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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters II-XVIII, XXVIII-XXXIV, XXXV and XXXVII of the Council's report. 1/

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/212 of 19 December 1979, the various chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council were considered under the relevant items of the agenda. In the context of item 12, the Committee considered the following questions, which did not seem to fall within the purview of the other items allocated to the Second Committee:

- (a) Health as an integral part of development;
- (b) World Tourism Organization;
- (c) International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries;
- (d) Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s;

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

- (e) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
- (f) World Communications Year;
- (g) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories;
- (h) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
- (i) World population situation;
- (j) Economic Commission for Africa: regional institutes for population studies.

3. The Committee considered this item at its 4th meeting on 25 September; at its 7th to 10th meetings, from 6 to 9 October; at its 16th meeting, on 15 October; at its 18th meeting, on 19th October; at its 20th and 21st meetings, on 20 and 22 October; at its 25th and 26th meetings, on 27 and 28 October; at its 28th meeting, on 30 October; at its 35th meeting, on 11 November; and at its 39th meeting, on 13 November. An account of the discussions of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/36/SR.4, 7-10, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 35 and 39).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of its organizational session for 1981 and its first and second regular sessions of 1981; 2/

(b) World population situation in 1981: report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 1347 (XLV) of 30 July 1968) (A/36/117);

(c) Letter dated 25 March 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the resolutions and final communiqué of the Third Islamic Summit Conference, held at Mecca-Taif from 25 to 28 January 1981 (A/36/138);

(d) Global strategy for health for all by the year 2000: note by the Secretary-General (A/36/148);

(e) Letter dated 13 April 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/36/187-S/14439);

(f) World Tourism Conference: note by the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 34/134 of 14 December 1979, para. 4) (A/36/236);

2/ Ibid., chaps. II-XVIII, XXVIII-XXXIV, XXXVI and XXXVII.

- (g) Results of the 1980 International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries: report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 35/9 of 3 November 1980, para. 2) (A/36/239);
- (h) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 35/111 of 5 December 1980, para. 5) (A/36/305 and Add.1 and 2);
- (i) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977 and 35/108 of 5 December 1980) (A/36/342);
- (j) Letter dated 5 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/36/421-S/14626);
- (k) Special measures for social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s: report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980, para. 8) (A/36/513);
- (l) Economic Commission for Africa: regional institutes for population studies: note by the Secretary-General (A/36/567);
- (m) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa: note by the Secretary-General (A/36/562);
- (n) World Communications Year: note by the Secretary-General (A/36/585);
- (o) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Arab territories: report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 35/110 of 5 December 1980) (A/36/648);
- (p) Annual report of the Economic Commission for Africa. 3/

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.6 and Rev.1

5. At the 16th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Nigeria introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.6 entitled "World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures" on behalf of Ethiopia, Niger and Nigeria, subsequently joined by Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Botswana, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, China, Egypt, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Nepal, Rwanda, the Sudan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uganda, the United Republic of Cameroon and United Republic of Tanzania.

6. At the 27th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of Nigeria, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised text of the draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.6/Rev.1), in which the following changes were introduced:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, which read as follows:

"1. Endorses the proposal made in paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/60 and proclaims 1983 as the World Communications Year: development of communications infrastructures, the International Telecommunication Union being the lead agency for the Year, with responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and the activities of other agencies"

the word "as" was deleted from the second line;

(b) In operative paragraph 2, which read as follows:

"2. Requests all Member States to participate actively in the attainment of the objectives of the Year"

the word "Member" was deleted;

(c) Operative paragraphs 5 and 6, which read as follows:

"5. Appeals to Governments to make contributions to the World Communications Year through the Fund for the Year co-ordinated by the International Telecommunication Union, in order to ensure increased financing of projects at the national, regional and global levels;

"6. Appeals further to governmental authorities and relevant organizations to make circuits available for reporting on the activities of the Year through radio and television broadcasts",

were replaced by the following:

"5. Invites Governments and other interested organizations to make voluntary contributions to the World Communications Year through the Special Fund for World Communications Year co-ordinated by the International Telecommunication Union, in order to ensure increased financing of projects at the national, regional and global levels;

"6. Appeals further to governmental authorities and appropriate organizations to make circuits available for reporting on the activities of the Year through existing means of information, including radio and television broadcasts, in collaboration with those authorities".

7. At the same meeting, the representative of Nigeria orally revised the draft resolution, as follows:

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph, which read as follows:

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"Having examined the note from the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union concerning the mobilization of resources for the year," the word "voluntary" was inserted between the words "of" and "resources";

(b) In operative paragraph 6 (see para. 6 above), the word "further" was deleted.

8. At the 28th meeting, on 30 October, before the Committee took action on the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

9. The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.6/Rev.1 as orally revised (see para. 23, draft resolution I).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.8 and A/C.2/36/L.29

11. At the 16th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of the Philippines, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.8) entitled "World Tourism Organization" on behalf of the Philippines and Thailand, subsequently joined by Bolivia, Kenya and Panama. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 32/157 of 19 December 1977 and 33/122 of 19 December 1978 on the World Tourism Organization,

"Recalling also its resolution 34/134 of 14 December 1979, concerning the convening of the World Tourism Conference, in September-October 1980 at Manila, by the World Tourism Organization,

"Recalling further its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, by which it proclaimed the Third United Nations Development Decade and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Decade,

"Taking note of paragraph (c) of decision 109 (LIX) of 23 July 1975 of the Economic and Social Council, designating the World Tourism Organization to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council,

"Noting with satisfaction the report on the World Tourism Conference 4/ prepared by the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization in conformity with the General Assembly resolution 34/134,

"Noting further with appreciation the statement made by the Minister of Tourism of the Philippines and President of the World Tourism Conference 5/ on the results of the Conference as embodied in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism, 6/

"Recognizing the new dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the improvement of the quality of life for all peoples, as well as a vital force for peace and international understanding,

"1. Affirms the principles and concepts of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism, which will serve as guidelines for the harmonious, balanced and equitable development of national and international tourism;

"2. Urges States to give due attention to the principles of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism and to take measures, as appropriate and in accordance with their national priorities, to align their tourism policies, plans and programmes in consonance with the Declaration and within the framework of the programme of work of the World Tourism Organization;

"3. Requests the World Tourism Organization to continue its efforts towards the future development and promotion of tourism, especially in the developing countries, bearing in mind the global implementation of the principles, concepts and guidelines of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism;

"4. Requests international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly interested in tourism to extend their assistance in consultation and co-operation with the World Tourism Organization towards the implementation of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism;

"5. Decides that the World Tourism Organization shall participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the General Assembly;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress of implementation of the Manila Declaration on World Tourism."

12. At its 35th meeting, on 11 November, the Committee considered a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.29) submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.8.

5/ See A/C.2/36/SR.9.

6/ A/36/236, annex, appendix I.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.29 (see para. 23, draft resolution II).

14. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.29, draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.8 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representatives of Poland on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (see A/C.12/36/SR.35).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/36/L.9 and A/C.2/36/L.19

16. At the 16th meeting, on 15 October, the representative of Jamaica introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.9) entitled "Mobilization of personal savings" on behalf of Barbados, Jamaica, Malaysia and Sweden, subsequently joined by Costa Rica. The draft resolution 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 a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Bearing in mind the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, in particular paragraph 23 on the mobilization of domestic financial resources in developing countries,

"Convinced of the necessity and importance of intensifying efforts to mobilize personal savings in developing countries so as to maximize financial resources available for accelerated development,

"Emphasizing that, while developing countries will continue to bear the main responsibility for financing their development, external financial resources, particularly official development assistance, constitute an indispensable element of support for the developing countries' own efforts,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the 1980 International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries; 7/

"2. Affirms the need to encourage development of appropriate indigenous financial institutions and to foster governmental and institutional exchanges of ideas and information in the field of mobilization of personal savings;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 on the results of the Second International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries, to be held at Kuala Lumpur in March 1982."

17. At the 27th meeting, on 29 October, Mr. Gerben Ringnalda, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/36/L.19) which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.9.

18. At its 28th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.19 (see para. 23, draft resolution III). In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, draft resolution A/C.2/36/L.9 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

D. Draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1981/61

19. At its 28th meeting, on 30 October, the Committee considered the draft resolution entitled "Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000", recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1981/61 of 23 July 1981 for adoption by the General Assembly (see A/36/3/Add.28).

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council (see para. 23, draft resolution IV).

E. Draft decision A/C.2/36/L.30

21. At its 39th meeting, on 13 November, the Committee considered a draft decision (A/C.2/36/L.30) submitted by Mr. Gerben Ringnalda, Vice-Chairman of the Committee entitled "Economic Commission for Africa: regional institutes for population studies", recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1981/189 of 24 July 1981 for adoption by the General Assembly (see A/36/3/Add.3).

22. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to transmit the draft decision to the Fifth Committee for consideration.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration, as appropriate, one year during the Decade as a World Communications Year, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world,

Recalling also its resolution 35/109 of 5 December 1980 on the World Communications Year, by which it endorsed the arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council concerning the Year,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/60 of 23 July 1981, in which the Council proposed that the year 1983 should be proclaimed as World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures.

Taking into account the guidelines for future international years adopted in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

Having examined the note from the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union concerning the mobilization of voluntary resources for the World Communications Year, 8/

Recognizing the fundamental importance of communications infrastructures as an essential element in the economic and social development of all countries,

Convinced that a World Communications Year would provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

1. Endorses the proposal made by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 1 of its resolution 1981/60 and proclaims the year 1983 World

8/ A/36/585, annex.

Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures, with the International Telecommunication Union serving as the lead agency for the Year and having responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and activities of other agencies;

2. Requests all States to participate actively in the attainment of the objectives of the World Communications Year;

3. Invites the competent organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, within their respective terms of reference, for the implementation of the programme for the World Communications Year;

4. Invites non-governmental organizations and users of communications services to participate actively in the World Communications Year and to secure the fullest possible co-ordination of their programmes for the Year, particularly at the national level;

5. Invites Governments and interested organizations to make voluntary contributions to the World Communications Year through the Special Fund for the World Communications Year co-ordinated by the International Telecommunication Union, in order to ensure increased financing of projects at the national, regional and global levels;

6. Appeals to governmental authorities and appropriate organizations to make circuits available for reporting on the activities of the World Communications Year through existing means of information, including radio and television broadcasts, in collaboration with those authorities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, on the state of preparations for the World Communications Year.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

World Tourism Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/157 of 19 December 1977 and 33/122 of 19 December 1978 concerning the World Tourism Organization,

Recalling also its resolution 34/134 of 14 December 1979, concerning the convening of the World Tourism Conference in September and October 1980 at Manila by the World Tourism Organization,

Recalling further its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, by which it proclaimed the Third United Nations Development Decade and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Decade,

Taking note of paragraph (c) of Economic and Social Council decision 109 (LIX) of 23 July 1975, in which the Council designated the World Tourism Organization to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council,

Noting with satisfaction the report on the World Tourism Conference 9/ prepared by the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization in conformity with General Assembly resolution 34/134,

Noting further with appreciation the statement made by the Minister of Tourism of the Philippines and President of the World Tourism Conference 10/ on the results of the Conference, as embodied in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism as adopted by the Conference, 11/

Recognizing the new dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the improvement of the quality of life for all peoples, as well as a vital force for peace and international understanding,

1. Welcomes the Manila Declaration on World Tourism, which will serve as guidelines for the harmonious, balanced and equitable development of national and international tourism;

2. Urges States to give due attention to the principles of the Manila Declaration while formulating and implementing, as appropriate, their tourism policies, plans and programmes, in accordance with their national priorities and within the framework of the programme of work of the World Tourism Organization;

3. Requests the World Tourism Organization to continue its efforts towards the future development and promotion of tourism, especially in the developing countries, bearing in mind the implementation of the principles and guidelines of the Manila Declaration;

4. Requests international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly interested in tourism to extend their assistance, in consultation and co-operation with the World Tourism Organization, towards the implementation of the Manila Declaration;

9/ A/36/236, annex.

10/ See A/C.2/36/SR.9.

11/ A/36/236, annex, appendix I.

5. Decides that the World Tourism Organization may participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the General Assembly on areas of concern to that organization;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on progress in the implementation of the Manila Declaration.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Mobilization of personal savings

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, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, in particular paragraph 23 on the mobilization of domestic financial resources in developing countries,

Convinced of the necessity and importance of intensifying efforts to mobilize personal savings in developing countries so as to maximize financial resources available for accelerated development,

Emphasizing that, while developing countries will continue to bear the main responsibility for financing their development, external financial resources, particularly official development assistance, constitute an indispensable element of support for the developing countries' own efforts,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the 1980 International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries 12/ and the suggestions made during the debate in the Second Committee on that subject; 13/

2. Affirms the need to encourage development of appropriate indigenous financial institutions and to foster governmental and institutional exchanges of ideas and information in the field of mobilization of personal savings;

12/ A/36/239.

13/ See A/C.2/36/SR.16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 28.

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 on the results of the Second International Symposium on the Mobilization of Personal Savings in Developing Countries, to be held at Kuala Lumpur in March 1982;

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/58 of 29 November 1979 concerning health as an integral part of development,

Noting with approval World Health Assembly resolution WHA34.36 of 22 May 1981 by which the thirty-fourth Assembly unanimously adopted the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000,

Considering that the Global Strategy fully reflects the spirit of General Assembly resolution 34/58,

Considering that peace and security are important conditions for the preservation and improvement of the health of all people and that co-operation among nations on vital health issues can contribute substantially to peace,

Noting further that the Global Strategy is based upon the principles of the Declaration of Alma-Ata 14/ on primary health care, which implies an integrated approach to the solution of health care problems and requires the fullest support and involvement of all economic and social development sectors,

Recognizing that the implementation of the Global Strategy will constitute a valuable contribution to the improvement of over-all socio-economic conditions, and thus to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 15/

1. Endorses the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 as a major contribution of Member States to the attainment of the world-wide social goal of health for all by the year 2000 and to the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

14/ See World Health Organization, Health Care: Report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care, Alma-Ata, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 6-12 September 1978 (Geneva, 1978).

15/ General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex.

2. Urges all Member States to ensure the implementation of the Global Strategy as part of their multisectoral efforts to implement the provisions contained in the International Development Strategy;

3. Also urges all Member States to co-operate with one another and with the World Health Organization to ensure that the necessary international action is taken to implement the Global Strategy as part of the fulfilment of the International Development Strategy;

4. Requests all appropriate organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the World Bank, to collaborate fully with the World Health Organization in carrying out the Global Strategy;

5. Also requests the Director-General of the World Health Organization to ensure that measures to implement the Global Strategy are taken into account in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy. 16/

16/ See General Assembly resolution 35/56, annex, para. 175.