Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom of
 Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.
- (d) It adopted draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.20/Rev.2, as amended, by a recorded vote of 129 to none, with 11 abstentions. (See para. 14, draft resolution II.) The voting was as follows:
 - Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, In favour: Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist

Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Canada, Fiji, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, United States of America.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979 and 35/126 of 11 December 1980, by which it decided to designate and observe 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace.

Recalling also its decision 35/318 of 11 December 1980 on the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year.

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation-building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, for the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing again that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Reaffirming the necessity for better co-ordination of efforts in dealing with specific problems confronting young people and in examining the manner in which those problems are being treated by the specialized agencies and by various United Nations bodies,

Convinced that the preparation and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year under the motto "Participation, Development, Peace" will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

<u>Confident</u> that the International Youth Year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 1/

Recalling also in this connexion its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on the question of quidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

^{1/} General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

Noting with great satisfaction the interest of Member States, various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and youth organizations in the decision to designate and observe 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its first session, held at Vienna from 30 March to 7 April 1981, 2/

- 1. Endorses the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as adopted by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and contained in the report of the Secretary-General of 19 June 1981, 3/ bearing in mind that continued review and revision of the Programme should be carried out in the coming years;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to all States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and regional commissions as well as to international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with a view to its early implementation;
- 3. <u>Invites</u> all States, all United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the specific Programme in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities;
- 4. Stresses the importance of active and direct participation of youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure the proper co-ordination of the implementation and follow-up of the Programme, including the provision of information;
- 6. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with Governments of Member States, specialized agencies and all international bodies and organizations concerned, to prepare for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Advisory Committee, a progress report on the implementation of the specific Programme of Measures and Activities;
- 7. Further requests the Secretary-General to convene the second session of the Advisory Committee during the second half of 1982, prior to the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to

^{2/} A/36/215, annex.

^{3/} A/36/215, annex, para. 43.

submit to it a progress report on the implementation of the specific Programme of Measures and Activities;

- 8. <u>Invites</u> the Advisory Committee to pay particular attention to the implementation of the specific Programme of Measures and Activities and, to this end, to submit adequate recommendations to the General Assembly;
- 9. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;
- 10. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures in order to enable the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to perform its tasks and responsibilities for the adequate preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;
- 11. Appeals again to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular budget of the United Nations for the costs of the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year and requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures for obtaining such voluntary contributions;
- 12. <u>Decides</u> to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

<u>Mindful</u> of the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, $\underline{4}$ / the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, $\underline{5}$ / and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, $\underline{5}$ /

Recalling its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

^{4/} General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

^{5/} General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI).

Recognizing the profound importance of the role of youth for the all-round development of each country,

<u>Convinced</u> of the need for further action aimed at the codification and implementation, whenever possible, of the rights of youth, with special regard for the right to work, as stipulated in article 6 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as one of the fundamental human rights,

Aware of the fact that the unemployment of youth is a hindrance to the full participation of young people in the socio-economic life of their country and limits their ability to participate in the development process and is, furthermore, a source of increased social ills, and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of the secondary and higher education of youth as well as of its access to appropriate technical, vocational guidance and training programmes,

Considering it necessary that States and also international organizations and their bodies should examine in a more comprehensive, systematic and effective manner ways and means to secure the implementation of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and the right to work, aimed at solving the problem of youth unemployment,

- 1. <u>Calls upon</u> all States, in view of the forthcoming International Youth Year, to adopt appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures for the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work, aimed at solving the problem of youth unemployment;
- 2. Appeals to the respective governmental and non-governmental organizations to pay, during the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year, increased attention to the securing and realization of the basic right of young people to education and vocational training and to work;
- 3. Requests the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on Human Rights, as well as other relevant bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies, to give continuous attention to the problems of the unemployment of youth and to resolving them;
- 4. Requests the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to ensure that, in the context of the preparations for the International Youth Year, systematic and continuous attention is given to the efforts aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of youth unemployment.