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DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS  
BETWEEN STATES

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-sixth session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/99 of 14 December 1979.
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 18 September 1981, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. The First Committee considered the item at its 45th to 51st meetings, held from 27 November to 3 December 1981 (see A/C.1/36/PV.45-51).
4. The Committee had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States (A/36/376 and Add.1);
  - (b) Letter dated 2 July 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/36/358);
  - (c) Letter dated 26 August 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/36/457-S/14649);
  - (d) Note verbale dated 23 September 1981 from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/36/552-S/14706);

(e) Letter dated 12 November 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/36/672);

(f) Letter dated 11 November 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/36/11);

(g) Letter dated 23 November 1981 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.1/36/13).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/36/L.59

5. At the 45th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/36/L.59) on behalf of Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, Guinea, Indonesia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, the Upper Volta, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined Chad, the Congo, France, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Turkey and the United Republic of Cameroon.

6. At the 51st meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Romania, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution. The text, which had read:

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, on the basis of the replies of States and of the views expressed during the thirty-sixth session, as well as of comments of specialized agencies, a report containing a systematic presentation of the views and suggestions received;"

was changed to read:

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, on the basis of the replies of States and of the views expressed during the thirty-sixth session, as well as of comments of specialized agencies, a report containing an orderly presentation of the views and suggestions received concerning the content of good-neighbourliness, as well as ways and modalities to enhance it;"

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness  
between States

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the United Nations as expressed in the Charter to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

Recalling its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 2129 (XX) of 21 December 1965 and, in particular, 34/99 of 14 December 1979,

Bearing in mind that, owing to geographical proximity, there are particularly favourable opportunities for co-operation and mutual advantage between neighbouring countries in many fields and that the development of such co-operation may have a positive influence on international relations as a whole,

Considering that the great changes of a political, economic and social nature, as well as the scientific and technological progress, which have taken place in the world and led to unprecedented interdependence of nations, have given new dimensions to good neighbourliness in the conduct of States and increased the need to develop and strengthen it,

1. Reaffirms that good neighbourliness conforms with the purposes of the United Nations and is founded upon the strict observance of the principles inscribed in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations 1/ as well as upon the rejection of any acts seeking to establish zones of influence or domination;
2. Calls upon all States, in the interest of the maintenance of international peace and security, to develop good-neighbourly relations, acting on the basis of these principles;
3. Considers that the generalization of the long practice and of principles and rules pertaining to good-neighbourliness is likely to strengthen friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter;
4. Reaffirms the need to examine the question of good-neighbourliness in order to strengthen and further develop its content, as well as ways and modalities to enhance its effectiveness;
5. Believes that the results of the examination of good-neighbourliness and of the clarification of its elements could be included, at an appropriate time, in a suitable international document;

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1/ General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

6. Requests the Governments which have not communicated their views and suggestions on good-neighbourliness, as well as on ways and modalities to enhance it, with a view to preventing conflicts and to increasing confidence among States, to do so as soon as possible, and invites the Governments which have already communicated such views and suggestions to supplement them if they deem it necessary;

7. Invites the United Nations organs, bodies and programmes, as well as the specialized agencies within their fields of competence, to continue to inform the Secretary-General of the aspects of their activities relevant to the development of relations of good-neighbourliness between States;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, on the basis of the replies of States and of the views expressed during the thirty-sixth session, as well as of comments of specialized agencies, a report containing an orderly presentation of the views and suggestions received concerning the content of good-neighbourliness, as well as ways and modalities to enhance it;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness among States".