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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

NEW INTERNATIONAL HUMAN ORDER

Letter dated 12 August 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the
Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the inclusion of a supplementary item entitled "New international human order" in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the Assembly.

An explanatory memorandum is attached to this letter in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure.

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. Problems of varying dimensions have confronted men throughout the ages. In recent years, these problems have assumed colossal proportions brought about partly by man's own undoing and partly by the interplay of forces beyond his control.
2. The world community, particularly the developing countries, threatened by what appears to them more as an economic problem, has focused on economic solutions, believing that this would be the surest formula which would bring an instant cure-all for all other problems. In other words, it is thought that economic development, if successful, would automatically result in the social amelioration of the people.
3. But it has not been so. Even in developed countries, it is a verity and an accepted fact that, technology and economic stability notwithstanding, people are not happier than their poorer, less fortunate fellowmen in the developing countries. If man is perceived only in his material dimension, he becomes a liability instead of an asset, a parasitic consumer instead of a resource. The desire for technological advancement and economic gains has slowly rendered us insensitive to the real human needs. Yet all these efforts are supposed to be for the betterment of man.
4. Human needs should be given equal consideration in any programme for development. It is in this light, therefore, that the Government of the Philippines requests the inclusion of a supplementary item entitled "New international human order" in the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly.
