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Report of the Second Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 69 (see A/36/694, para. 2). The Committee considered draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 69 as a whole at the 26th, 28th, 35th, 39th to 41st, and 45th to 47th meetings, on 28 and 30 October, 11, 13, 16 and 18 November, and 1, 7 and 10 December 1981. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/36/SR.26, 28, 35, 39-41 and 45-47).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.17 and A/C.2/36/L.40

2. At the 26th meeting, on 28 October 1981, the representative of Zaire introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.17) entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation", on behalf of Angola, Belgium, Benin, Burundi, Canada, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, the Ivory Coast, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, the Niger, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Togo, Tunisia, the United Republic of Cameroon, the Upper Volta, Viet Nam and Zaire, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978, by which it accorded observer status to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 190 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, by which the Council designated the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to participate on an ad hoc basis in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of its activities,

"Noting with satisfaction the desire expressed by the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to establish close co-operation with the United Nations in all fields of common interest, notably training, desertification control, science and technology for development, new and renewable sources of energy and technical co-operation among developing countries,

"Recognizing the importance of these sectors,

"1. Welcomes the participation of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in the work of the United Nations in fields of common interest;

"2. Decides to strengthen co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to consider ways and means of strengthening co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation and to submit a report on that subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session."

3. At its 35th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.40) submitted by Mr. Gerben Ringnalda, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.17.

4. At the same meeting, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics orally proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 3 of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.40 to insert the words "through the Economic and Social Council" after "thereon". The amendment was accepted.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.40, as orally amended (see para. 43, draft resolution I).

6. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.17 withdrew their text.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.24

7. At the 28th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Bolivia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.24), entitled "Specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries", on behalf of Afghanistan, Bolivia, Botswana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Nepal, Paraguay, Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Subsequently, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Chad, Mali, Mongolia, the Niger and Zaire joined as sponsors.

8. At its 39th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.24.

9. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United Republic of Cameroon, Senegal, India, Nigeria, Yemen, Mauritania, Algeria, Morocco, Thailand, Mozambique, Benin, Sierra Leone, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Tunisia, Angola, Viet Nam, Jordan, the Sudan and Liberia.

10. The Committee voted on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.24 as follows:

(a) Operative paragraph 1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 46 to 11, with 65 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Nepal, Niger, Peru, Poland, Rwanda, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Angola, India, Iran, Lebanon, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Thailand, Yemen.

Abstaining: Algeria, Bahrain, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Burma, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, Yugoslavia.

(b) Draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.24 as a whole, was adopted by a recorded vote of 120 to none, with 7 abstentions (see para. 43, draft resolution II). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic,

Chad, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, 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 States of America, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: Burma, Chile, India, Iran, Lebanon, Pakistan, Sierra Leone.

11. At the same meeting, statements were made in explanation of vote after the vote by the representatives of Peru, Ghana, Uruguay, the Syrian Arab Republic and Guinea.

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.35 and A/C.2/36/L.67

12. At the 35th meeting, on 11 November, the representative of Benin, on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Upper Volta, Zaire, Zambia, and Zimbabwe introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.35) entitled "Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa". Subsequently, Burundi and Kenya joined as sponsors. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/65 of 24 July 1981,

"Recalling also that the Economic Commission for Africa was established at Addis Ababa in 1958 and that its conference facilities, which were donated to the United Nations by the Government of Ethiopia, were designed to service

the limited number of African countries that were States Members of the United Nations in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

"Noting with satisfaction the increase in the number of independent States in Africa as a result of decolonization,

"Noting further that there are at present 50 African State Members of the United Nations and that there is the prospect of more joining the United Nations family,

"Mindful of the heavy responsibilities entrusted to the Economic Commission for Africa as the main centre for the promotion of the economic development of Africa in general and for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, 1/ in particular, in the decade to come,

"Noting tht the present conference facilities at the headquarters of the Commission have proved grossly inadequate to meet the needs of the large number of African States that have become members of the Commission since its establishment and the growing number of international, intergovernmental and regional organizations participating in conferences there,

"1. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake as a matter of urgency a study of the adequacy of the conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa to meet the demands thereon as a result of the Commission's enlarged membership and increased activities;

"2. Further requests the Secretary-General to report the findings of the study, including the financial implications thereof, through the Commission at its seventeenth session and through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session."

13. At its 40th meeting, on 16 November 1981, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.67) submitted by Mr. Enrique G. ter Horst, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.35.

14. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.35, which also applied to draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.67, was circulated (A/C.2/36/L.44).

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.67 (see para. 43, draft resolution III).

16. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L/35 withdrew their text.

1/ See A/S-11/14, annex I.

17. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

D. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.23, A/C.2/36/L.125 and A/C.2/36/L.142

18. At the 28th meeting, on 30 October, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf also of Angola, Nigeria, Senegal, Uganda, Zaire and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.23) entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa". Subsequently, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Gambia, Kenya, Rwanda, and the United Republic of Cameroon joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977, 33/197 of 29 January 1979, 34/15 of 9 November 1979 and, in particular, 35/108 of 5 December 1980 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, in which it approved the organization of consultative technical meetings for the various African subregions,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979, 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 and 1981/67 of 24 July 1981 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Taking note of resolution 341 (XIV) adopted on 27 March 1979 by the Economic Commission for Africa at its fourteenth session and fifth meeting of the Conference of Ministers, in which States members of the Commission were urged to participate effectively in the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning held at Addis Ababa from 9 to 12 May 1979, for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the programme for the first phase of the Decade,

"Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979,

"Conscious of the need, during the Decade, to implement fully national, regional and subregional projects geared to the establishment of an integrated transport and communications network in Africa in support of the accelerated development of the African region,

"Noting with appreciation the considerable financial efforts provided by the Governments of African States to enable the financing and execution of a large part of the programme of the first phase of the Decade,

"Considering the need for sustained efforts to mobilize additional resources for the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

"Recalling the decision of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning at its second meeting, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, in which the Conference authorized the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize four technical consultative meetings between member States, African intergovernmental organizations concerned and donors,

"Mindful of the role of the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency in the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Bearing in mind resolution 422 (XVI) of 10 April 1981, adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at its seventh meeting, held at Freetown from 6 to 11 April 1981, in which, inter alia, the Conference requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to embark urgently on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade,

"1. Notes with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; 2/

"2. Takes note of the results of the technical consultative meeting on transport and communications for the West African subregion, held at Lomé from 8 to 11 June 1981, and the report of the organization of three other meetings scheduled for 1982;

"3. Notes with appreciation the contribution made by certain countries towards the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

"4. Expresses disappointment, however, at the over-all level of resources so far made available, which is far short of that required for financing the subregional programme, and appeals to donor countries, the funding agencies and the various financing institutions to increase their financial support for regional and subregional projects of the Decade;

"5. Further notes with appreciation the steps taken by the Economic Commission for Africa with regard to the scheduling of the remaining technical consultative meetings, which will be held, respectively, at Ouagadougou (from 20 to 23 January 1982), Yaoundé (from 15 to 17 March 1982) and Abidjan (May 1982);

"6. Reiterates its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to accord the highest priority in their development plans to transport and communications projects;

"7. Appeals to the funding agencies and the various financing institutions to participate fully and positively in the three technical consultative meetings scheduled for 1982 and to consider, with the Economic Commission for Africa, possible ways of financing those projects of the Decade that are not national in character;

"8. Urges the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain close collaboration with member States, the Organization of African Unity, the regional African development organizations, the development institutions and the specialized agencies concerned in bringing up to date, on a regular basis, the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

"9. Calls upon member States of the Organization of African Unity to intensify efforts to explore possible sources of finance to execute projects adopted for the Decade;

"10. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain co-ordination between funding agencies and African countries in ensuring the successful implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

"11. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize in 1982, with groups of donor countries and financing institutions and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations, the three scheduled consultative technical meetings, for the purpose of finding the additional financial resources necessary to implement those projects for the Decade;

"12. Further requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to proceed as early as possible with the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it effectively to organize the three consultative technical meetings scheduled for 1982, to carry out the preparations for the programme of the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and to fulfil its role as the lead agency for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

"14. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the programme for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa."

19. At the 45th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.125) entitled "Transport and Communications Decade in Africa". The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977, 33/197 of 29 January 1979 and 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and, in particular, its resolution 35/108 of 5 December 1980, by which it approved the organization of consultative technical meetings for the various African subregions,

"Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979, 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 and 1981/67 of 24 July 1981 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

"Recalling resolution 341 (XIV), adopted on 27 March 1979 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, 3/ in which the Conference recommended that member States should give the highest priority to the development of transport and communications,

"Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979, 4/

"Aware of the need to implement fully, during the Decade, national, subregional and regional projects aimed at establishing an integrated transport and communications network in Africa to support the accelerated development of the continent,

"Noting with appreciation the considerable financial efforts made by the Governments of African States to enable a considerable part of the programme for the first phase of the Decade to be financed and implemented,

"Considering that sustained efforts must be exerted to mobilize additional resources in order to ensure the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

"Recalling the decision by which the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its second meeting, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, authorized the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize four consultative technical meetings between member States, interested African intergovernmental organizations and donors, 5/

"Aware of the role played by the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency in implementing the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (E/1979/50), part two, sect. D.

4/ See A/34/552, annex I.

5/ See E/CN.14/812.

"Bearing in mind resolution 422 (XVI) of 10 April 1981, adopted at the seventh meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, held at Freetown from 6 to 11 April 1981, by which the Conference, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to embark as early as possible on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade, 6/

"1. Notes with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; 7/

"2. Takes note of the results of the consultative technical meeting on transport and communications for West Africa, 8/ which was held at Lomé from 8 to 11 June 1981, and of the report on the organization of three other meetings scheduled for 1982;

"3. Notes with satisfaction the contribution made by some countries to the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

"4. Expresses its disappointment, however, at the over-all level of resources mobilized so far, which is far below the level required to finance the subregional programme, and appeals to donor countries, funding agencies and the various financial institutions to increase their financial support to the regional and subregional projects for the Decade;

"5. Also notes with satisfaction the measures taken by the Economic Commission for Africa with respect to the organization and scheduling of the three other consultative technical meetings, which are to be held at Ouagadougou (20 to 23 January 1982), Yaoundé (15 to 18 March 1982) and Abidjan (May 1982), respectively;

"6. Reiterates its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to give the highest priority in their development plans to transport and communications projects;

"7. Appeals to donor countries and funding agencies to participate constructively and in large numbers in the three consultative technical meetings scheduled for 1982 and to consider, together with the Economic Commission for Africa, possible ways of financing those projects of the Decade which are not national in character;

"8. Urges the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain close co-operation with member States, the Organization of African

6/ For the text of the resolution, see A/36/342, annex IV.

7/ A/36/342.

8/ See DEC/TRANSCOM/ESC/R/81/Add.1.

Unity, regional African development organizations, development agencies and interested specialized agencies, with a view to the regular updating of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

"9. Calls upon States members of the Organization of African Unity to step up their efforts in connection with the study of the possible sources of finance for the implementation of the projects adopted for the Decade;

"10. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain the necessary co-ordination between the sources of finance and the African countries to assure the success of the implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;

"11. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize in 1982, with groups of donor countries and the financing institutions, and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations the three consultative technical meetings scheduled, with a view to finding additional financial resources for the implementation of the projects of the Decade;

"12. Further requests the Executive Secretary to begin as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it to organize the three consultative technical meetings scheduled for 1982, complete the preparation of the programme for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and fulfil effectively its role as the lead agency for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

"14. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

"15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, a report on the progress achieved in implementing the present resolution."

20. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the sponsors, withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.23, in light of the introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.125.

21. At its 46th meeting, on 7 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.142), which was submitted by Mr. Enrique G. ter Horst, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on the draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.125.

22. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.23, which also applied to draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.125 and A/C.2/36/L.142, was circulated (A/C.2/36/L.42).
23. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.142 (see para. 43, draft resolution IV).
24. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.125 withdrew their text.
25. Statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet socialist Republics and the United States of America.

E. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.72 and A/C.2/36/L.140

26. At the 41st meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Benin, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the African Group, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.72) entitled "Multinational Programming and Operational Centres". In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Benin orally corrected the title of the resolution to read "Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres". The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner,

"Recalling in particular section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197 on structures for regional and interregional co-operation, through which the General Assembly designates the regional commissions, inter alia, as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

"Recalling further its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 on special measures for the social and economic development in Africa in the 1980s,

"Recalling also the Final Act of Lagos, 9/ adopted at the second extraordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980, which called, inter alia, for the establishment of a subregional common market by 1990 as the first step towards the establishment of an African economic community by the year 2000,

"Taking note of resolution 311 (XIII) of 1 March 1977 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, 10/ whereby the Conference decided to create a certain number of Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) at the subregional level,

"Bearing in mind also that the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres have become an integral part of the Economic Commission for Africa, through which the Commission effectively carries out its terms of reference not only with regard to studies, research, the organization of meetings and consultations but also with regard to its operational activities as an executing agency,

"Emphasizing the importance of the activities of these Centres for the African countries and the need for substantial and adequate financial and human resources to sustain the activities of the Centres,

"1. Calls upon the Secretary-General to provide additional and adequate human and financial resources from the regular budget to enable all the Centres to carry out, at the subregional level, their work programme in the field of general programming, research, studies and the organization of meetings;

"2. Welcomes the financial support which the United Nations Development Programme has extended to the Centres since their inception and urges the Administrator of the Programme to continue with this essential support to the operational activities of the Centres during the third programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme, 1982-1986;

"3. Calls also upon other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to render their fullest support to the activities of the Centres;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

27. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.72 was circulated in document A/C.2/36/L.123.

28. At its 46th meeting, on 7 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.140) submitted by Mr. Enrique G. ter Horst, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.72.

10/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7, vol. I (E/5941), part III.

29. The Chairman informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.140 did not entail administrative or financial implications.

30. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.140 (see para. 43, draft resolution V).

31. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.72 withdrew their text.

F. Draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.75 and A/C.2/36/L.133

32. At the 41st meeting, on 18 November, the representative of Sweden, on behalf of India, Pakistan and Sweden, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.75) entitled "Interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, 11/

"Conscious of the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as stressed in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Decade, 12/

"Aware of the need to use the available resources of the United Nations system in an efficient manner through, inter alia, the application of existing knowledge of the interrelationships,

"Recalling its resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in paragraph 5 of which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to take the requisite steps for implementation of a system-wide programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,

"Having regard to Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/51 of 22 July 1981, in which the Council welcomed the statement of the Director-General in which he outlined the elements of a system-wide programme of work, welcomed also, the establishment of the general trust fund for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the work programme and requested the Director-General to finalize the proposals for a system-wide programme of work for full consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session,

11/ A/36/571, annex.

12/ See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

"Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/73 of 24 July 1981,

"1. Endorses the proposals to initiate a co-ordinated multidisciplinary programme of work on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as contained in the report of the Director-General, taking into account also paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution () on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth session;

"2. Welcomes the arrangements proposed by the Director-General for interagency consultations and programme support in the implementation of the programme of work, including the establishment of a small advisory body to assist him in the over-all guidance of the programme of work and to oversee the operation of the above-mentioned general trust fund;

"3. Appeals to Governments to make every effort to pledge substantial contributions to the trust fund which has been established for financing activities on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development;

"4. Decides to review progress in the implementation of this resolution at its thirty-eighth session."

33. At its 46th meeting, on 7 December, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.133) submitted by Mr. Gerben Ringnalda, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.75.

34. A representative of the Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation made a statement.

35. At the same meeting, draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.75 was withdrawn by the sponsors, and the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.133 without a vote (see para. 43, draft resolution VI).

36. After the adoption of the resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany.

G. Draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.119 and A/C.2/36/L.146

37. At the 45th meeting, on 1 December, the representative of Algeria, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.119) entitled "Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of
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a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Recalling its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 advocating the adoption of a wide range of special measures for the economic and social development of Africa in the 1980s,

"Recalling its resolution 35/66 of 5 December 1980 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

"Deeply concerned at the worsening of the current world economic crisis and its devastating effects on the particularly vulnerable economies of the African countries,

"Fully aware that the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa 13/ provides a framework of priority actions for achieving the rapid over-all economic and social development of Africa,

"Convinced of the need for increased and sustained external resources to achieve the aims and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action,

"Welcoming the initial measures adopted by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement paragraph 3 of resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980,

"1. Takes note of the interim report of the Secretary-General concerning special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, 14/ which indicates the contributions by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;

"2. Reaffirms the need for the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to examine ways and means including the possibility of additional resources to devote larger resources to the execution of the programmes for the Development Decade for Africa and to apply the special measures in a comprehensive and co-ordinated manner;

"3. Urges donor countries to provide additional resources for the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;

"4. Invites all international financial institutions, and particularly the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to increase substantially their development assistance to Africa during the Decade;

13/ A/S-11/14, annex I.

14/ A/36/513.

"5. Renews its invitation to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to submit to the Secretary-General, for transmission to the Council at its second regular session of 1982, suggestions for the contribution which they intend to make towards the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to allocate adequate resources to the Economic Commission for Africa which, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979, is the main economic and social development centre within the United Nations system for the African region;

"7. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution."

38. At the 47th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.146) submitted by Mr. Enrique G. ter Horst, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.119.

39. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.146 (see para. 43, draft resolution VII).

40. In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.119 withdrew their text.

41. A statement was made by the representative of the Union of Soviet socialist Republics.

H. Draft decision on Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

42. At its 47th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly the inclusion in its agenda for the thirty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", of a subitem entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States" (see para. 44).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

43. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for
Cultural and Technical Co-operation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978, by which it accorded observer status to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 190 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, by which the Council designated the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to participate on an ad hoc basis in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of its activities,

Noting with satisfaction the desire expressed by the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation to establish close co-operation with the United Nations in all fields of common interest, in particular training, desertification control, science and technology for development, new and renewable sources of energy and technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of those sectors,

1. Welcomes the participation of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation in the work of the United Nations in fields of common interest;
2. Recognizes the necessity of strengthening co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation;
3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, to examine proposals by the Agency aimed at reinforcing co-operation with the United Nations and to submit a report thereon through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Specific action related to the particular needs and problems
of land-locked developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reiterating the specific actions related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries stated in resolutions 63 (III) of 19 May 1972, 15/

15/ See Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 16/ and 123 (V) of 3 June 1979 17/ of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 31/157 of 21 December 1976, 32/191 of 19 December 1977, 33/150 of 20 December 1978, 34/198 of 19 December 1979 and 35/58 of 5 December 1980 and other resolutions of the United Nations relating to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries,

Bearing in mind various other resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, its related organs and the specialized agencies, emphasizing special and urgent measures in favour of land-locked developing countries,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 18/

Recognizing that the lack of territorial access to the sea, aggravated by remoteness and isolation from world markets, and the prohibitive transit, transport and transshipment costs impose serious constraints on the socio-economic development of land-locked developing countries,

Noting with concern that the measures taken so far in favour of land-locked developing countries and the assistance given fall far short of their needs,

1. Reaffirms the right of land-locked developing countries to free access to and from the sea and their right to freedom of transit;

2. Appeals to all States, international organizations and financial institutions to implement, as a matter of urgency and priority, the specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries envisaged in resolutions 63 (III), 98 (IV) and 123 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in the Substantial New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1980s and in other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

3. Urges all donor countries, as well as those in a position to do so, and the international organizations concerned, to provide land-locked developing countries with appropriate financial and technical assistance in the form of grants or concessional loans for the construction and improvement of their transport and transit infrastructures and facilities;

16/ Ibid., Fourth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.D.10 and corrigendum), part one, sect. A.

17/ Ibid., Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

18/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

4. Urges also the international community and multilateral and bilateral financial institutions to intensify efforts in raising the net flow of resources to land-locked developing countries to help offset the adverse effects of their disadvantageous geographical situation on their economic development efforts, in keeping with the over-all development needs of each land-locked developing country;

5. Invites the transit countries to co-operate effectively with the land-locked developing countries in harmonizing transport planning and promoting other joint ventures in the field of transport at the regional, subregional and bilateral levels;

6. Commends the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other United Nations agencies for their work and the assistance they have provided to the land-locked developing countries and invites them to continue to take appropriate and effective measures to respond to the specific needs of those countries;

7. Further invites the international community to give financial support to interested transit and land-locked developing countries in the construction of alternative routes to the sea;

8. Recommends continued and intensified activities relating to the conducting of necessary studies and the implementation of special actions and action programmes for the land-locked developing countries, including those in the area of economic co-operation among developing countries, as well as those that have been envisaged in the programme of work of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and other programmes and activities at the regional and subregional levels.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Expansion of the conference facilities of the Economic Commission for Africa at Addis Ababa

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/65 of 24 July 1981,

Recalling also that the Economic Commission for Africa was established at Addis Ababa in 1958 and that its conference facilities, which were donated to the United Nations by the Government of Ethiopia, were designed to service the limited number of African countries that were States Members of the United Nations in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Noting with satisfaction the increase in the number of independent States in Africa as a result of decolonization,

Noting further that there are at present 50 African States Members of the United Nations and that there is the prospect that more will be admitted to membership in the United Nations,

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Mindful of the heavy responsibilities entrusted to the Economic Commission for Africa as the main centre for the promotion of the economic development of Africa in general and for the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, 19/ in particular, in the present decade;

Noting that the present conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa are believed to be inadequate in relation to the needs of the large number of African States that have become members of the Commission since its establishment and the growing number of international, intergovernmental and regional organizations participating in conferences there,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake, as a matter of urgency a study of the adequacy of the conference facilities at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa to meet the demands thereon as a result of the enlarged membership and increased activities of the Commission;
2. Further requests the Secretary-General to report the findings of the study together with his suggestions, through the Economic Commission for Africa at its seventeenth session and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977, 33/197 of 29 January 1979 and 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and, in particular, its resolution 35/108 of 5 December 1980, by which it approved the organization of consultative technical meetings for the various African subregions,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/61 of 3 August 1979, 1980/46 of 23 July 1980 and 1981/67 of 24 July 1981 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling resolution 341 (XIV), adopted on 27 March 1979 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, 20/ in which the Conference urged member States to give high priority to the development of transport and communications,

19/ See A/S-11/14, annex I.

20/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (E/1979/50), part two, sect. D.

Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979, 21/

Aware of the need to implement fully, during the Decade, national, subregional and regional projects aimed at establishing an integrated transport and communications network in Africa to support the accelerated development of the continent,

Noting with appreciation the considerable financial efforts made by the Governments of African States to enable a considerable part of the programme for the first phase of the Decade to be financed and implemented,

Considering that sustained efforts must be exerted to mobilize additional resources in order to ensure the implementation of the programme for the Decade,

Recalling the decision by which the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning, at its second meeting, held at Addis Ababa from 16 to 18 March 1981, authorized the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize four consultative technical meetings between member States, interested African intergovernmental organizations and donors, 22/

Aware of the role played by the Economic Commission for Africa as the lead agency in implementing the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Bearing in mind resolution 422 (XVI) adopted on 10 April 1981 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, held at Freetown from 6 to 11 April 1981, by which the Conference, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to embark as early as possible on the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade, 23/

1. Notes with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa; 24/

2. Takes note of the results of the technical consultative meeting on transport and communications for West Africa, 25/ which was held at Lomé from 8 to 11 June 1981, and of the report on the organization of three other meetings scheduled to be held in 1982;

21/ See A/34/552, annex I.

22/ See E/CN.14/812.

23/ For the text of the resolution, see A/36/342, annex IV.

24/ A/36/342.

25/ See DEC/TRANSCOM/ESC/R/81/Add.1.

3. Notes with satisfaction the contribution made by some countries to the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
4. Expresses its disappointment, however, at the over-all level of resources mobilized so far, which is far below the level required to finance the subregional programme, and appeals to donor countries, funding agencies and the various financial institutions to increase their financial support to the regional and subregional projects for the Decade;
5. Also notes with satisfaction the measures taken by the Economic Commission for Africa with respect to the organization and scheduling of the three other consultative technical meetings, which are to be held at Ouagadougou from 20 to 23 January 1982, at Yaoundé from 15 to 18 March 1982 and at Abidjan in May 1982;
6. Reiterates its appeal to States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to give the highest priority in their development plans to transport and communications projects;
7. Appeals to donor countries and funding agencies to participate constructively and in large numbers in the three consultative technical meetings scheduled to be held in 1982 and to consider, together with the Economic Commission for Africa, possible ways of financing those projects of the Decade which are not national in character;
8. Urges the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain close co-operation with member States, the Organization of African Unity, regional African development organizations, development agencies and interested specialized agencies with a view to the regular updating of the programme for the first phase of the Decade and with a view to better relating the projects to national and subregional plans;
9. Calls upon States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to step up their efforts in connexion with the study of the possible sources of finance for the implementation of the projects adopted for the Decade;
10. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to maintain the necessary co-ordination between the sources of finance and the African countries to assure the success of the implementation of the programme for the first phase of the Decade;
11. Also requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to organize in 1982, with groups of donor countries and the financing institutions and with the participation of Governments, United Nations institutions and African intergovernmental organizations, the three consultative technical meetings scheduled with a view to finding additional financial resources for the implementation of the projects of the Decade;
12. Further requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to begin as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the preparation of the plan of action for the second phase of the Decade;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the Economic Commission for Africa with the financial means and resources necessary to enable it to organize the three consultative technical meetings scheduled to be held in 1982, inter alia, using extrabudgetary funds and existing resources, to the maximum extent possible, to complete the preparation of the programme for the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to fulfil effectively its role as the lead agency for the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a progress report on the implementation of the programme for the Decade;

14. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to continue to submit progress reports on the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the progress achieved in implementing the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner,

Recalling in particular section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197 on structures for regional and interregional co-operation, through which the General Assembly designated the regional commissions, inter alia, as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

Recalling further its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 on special measures for the social and economic development in Africa in the 1980s,

Recalling also the Final Act of Lagos, 26/ adopted at the second extraordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980, which called, inter alia, for the establishment of a subregional common market by 1990 as the first step towards the establishment of an African economic community by the year 2000,

26/ A/S-11/14, annex II.

Taking note of resolution 311 (XIII) adopted on 1 March 1977 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, 27/ whereby the Conference decided to create a certain number of Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres at the subregional level,

Bearing in mind also that the Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres have become an integral part of the Economic Commission for Africa, through which the Commission effectively carries out its terms of reference not only with regard to studies, research, the organization of meetings and consultations but also with regard to its operational activities as an executing agency,

Emphasizing the importance of the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres for the African countries and the need for substantial and adequate financial and human resources to sustain the activities of the Centres,

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General urgently to seek to provide extrabudgetary resources to enable all the Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres to carry out, in 1982 at the subregional level, their work programme in the field of general programming, research, studies and the organization of meetings;
2. Welcomes the financial support which the United Nations Development Programme has extended to the Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres since their inception and urges the Administrator of the Programme to continue this essential support to the operational activities of the Centres during the third programming cycle of the United Nations Development Programme, 1982-1986;
3. Calls also upon other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to render their fullest support to the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres;
4. Invites the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centres on an established basis;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Interrelationships between resources, environment,
people and development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, 28/

Conscious of the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as noted in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 29/

Recognizing that the application of existing knowledge concerning those interrelationships could lead to a more efficient use of available resources in the United Nations system,

Recalling its resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in paragraph 5 of which it requested the Secretary-General to take the requisite steps for implementation of a system-wide programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/51 of 22 July 1981 and 1981/73 of 24 July 1981,

Aware that the formulation and implementation of policies and strategies in the fields of resources, environment, people and development, at the national level, fall within the prerogative of Governments,

1. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation:

(a) To initiate implementation of a co-ordinated multidisciplinary programme of work on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as outlined in his report, 28/ and within this framework the recommendations of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme 30/ and of the Economic and Social Council 31/ on this subject;

28/ A/36/571, annex.

29/ See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

30/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25), annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.

31/ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/73 of 24 July 1981.

(b) Urgently to consult Governments on the elements contained in his report, as he proceeds in the implementation of the above-mentioned programme of work;

2. Supports the arrangements proposed by the Director-General for interagency consultations and programme support in the implementation of the programme of work, as well as the establishment of a small advisory body, to be financed through the trust fund which has been established for financing activities concerning interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, to assist him in the over-all guidance of the programme of work and to oversee the operation of the trust fund;

3. Appeals to Governments to contribute to the above-mentioned trust fund;

4. Decides to review at its thirty-eighth session the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and 35/56 of 5 December 1980, containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 in which it advocated the adoption of a wide range of special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

Recalling also its resolution 35/66 B of 5 December 1980 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Deeply concerned at the worsening of the current world economic crisis and its devastating effects on the particularly vulnerable economies of the African countries,

Fully aware that the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa 32/ provides a framework of priority actions for achieving the rapid over-all economic and social development of Africa,

32/ A/S-11/14, annex I.

Recognizing the primary responsibility of the African countries for their development and the importance of the mobilization of their national resources for their socio-economic development,

Convinced of the need for increased and sustained external resources to achieve the aims and objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action,

Welcoming the initial measures adopted by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement paragraph 3 of resolution 35/64,

1. Takes note of the interim report of the Secretary-General concerning special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, 33/ which indicates the contributions by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa;

2. Invites, in this context, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to examine ways and means of increasing the resources for the execution of the programmes for the Development Decade for Africa and to apply the special measures in a comprehensive and co-ordinated manner;

3. Urges donor countries to provide the necessary resources for the effective implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;

4. Invites all international financial institutions, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Fund for Agricultural Development, to continue to consider actively increasing substantially their development assistance to Africa during the Decade;

5. Renews its invitation to the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to submit to the Secretary-General, for transmission to the Council at its second regular session of 1982, suggestions for the contribution which they intend to make towards the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to allocate necessary resources to the Economic Commission for Africa, taking into account its role as the main economic and social development centre within the United Nations system for the African region, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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44. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Charter of Economic rights and Duties of States

The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Development and international economic co-operation", a subitem entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".
