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**NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND
ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS**

Report of the Third Committee

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1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress: report of the Secretary-General", and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered this item jointly with items 76, 77, 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 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) National experience in promoting the co-operative movement: report of the Secretary-General (A/36/115);
 - (b) Report of the Economic and Social Council, Chapter XIX (A/36/3/Add.19), 1/

1/ To be incorporated in Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth session, Supplement No. 3 (A/36/3/Rev.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.26

5. At the 27th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.26) entitled "National experience in promoting the co-operative movement", sponsored by Afghanistan, Democratic Yemen, the German Democratic Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Viet Nam, later joined by the Congo, Cuba, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Poland and Yemen.

6. At the 28th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Mongolia revised operative paragraph 3 (b) of the draft resolution by replacing the words: "Participation of landless peasants, women and youth in co-operatives;" by the words:

"(b) The participation of peasants, including landless peasants, as well as of women and youth in co-operatives;".

7. At the 29th meeting, on 26 October, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, by 129 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (see para. 17 draft resolution I.)

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.27

8. At the 27th meeting, on 22 October, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/36/L.27) entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress", sponsored by Afghanistan, Democratic Yemen, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Viet Nam, later joined by Cuba, Ethiopia, Grenada, Madagascar and Mozambique. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

"Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

"Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

"Noting resolution 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 of the Economic and Social Council about the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

"Recalling its resolution 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/38 of 30 November 1976, in which the General Assembly reaffirmed the importance to exercise the inalienable right of every State to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity to study national experience in this field,

"Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, aggression, foreign occupation or domination and all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

"Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States as well as measures in the field of disarmament create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of countries,

"Desiring to contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

"1. Reaffirms the sovereign and inalienable right of every State to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference;

"2. Considers that exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the 1980s;

"3. Calls upon the Member States to give a special attention in their national development plans and programmes to the social aspects of development with a view to increasing the well-being of population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements for holding, within the programme of advisory services, regular interregional and regional seminars to study the national experience of developing and developed countries in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the Member States, a report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress within the context of the International Development Strategy for the 1980s taking into account social aspects of development and role of existing concepts and practices in development process, and to submit it to the General Assembly through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council in 1983;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and to consider under this item the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General."

9. The Committee had before it a statement of the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.29.

10. At the 28th meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Pakistan submitted the following oral amendments to the draft resolution:

(a) Insertion of the word "all" between the words "removal of" and the word "obstacles" in the sixth preambular paragraph;

(b) Replacement of the words "aggression, foreign occupation or domination and" in the same paragraph, after the word "apartheid", by the following: "military intervention, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination as well as";

(c) The addition of the words "in any form, including military interference" at the end of operative paragraph 1.

11. At the 29th meeting, on 26 October, the representative of Mongolia revised the draft resolution to take into account some of the amendments submitted by Pakistan (see para. 10 above), as follows:

(a) In the six preambular paragraph, the amendments were accepted, with the additional insertion of the words "political and economic" between the word "military" and the word "intervention";

(b) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "in particular of developing ones" were added after the words "development of countries";

(c) In operative paragraph 1, the words "in any form" were added at the end;

(d) In operative paragraph 3, the words "Calls upon" were replaced by the word "Invites".

12. At the same meeting, the representative of Australia proposed that operative paragraph 5 be amended by the insertion of the words "the consequences of military intervention for" between the words "taking into account" and the words "social aspects of development".

13. At the same meeting, the following proposals were also submitted and subsequently accepted by the representative of Mongolia:

(a) A proposal by the representative of Morocco that the words "in any form" in operative paragraph 1, as revised be replaced by the words "in whatever form it takes";

(b) A proposal by the representative of Oman that the word "all" be inserted before the word "countries" in the seventh preambular paragraph, as revised.

14. At the same meeting, the representatives of Morocco and Somalia proposed that the word "economic" before the word "intervention" in the sixth preambular paragraph, as revised, be deleted. The representative of Morocco later revised her proposal by suggesting that the words "military, political and economic intervention" in that paragraph be replaced by the words "military intervention, political and economic pressures".

15. Taking into account proposals mentioned in paragraphs 12 and 14 above the representative of Mongolia subsequently further revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the sixth preambular paragraph, the words "and pressures" were inserted after the words "military, political and economic intervention";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "and for safeguarding national independence" were inserted between the words "social progress" and the words "within the context of".

16. At the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows on draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.27, as revised:

(a) It adopted operative paragraph 4 by 93 votes to 1, with 30 abstentions;

(b) It adopted draft resolution A/C.3/36/L.27, as revised, by 133 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions (see para. 17, draft resolution II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

17. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/47 of 14 December 1978 on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement and other relevant resolutions referred to in that resolution,

Desiring to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Reaffirming that co-operatives play an important role in the socio-economic development of developing countries,

Convinced that the exchange of national experience relating to the co-operative movement among countries plays an essential role in strengthening the co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the development of various co-operatives,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement; 3/

2. Invites the regional commissions and specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts with a view to promoting the co-operative movement as an effective instrument for the improvement of the well-being of the population;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, a comprehensive report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, paying special attention, inter alia, to the following aspects:

(a) Role of co-operatives in over-all social and economic development, particularly in rural areas;

(b) Participation of peasants, including landless peasants, as well as of women and youth in co-operatives;

(c) Ability of co-operatives to increase the material welfare of their members;

(d) Interrelationship between agrarian reform and agricultural co-operatives;

(e) Difficulties faced by countries in the establishment and development of co-operatives and their experience in overcoming them.

4. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, the above-mentioned report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session for discussion under the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

2/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

3/ A/36/115.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly,

Guided by the desire to promote a higher standard of life, full employment and conditions for economic and social progress and development,

Bearing in mind the Declaration on Social Progress and Development 4/

Mindful of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order 5/ as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 6/

Noting Economic and Social Council resolutions 1581 A (L) of 21 May 1971, 1667 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1746 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 concerning the importance of fundamental structural socio-economic changes for the strengthening of national independence and the achievement of the ultimate goals of social progress,

Recalling its resolutions 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/38 of 30 November 1976, in which the General Assembly reaffirmed the importance of exercising the inalienable right of every State to carry out fundamental social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and the necessity of studying national experience in the field,

Desirous of securing a speedy and complete removal of all obstacles to the economic and social progress of peoples, especially colonialism, racism, racial discrimination, apartheid, military, political and economic intervention and pressures, foreign aggression and occupation or alien domination as well as all forms of inequality and exploitation of peoples,

Convinced that peaceful coexistence and co-operation among States as well as measures in the field of disarmament create favourable international conditions for the socio-economic development of all countries, in particular developing ones,

Desirous of contributing to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

4/ General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV), annex.

5/ General Assembly resolution 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

6/ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX).

1. Reaffirms the sovereign and inalienable right of every State to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people, without outside interference in whatever forms it takes;
2. Considers that exchange of national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress would contribute to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade; 2/
3. Invites Member States to give special attention in their national development plans and programmes to the social aspects of development with a view to increasing the well-being of the population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to make arrangements for holding, within the programme of advisory services, regular interregional and regional seminars to study the national experience of developing and developed countries in carrying out far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with Member States, a report on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and for safeguarding national independence; within the context of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, taking into account social aspects of development and the role of existing concepts and practices in the development process, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council;
6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and to consider under this item the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.
