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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR: PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its thirty-sixth session, the General Assembly, in resolution 36/28 on International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, inter alia, endorsed the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as adopted by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/215 and Add.1), bearing in mind that there should be continued review and revision of the Programme in the coming years. The Secretary-General was requested, in consultation with Governments of Member States, specialized agencies and all the international bodies and organizations concerned, to prepare for submission to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Advisory Committee, a progress report on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities. The General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to convene the second session of the Advisory Committee during the second half of 1982 and invited the Advisory Committee to pay particular attention to the implementation of the Specific Programme and, to this end, to submit adequate recommendations to the General Assembly.

2. The Advisory Committee held its second session at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982 and its report, which was submitted by the Chairman to the Secretary-General, is annexed to the present document. A statement of the administrative and financial implications of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee will appear in an addendum to the report (A/37/348/Add.1). The Secretary-General's report on public information activities highlighting the International Youth Year, will appear in a further addendum to the report (A/37/348/Add.2).

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3. The Secretary-General's progress report on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities (A/37/237) as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981 was submitted to the Advisory Committee at its second session. The Committee's observations and recommendations regarding that document appear in appendix II to the Committee's report attached hereto.

4. In response to General Assembly resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981, the Advisory Committee has made a number of recommendations on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities (see appendix III to the Committee's report).

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Youth Year on its second session

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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[23 June 1982]

Sir,

On behalf of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, which held its second session at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982, I have the honour to transmit to you the report of the Advisory Committee prepared in implementation of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/126 of 11 December 1980.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Nicu CEAUȘESCU
Chairman of the Advisory Committee
for the International Youth Year

His Excellency
Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar
Secretary-General of the
United Nations

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I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening of the session

1. The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year held its second session at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982, during which it held seven plenary meetings (6th to 12th meetings). At its 8th meeting, on 15 June, it decided to establish a Working Group. The Working Group held eight meetings from 16 to 21 June.
2. The session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. In her statement, the Assistant Secretary-General said that though broad support for the objectives and goals of the Year had been generated at all levels, much still remained to be done. In that regard, she urged the Advisory Committee to reflect on two important goals:
(a) the promotion of the International Youth Year objectives on a world-wide basis; and (b) the further establishment, as a top priority, of appropriate mechanisms at all levels to ensure the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for the International Youth Year.
3. She emphasized that the International Youth Year meant a year not only for male youth, but also for young women and girls. Moreover, coinciding as it would in 1985 with the closing of the United Nations Decade for Women and the opening of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, the International Youth Year acquired added perspective.
4. She further emphasized the need for a firm political commitment on the part of Member States, as well as the need for non-governmental organizations to begin without delay to formulate specific individual programmes and plans in close co-operation with their various affiliates.
5. She also welcomed the identification by the Ad Hoc Interagency Group on the International Youth Year, at its meeting held in March this year, and the field of technical co-operation in youth matters as a priority area of co-operation among appropriate United Nations agencies and entities.

B. Attendance

6. The session was attended by 23 States members of the Advisory Committee, as follows:

Algeria	Democratic Yemen	Guinea
Chile	Germany, Federal Republic of	Indonesia
Costa Rica	Guatemala	Ireland

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Jamaica	Nigeria	Sri Lanka
Japan	Norway	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
Lebanon	Poland	United States of America
Morocco	Romania	Venezuela
Netherlands	Rwanda	

7. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers:

Argentina	France	Spain
Australia	German Democratic Republic	Suriname
Austria	Hungary	Sweden
Belgium	India	Thailand
Bulgaria	Israel	Tunisia
China	Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
Colombia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Czechoslovakia	Peru	Uruguay
Denmark	Philippines	Yugoslavia
Ecuador	Malaysia	Zaire
Finland	Qatar	

8. The following non-member States were also represented by observers:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Holy See
Republic of Korea
Switzerland

9. The following specialized agencies were represented:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

International Labour Organisation

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

10. The following United Nations bodies were represented:

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia

United Nations Development Programme

United Nations Volunteers Programme

United Nations Industrial Development Organization

United Nations Fund for Population Activities

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

United Nations University

United Nations Children's Fund

11. The following intergovernmental organization was represented:

Commonwealth Secretariat

12. Representatives from the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council attended the session:

AFS International/Intercultural Programmes, Inc.

All India Women's Conference

Baha'i International Community

Christian Peace Conference

Council of European National Youth Committees

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European Centre for Social Welfare, Training and Research
Experiment in International Living
Federation of National Committees of the International Christian Youth Exchange
Foster Parents International
International Catholic Child Bureau
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
International Council of Jewish Women
International Council of Women
International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
International Federation for Home Economics
International Federation of Business and Professional Women
International Planned Parenthood Federation
International Union of Socialist Youth
International Union of Students
International Working Group on the Construction of Sports and Leisure
Facilities
International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations
Muslim World League
Organization of Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International
Women's International Zionist Organization
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations
World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
World Association of World Federalists
World Federation of Democratic Youth

World Federation of Teachers' Unions
World Federation of Trade Unions
World Federation of United Nations Associations
World Organization of the Scout Movement
World Young Women's Christian Association
Zonta International

C. Election of officers

13. At its 6th meeting, on 14 June, the Advisory Committee re-elected by acclamation the officers of the first session, as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Nicu Ceaușescu (Romania)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. J. F. Gonzales Morales (Guatemala)
Mr. Oumar Diarso (Guinea)
Mr. Soenaryo (Indonesia)
Rapporteur: Mr. F. L. Schlingemann (Netherlands)

14. In his opening statement, the Chairman said that extensive consultations with concerned government officials, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations, and other persons engaged in youth-related activities, had revealed wide support for and interest in both the objectives and the goals of the International Youth Year and the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities. Such support had engendered actions at all levels aimed at solving the diverse problems confronting today's youth.

15. He expressed the hope that the deliberations of the Committee would result in concrete and effective recommendations for the betterment of the situation of youth. That, he said, would require co-ordinated effort on the part of the international community.

D. Agenda and organization of work

16. At its 6th meeting, on 14 June, the Advisory Committee considered its provisional agenda (A/AC.209/4 and Add.1). The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for the preparation and observance of International Youth Year.
4. Information activities related to International Youth Year.
5. Adoption of the report of the Advisory Committee.
6. Organization of the future work of the Advisory Committee.

E. Administrative and financial implications

17. The Committee was informed that, in view of the time required for necessary consultations and a careful study of its decisions and recommendations, a statement of administrative and financial implications would be made available to the General Assembly when it considered the report of the Advisory Committee on its second session.

F. Documentation

18. The list of documents before the Advisory Committee is contained in appendix IV to the present report.

G. Adoption of the report

19. At its 12th meeting, on 23 June, the Advisory Committee considered and adopted its report (A/AC.209/L.27 and Add.1-5), as orally revised.

II. WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Consideration of proposals

20. At its 11th meeting, on 22 June, the Advisory Committee considered the following proposals which had been submitted informally to its Working Group:

- (a) A draft proposal entitled "Draft declaration on the rights and responsibilities of youth" (A/AC.209/L.5), sponsored by Costa Rica, Guinea, Lebanon, Romania and Rwanda;
- (b) A draft proposal, "The declaration of youth; responsibilities, obligations and rights" (A/AC.209/L.6), sponsored by Indonesia.

Both of these proposals were later merged into another draft entitled "Draft declaration on the rights and responsibilities of youth" (A/AC.209/L.37), sponsored

by Costa Rica, Guinea, Indonesia, Lebanon, Romania and Rwanda. As a result of this new proposal, draft proposals A/AC.209/L.5 and A/AC.209/L.6 were withdrawn by their sponsors.

- (c) A series of draft proposals, containing suggested amendments to the Report of the Secretary-General: International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace (A/37/237) sponsored by the countries shown in parentheses:

A/AC.209/L.7	(Federal Republic of Germany)
A/AC.209/L.10	(Chile)
A/AC.209/L.11	(Romania)
A/AC.209/L.18	(Indonesia). This was later withdrawn by the sponsor.
A/AC.209/L.19	(Japan)
A/AC.209/L.20 and A/AC.209/L.21	(Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
A/AC.209/L.22	(Poland)
A/AC.209/L.23	(Netherlands and Romania)
A/AC.209/L.24	(Netherlands)
A/AC.209/L.25	(Algeria and Democratic Yemen)
A/AC.209/L.26	(Netherlands)
A/AC.209/L.30	(Algeria, Democratic Yemen, Guinea, Nigeria, and Rwanda)

The above suggested amendments were further considered in an amalgamated form, as contained in document A/AC.209/L.36.

- (d) A draft proposal entitled "International instrument concerning the rights and responsibilities of youth" (A/AC.209/L.8), sponsored by Costa Rica, Guinea, Lebanon, Romania and Rwanda. The delegation of Indonesia submitted a draft proposal (A/AC.209/L.34) to amend A/AC.209/L.8.
- (e) A draft proposal entitled "Regional meetings for the International Youth Year" (A/AC.209/L.9/Rev.1), sponsored by Romania.
- (f) The following four proposals, sponsored by the countries shown in parentheses were later withdrawn by the sponsors:

A/AC.209/L.12, "Establishment of a United Nations body for youth questions" (Romania)

A/AC.209/L.13, "United Nations world conference on the problems of youth" (Costa Rica and Romania)

A/AC.209/L.14, "United Nations centre for social research and documentation on youth" (Romania)

A/AC.209/L.15, "United Nations decade for youth" (Costa Rica and Romania).

- (g) A draft proposal entitled "Worldwide campaign for tree-planting during the International Youth Year" (A/AC.209/L.17), which was sponsored by Costa Rica, Guinea, Romania and Rwanda.
- (h) Two draft proposals - A/AC.209/L.28, sponsored by Romania, and A/AC.209/L.29, sponsored by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - containing suggested amendments to "Public Information Activities to highlight the International Youth Year, 1985: Report of the Secretary-General" (A/AC.209/5).
- (i) A draft proposal entitled "List of international conferences and meetings connected with the International Youth Year" (A/AC.209/L.31), sponsored by Romania.
- (j) A draft proposal entitled "National co-ordinating committees or other forms of co-ordination" (A/AC.209/L.32), sponsored by Romania.
- (k) A draft proposal entitled "Third session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year" (A/AC.209/L.33), sponsored by Costa Rica and Romania.
- (l) A draft recommendation concerning the creation of a secretariat for the International Youth Year (A/AC.209/L.35), sponsored by Costa Rica and Romania, was withdrawn by the sponsors, and replaced by decision 5 (II) of the present report.

21. At its 12th meeting, on 23 June, the Advisory Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on the draft proposals described above, adopted decisions 4 (II) to 12 (II) (see section IV).

B. Implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for the preparation and observance of International Youth Year

C. Information activities related to International Youth Year

22. The Advisory Committee considered agenda item 3 (Implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for the preparation and observance of International Youth Year) and agenda item 4 (Information activities related to International Youth Year) at its 7th to 11th meetings, from 15 to 22 June.

23. Members of the Committee and representatives of various United Nations bodies as well as of non-governmental organizations expressed support for the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities and in particular for the objectives and goals of the International Youth Year. They reiterated their firm belief that the thrust of activities for the Year should be primarily at the national level.

24. The Committee expressed its dissatisfaction at having received the relevant documentation only at the beginning of - or even during - the session and urged that that situation should not recur.

25. Members of the Committee complimented the Secretariat for its work in preparing the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities (A/37/237). They agreed that the report provided a sound basis for assessing the progress achieved.

26. Delegations reported on the activities - many of them substantial - undertaken or planned at all levels in the context of the Year. These activities included - besides information and promotional activities - the enactment of relevant national legislation; the establishment of appropriate mechanisms for IYY, including national co-ordinating committees; and the formulation and implementation of national programmes of action.

27. Many delegations identified specific problems and issues which should be examined and tackled within the IYY framework. These related, among other things, to unemployment, education and training, housing and the environment. In addition, concern was expressed regarding the situation of particular categories of youth such as rural youth, young women, immigrant youth and unorganized youth. Some delegations expressed their deep concern about the fact that attempts were being made to categorize youth in specific groups. Several delegations noted that of the three themes of IYY, that of peace needed to be given more attention since it represented both a vital concern of today's youth and a significant prerequisite for development.

28. Many delegations felt that IYY could be successful if it were geared to, conceived by, and promoted by youth. Emphasis was laid on the need for the full and effective participation of youth in the further preparation and observance of IYY, especially through implementing the General Assembly guidelines for improving channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth

organizations. In that connexion, reference was made to the Geneva Informal Meeting as being a major channel of communication.

29. Several delegations stressed the need for an international instrument on the rights and responsibilities of youth which would be submitted to the General Assembly for adoption in 1984. It was suggested in this connexion that the starting point for working out such an instrument should be the 1965 Declaration on the Promotion Among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples (General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX)), as well as other relevant declarations and conventions adopted under United Nations auspices. Two draft declarations were submitted for consideration by the Committee. One delegation pointed out that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights would provide a sound basis for the elaboration of a declaration on youth rights. Some delegations questioned the need for a declaration. One delegation expressed the opinion that such a declaration, if approved, should substantially add to those instruments that already existed. Another delegation indicated, however, that it had serious reservations with respect to the development of any international instrument on youth at all.

30. In view of the increasing number of responsibilities and tasks involved in co-ordinating and implementing the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities, some delegations stressed the necessity of establishing a secretariat for the Year. Other delegations, however, opposed the creation of any such new structures within the existing United Nations framework.

31. Several delegations recommended the convening of regional preparatory meetings for IYY, including one for Europe. Reference was made to the support expressed by the Interagency Consultation on Preparations for the International Youth Year at its second session for the convening of an IYY meeting for Europe and to the readiness of the interagency consultation to contribute to that meeting. One delegation stated that its Government was prepared to host the meeting for Europe, as that would facilitate both a wide exchange of experience in the field of youth in different countries and the promotion of regional co-operation. Some delegations expressed the view that initiatives for regional meetings should be studied and presented by the regional commissions themselves.

32. One delegation, requesting that priority be accorded to the problems and concerns of youth in the developing countries, welcomed the decision of the informal interagency working group to develop technical co-operation projects aimed at increasing the service and assistance at the country level. The Assistant Secretary-General, when requested, explained the procedures and arrangements envisaged for bringing this about.

33. One delegation, supported by another, stated that, in addition to the proposals for regional meetings and a declaration on youth, the strategy for International Youth Year should allow for: (a) the convening of a world conference on youth in 1985 under United Nations auspices; (b) the establishment of a suitable structure for co-ordinating United Nations activities for International Youth Year; and (c) the establishment, under United Nations auspices, of a centre for research and documentation in the field of youth. Some delegations expressed doubts concerning the necessity for these measures.

34. Representatives of the regional commissions noted with concern that, in the provisions made for implementing their preparatory programmes for IYY, no resources had been allotted for the following: regional meetings of experts; the use of consultants; the participation of least developed countries and youth in the regional meetings; temporal assistance to meet the additional workload; etc.

35. A number of delegations expressed the view that it would be desirable to convene the next session of the Advisory Committee in 1984 in order to make a further assessment of the progress achieved at all levels.

36. Several delegations, while recognizing the urgent need for public information activities geared to IYY, considered that readjustments should be made to a number of suggested activities in order to ensure effective action, particularly at the regional and national levels. In the view of one delegation, supportive activities at the global level should be undertaken within the limits of the human and financial resources available, except in cases where additional voluntary contributions were forthcoming.

37. In the general debate on agenda item 3, "Implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for the preparation and observance of International Youth Year", the members of the Advisory Committee discussed in detail the paper by the Rapporteur (A/AC.209/L.36) on the report of the Secretary-General on IYY (A/37/237), together with annexes I and II thereto, as well as other draft resolutions, decisions and amendments. The members of the Advisory Committee, in their discussions followed the procedure of consensus and, whenever required, held informal consultations.

38. After discussing the paper by the Rapporteur, the members of the Advisory Committee approved the draft resolution in that document, including annexes I and II. Following an explanation from the Secretariat, several representatives underlined the necessity of having the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities (A/37/237) reflect the suggested amendments and recommendations contained in those annexes.

39. In the light of informal consultations on documents A/AC.209/L.12 through L.15 concerning the establishment of a United Nations body for youth questions, a United Nations world conference on the problems of youth, a United Nations centre for social research and documentation on youth and a United Nations decade for youth, the co-sponsors agreed not to press for further consideration of them, on the understanding that they reserved the right to submit these proposals to the General Assembly or the Advisory Committee at their next sessions or to other fora. Other delegations reiterated their firm opposition to these proposals.

40. With respect to the recommendation that the Secretary-General should submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a brief report on the possible ways and means of implementing paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution A/36/28, including the possibility of making the Youth Unit within the existing structure of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, under the direct supervision of the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the secretariat for IYY, the representative of the

Secretariat stated that the question whether the Youth Unit should function as the secretariat for IYY lay within the exclusive competence of the Secretary-General.

41. With regard to the resolution concerning the proposal for an international instrument concerning the rights and responsibilities of youth (A/AC.209/L.8 and annex), several delegations expressed reservations about the necessity for such an instrument. One delegation expressed serious reservations about the development of any international instrument on youth at all. Some delegations emphasized that they reserved their position with regard to the content of the proposal for a discussion at a later stage.

42. Concerning the recommendation that the General Assembly should consider the organization of five regional meetings in 1983, several delegations expressed reservations about the necessity for a European meeting, but one delegation did not object to the convening of a European meeting provided that the host country bore all the costs involved. The co-sponsors pointed out that the regional meetings should be organized in accordance with United Nations rules and practices. The Committee recommended that the financial implications of the five regional meetings should not exceed the total sum allocated for regional meetings in document A/36/215/Add.1, chapter III, section B.

43. Many delegations felt there was a need to strengthen the role of the Youth Unit of the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs with a view to facilitating the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for IYY.

44. Concerning the proposed regional meetings for IYY, the representative of Indonesia announced that his country was willing to host the ESCAP regional meeting on IYY in co-operation with the Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). He further asked that the Secretary-General be requested to give the highest priority to the regional meetings. The delegation of Sri Lanka announced that Sri Lanka was to host a regional meeting of ministers in the ESCAP region in November 1982.

45. A representative of the Secretariat informed the Committee that a proposed (fifth) meeting in Europe would necessitate cutting back on the length and other arrangements of the other four regional meetings. (See decision 5 (II) below.)

46. The Committee was also informed that the costs of the change of venue for the European regional meeting (from Geneva to Romania) would have to be borne by the host Government of that meeting.

47. A number of delegations requested the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of providing for a (fifth) meeting in Europe with savings from the allocations for the other four regional meetings.

48. One representative expressed the view that since many youth organizations and concerned United Nations bodies convened numerous youth meetings, there was no need for the organization of regional meetings. He also stated that only voluntary funds should be utilized for the financing of such meetings.

49. Two delegations expressed deep concern about attempts to categorize youth into specific groups.

50. In further discussions of document A/AC.209/5, following the adoption of decision 9 (II) on public information activities, it was requested that references to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/28 of 4 May 1982, regarding the improvement of co-ordination and information activities in the field of youth, be included in the text.

51. Some delegations suggested that within the objectives of the public information activities to highlight the Year, reference should be made to promotion among youth of the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding among peoples. Another delegation suggested inclusion in the objectives for the Year of the promotion of the mobilization of the efforts of youth in the struggle for peace, against the danger of war, for halting the arms race and for disarmament.

52. Several delegations felt that implementation of the proposed information programme should be effected through existing United Nations structures, bearing in mind that expenses should be within the regular budget, with additional expenses covered by IYY voluntary funds and other voluntary sources. With budgetary restrictions affecting the situation, it was suggested that the financial implications be further examined. Doubts were expressed as to the need for additional posts while one delegation, stressing the role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs as lead entity, felt detailed information should be presented for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

53. One delegation stressed that in the implementation of the proposed information programme all additional expenses should be covered from IYY voluntary funds and other voluntary resources.

54. The delegation of Lebanon appealed to the international community to assist Lebanese youth to overcome their present difficulties, which jeopardized Lebanon's national effort for development.

55. The representative of Algeria read out a statement by the Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee (Guinea), who had acted as Chairman of the Working Group, expressing the hope that the work of the Advisory Committee would lead to innumerable benefits for young people all over the world.

56. In his closing statement, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee noted that the Committee's deliberations had demonstrated the interest of the Committee members and observers in IYY. Each member of the Advisory Committee should concentrate on widespread dissemination of activities related to the objectives of the Year. In this regard the regional meetings planned for 1983 were expected to play an important role in assessing the needs of youth in the various regions and identifying areas of co-operation on youth matters in those regions. He thanked all the members of the Advisory Committee for their substantive input into the work of the Committee.

III. ORGANIZATION OF THE FUTURE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

57. At its 12th meeting, on 23 June, the Advisory Committee proposed that the General Assembly should decide that the third session of the Committee would be held at Vienna in the first half of 1984. It decided to discuss at that session the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, as well as matters arising from the Committee's second session and any other matters that might be entrusted to it by the Assembly.

IV. MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

A. Decisions calling for action by the General Assembly

58. At its 12th meeting, on 23 June, the Advisory Committee adopted the following decisions and recommended them to the General Assembly:

Decision 4 (II)

International instrument concerning the rights and
responsibilities of youth

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year,

Recalling paragraph 39 (c) (viii) of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year a/ as approved by the General Assembly under resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981, which contains suggested guidelines for the preparation of an appropriate international instrument on youth to contain concrete provisions concerning the resources and the measures essential to the effective realization of their rights and responsibilities,

Considering that the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights constitute the pillars of freedom, peace and justice in the world,

Bearing in mind that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights describes the promotion and defence of the rights and freedoms of the human person as a common ideal for all peoples and all nations,

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to transmit the draft declaration on the rights and responsibilities of youth b/ to all States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, regional commissions and interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with a view to receiving their comments and proposals on the text;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a working document containing the comments and proposals on the draft declaration that he receives and to submit it to the Advisory Committee at its third session;

3. Decides to resume consideration of the draft declaration at its third session and to submit the results of this consideration to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

Decision 5 (II)

Regional meetings for the International Youth Year

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year,

Recalling that the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, a/ paragraph 38 (f) (iii) of which contains, among the suggested guidelines, the convening of regional meetings to deal with common regional issues and problems with a view to sharing experiences and stimulating youth actions in development,

1. Recommends that the General Assembly should consider the organization of five regional meetings in 1983, in accordance with the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year;

2. Considers that appropriate representation should be ensured at the regional meetings, so that the following are included: various categories of young people and youth organizations, specialists in young people's problems and, in particular, those responsible for preparing the Year at the national level;

3. Notes that at the Ad Hoc Interagency Consultation on Preparations for the International Youth Year, held at Vienna on 10 and 11 June 1982, United Nations agencies and bodies expressed their readiness to collaborate with the regional commissions in preparing documents falling within the competence of the individual organizations;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs at Vienna and the regional commissions, to provide all necessary support for the regional meetings;

5. Recommends that the financial implications of the five regional meetings should not exceed the total sum allocated for regional meetings in section III B of the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General; c/

6. Takes note with interest of the offer of the Government of Romania to act as host to the 1983 European meeting for the International Youth Year.

Decision 6 (II)

Worldwide campaign for tree-planting during the International Youth Year

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year,

Recalling that the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year a/ contains proposals regarding the environment,

Recalling further that at its session of a special character the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme expressed concern at the further deterioration and degradation of the environment and stressed the need for increased and concerted action to reverse and redress the situation,

Recognizing that one of the urgent problems which requires priority attention and action is that of soil degradation as a consequence of desertification and deforestation,

Stressing the importance of broad participation by young people in activities for the protection and enhancement of the environment,

1. Recommends that the General Assembly should invite Governments, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned, to use the occasion of the International Youth Year for increasing the awareness and involvement of youth in activities for the protection and enhancement of the environment;

2. Further recommends that the General Assembly should request the Secretary-General to consult with Governments and relevant international organizations on ways and means of launching a worldwide campaign for tree-planting during the International Youth Year and to report on the results to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Advisory Committee,

Decision 7 (II)

Report of the Secretary-General on International Youth Year:
Participation, Development, Peace

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981 on the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, in particular paragraphs 1, 6 and 8 thereof,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, d/

1. Requests the Secretary-General in finalizing his report to the General Assembly to take due account of the suggested amendments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in appendices II and III to the present report;

2. Recommends that the General Assembly should adopt the recommendations for the further implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities contained in appendix III to this report;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and other international bodies and organizations concerned, to submit to the Advisory Committee at its third session a progress report on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities a/ and on the recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee at its second session.

Decision 8 (II)

Third session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year

1. Proposes that its third session should be held at Vienna in the first half of 1984;

2. Decides to discuss at that session the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, a/ matters arising from its second session and any other matter that might be entrusted to it by the General Assembly.

B. Other decisions

59. At its 12th meeting, on 23 June, the Advisory Committee also adopted the following decisions:

Decision 9 (II)

Report of the Secretary-General on public information activities to highlight the International Youth Year

The Advisory Committee, for the International Year,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on public information activities to highlight the International Youth Year, e/

Recalling General Assembly resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure

the proper co-ordination of the implementation and follow-up of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities, a/ including the provision of information, and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/28 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to review his report on public information activities in the light of the comments and proposals made at its second session and to submit it to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the understanding that the information activities devoted to the International Youth Year should:

(a) Form an integral part of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities and clearly be directed towards supporting the objectives of the Programme, in particular the basic themes for national action;

(b) Primarily take place at the national and regional levels. Efforts at the global level should focus on supporting and assisting the various regions and countries, in particular the developing countries;

(c) Be presented in such a way as to allow for a core programme that can be implemented within the available human and financial resources and other activities to be undertaken in the event of additional voluntary contributions being made available;

(d) Take into account that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs was designated in the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities as the lead entity and consequently should be closely consulted on every specific information activity;

(e) Start as early in 1982 as possible, in order to ensure an early and adequate enhancement of public awareness of the Year;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Advisory Committee at its third session a progress report on public information activities devoted to the International Youth Year.

Decision 10 (II)

Secretariat for the International Youth Year

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year

Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a brief report on the possible ways of implementing paragraph 10 of its resolution 36/28, including the possibility of making the Youth Unit within the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, under the direct supervision of the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the secretariat for the International Youth

Year, in order to fulfil the mandate given to the Centre with respect to the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year. a/

Decision 11 (II)

List of international conferences and meetings
connected with the International Youth Year

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year

1. Takes note of the list of regional and international meetings devoted to youth or questions concerning youth;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to Member States every six months a list of international conferences and meetings connected with the International Youth Year, including relevant information on these meetings, and in addition, to make an updated list available to the Advisory Committee at its third session.

Decision 12 (II)

National Co-ordinating Committees or other forms of co-ordination

The Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year

1. Reiterates its appeal to all national and international youth organizations to give special attention to the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year a/ and to the recommendations adopted at its second session;
2. Considers that it would be useful for its members to continue to hold informal consultations, in particular during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, before the latter takes up the agenda item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", in order to facilitate a decision by the Assembly on the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee at its second session;
3. Recommends that all States should examine the possibility of setting up, if they have not already done so, National Co-ordinating Committees or other forms of co-ordination for the activities and measures to be undertaken at the national level during the International Youth Year in view of the fact that in the preparation and observance of the Year emphasis should be placed on activities at the national level.

Notes

- a/ See A/36/215, annex.
- b/ See appendix I.
- c/ A/36/215/Add.1.
- d/ A/37/237.
- e/ A/AC.209/5.

APPENDIX I

Draft Declaration on the Rights and Responsibilities of Youth a/

The General Assembly,

Considering that the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights constitute the pillars of freedom, peace and justice in the world,

Considering that, in adopting the Charter, the peoples of the United Nations undertook to promote social progress and better standards of life in greater freedom,

Bearing in mind that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights describes the promotion and defence of the rights and freedoms of the human person as a common ideal for all peoples and all nations,

Aware of the fact that the average age of mankind is falling,

Conscious that young people, who account for a substantial proportion of the population, are increasingly confronted in contemporary society by complex problems caused by manifold factors associated with economic and social development, and are also anxious to learn about and understand the complex phenomena relating to the evolution of society and their role and position with respect to these phenomena,

Considering that young people are active participants in the struggle for the betterment of human life and in the building of present and future society and that they should have rights and responsibilities which enable them to take effective action in the context of the social, political, economic and cultural realities within which they live, with a view to satisfying their aspirations and needs,

Reaffirming the principles laid down in the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples (General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965),

Considering that the United Nations can make an important contribution to ensuring the rights and identifying the responsibilities of the younger generation with respect to its aspirations and to the problems of the world of today and tomorrow,

Aware of the fact that young people are entitled to all the rights and freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the international instruments on human rights adopted under the aegis of the United Nations without distinction as to race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or any other status or consideration,

Aiming at promoting the participation of young people in building peace and development in accordance with the objectives of the United Nations and at creating more favourable conditions for the adoption of youth policies at national and international levels,

Proclaims this Declaration with a view to giving full effect to the exercise of the rights and freedoms of young people and of their responsibilities:

I

1. Young people should enjoy civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights.
2. The younger generation is entitled to particular attention on the part of society, and to full enjoyment of the opportunities and facilities afforded by law and other means which enable them to develop physically, mentally, morally, spiritually and socially in a normal and healthy manner and in freedom and dignity.
3. Prompted by trust in the happy future of mankind, young people should be aware of their responsibility in building and organizing the world of tomorrow and in defending progress, development and peace in the world.
4. Young people should serve their society and country and the noble causes of the international community to the best of their ability, knowledge and creativity. To that end, they should make use of all opportunities given to them for the benefit of their own and society's advancement.
5. Young people should be deeply attached to the noble ideals of peace, freedom, dignity and equality of all human beings and should be imbued with respect and love for humanity and its creative achievements. They should be the vanguard in the defence of freedom, the dignity of man, and national independence, unity and cohesion.

II

By virtue of their civil and political rights, young people have a responsibility to take part in political, social, economic and cultural decision-making, so that they may pursue, defend and satisfy their aspirations and needs. To this end, they have the right:

- (a) To organize themselves freely in professional, cultural or other interest-oriented associations having their own statutes, in enjoyment of the legal competence to express their opinions and to do so responsibly and take an active part in debates and in the solution of their problems and of those relating to social, economic and cultural development, both nationally and internationally;

(b) To participate in the preparation and implementation of national development plans and in the execution of international co-operation programmes in the field of development, especially where such programmes are of direct concern to young people. The younger generation has a duty not only to contribute actively to economic, scientific and cultural development and to the improvement of welfare standards at the national level, but also to participate through appropriate activities in the attainment of national objectives in these fields;

(c) To be represented in various national, international, governmental and non-governmental bodies, and also in the directing bodies of the organizations in which they are active.

III

In order to realize their political and civil rights, young people have the duty to respect and promote the basic interests of society, the high ideals proclaimed in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the other international declarations, conventions and covenants on human rights adopted by the United Nations. To this end, they should:

(a) Promote the ideals of justice, freedom, co-operation, mutual respect and understanding among peoples and nations, struggle actively for the realization of their basic right - the right to life and to peace - and fight against all types of war at all levels, local, national, regional and international;

(b) Participate in national and international action designed to promote the basic interests of their societies and the noble ideals and goals of the maintenance and consolidation of international peace and security, the achievement of general disarmament, and the establishment of the new international economic order;

(c) Participate, in accordance with the provisions of the relevant instruments of the United Nations, in the struggle for the abolition of colonialism and neo-colonialism and the elimination of racial discrimination, apartheid, all forms of hegemony, oppression and inequity and all the massive and flagrant violations of human rights which are detrimental to the dignity of man and nation;

(d) Know, respect and develop the cultural heritages of their own countries and also the cultural heritage of mankind as a whole;

(e) Take action - through the intermediary of their organizations at different levels (national, regional and international) - to intensify solidarity links between young people throughout the world, while respecting the principles governing the activities of such organizations;

- (f) Combat resolutely, at national and international levels, all concepts and ideologies which propagate hatred, violence and contempt for mankind, and contribute to the struggle against war propaganda;
- (g) Struggle against vandalism, drug abuse, juvenile injustices, hatred and violence of all kinds against human beings;
- (h) Respect the will of the people to live in freedom, free from domination of any kind;
- (i) Contribute to action to protect the environment and develop their sense of responsibility as regards environmental quality, inter alia, by creating clubs, groups or organizations in order to promote activities for the protection of the environment;
- (j) Be fully and objectively informed of national and international events and the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies;
- (k) Be associated in governmental and non-governmental activities organized under the auspices of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and above all in activities related to the problems of the younger generation;
- (l) Establish national and international youth organizations and join such organizations while respecting the conditions and legal provisions governing their activities in each country;
- (m) Participate in the preparation and observance of national and international anniversaries through their own action or in the context of general activities, bearing in mind the practices and traditions specific to each country.

IV

1. Young people should be imbued with the value and the sense of the honour of creative work and be aware of its social usefulness.
2. They have the right and the social duty, in accordance with their individual abilities and training, to perform useful work and to choose their jobs and the type of work they are to perform, taking into account national objectives. They also have the right:
 - (a) To equal pay with adults for equal work, and equal promotion with all the other wage-earners, according to their ability;
 - (b) To special working conditions and a work programme suited to their physical capacities;

(c) To supplementary leave for rest and relaxation, in accordance with their age and sex, and also with the particular socio-economic possibilities of each country, for the purpose of maintaining their capacity to work;

(d) To health protection and the guarantee of the conditions necessary for their harmonious all-round development;

(e) To protection against all types of unemployment, under-employment or disguised employment, and against economic, social or any other types of exploitation. The employment of young people in jobs which are indecent or harmful to their mental and physical health, dangerous to life, or of a nature to hamper their normal development should be prohibited.

3. Young people have the responsibility to encourage the development of co-operatives and small-scale industries, to extend the range of youth's roles in economic activities, and to provide the rising generation with adequate training in co-operatives and entrepreneurial skills.

V

Young people have the right to an appropriate standard of living, which includes adequate food, clothing and accommodation, and to the constant improvement of their quality of life. In particular, this right includes the possibility of:

(a) Taking part in cultural activities and enjoying the achievements of science and technology;

(b) Having access to rest, leisure and recreation, which should have the same aims as education. Society and the public authorities should provide the material conditions enabling young people to exercise this right and to use their free time constructively;

(c) Growing and developing in an atmosphere of affection and moral and material security. Society and the public authorities should pay particular attention to girls, young people without families and also to those with insufficient means of support. Similarly, society has a duty to promote young families, using suitable methods, by taking action to solve the specific problems which they encounter;

(d) Having access to the highest standards of physical and mental health and to adequate up-to-date medical assistance. Young people should be warned against noxious practices. Special treatment and education should be provided for disabled and mentally disturbed young people in order to develop their working capacity and should receive the care necessitated by their particular situation.

2. Young people have the responsibility to involve themselves in efforts to define a clearer relationship between health and development by making their

family, community and society more aware of health problems and their own vital role in maintaining their health.

VI

Young people should enjoy, without any discrimination whatsoever, the right to education, to instruction and to vocational training, in conformity with the principles proclaimed by the United Nations and with the provisions of the international covenants and conventions on human rights, in the spirit of the ideals of national development and the progress of human civilization. To this end, they have the right:

- (a) To fight illiteracy, and to be literate in order to be able to communicate appropriately;
- (b) To receive an education which will develop their general culture and enable them, on the basis of equal possibilities and opportunities, to develop their potential, their individual judgement and their moral and social sensitivity so that they may become useful members of society;
- (c) To be associated, in appropriate forms, with the efficient management of a healthy educational climate and with the solution of their own problems in the field of education and in the general development of educational systems;
- (d) To take a suitable part in efforts to modernize teaching, through participation in the decision-making process as well as through new experiments;
- (e) To benefit from financial assistance and special services in the educational field if they belong to disadvantaged social categories, with a view to acceding to all forms of education on a footing of equality with others.

VII

Young people should be educated in the spirit of peace, justice, freedom, mutual respect and understanding and co-operation among States with a view to promoting equal rights for all individuals and all nations, economic and social progress, the maintenance of international peace and security and the achievement of general disarmament. To this end:

- (a) Society has a responsibility to provide young people with the most extensive educational facilities so as to promote the ideals of peace, humanity, freedom and international solidarity, as well as other ideals which effectively contribute to the reconciliation of peoples and to the establishment of a climate of esteem and trust among nations;

(b) Young people should be educated in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations since they will be called upon to contribute directly and actively to the achievement of these objectives;

(c) The instruction and training of young people should be aimed at educating them in a spirit of respect for the dignity and equality of all human beings, without distinction as to race, sex, colour, ethnic origin, religion or conviction, and of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the right of peoples to self-determination;

(d) Young people should be constantly concerned to enrich and perfect their professional knowledge and broaden their scientific and cultural horizons;

(e) Young people should continuously develop their awareness of their individual and social responsibilities and, to this end, foster honesty, sincerity, courage, modesty, a spirit of solidarity, respect for truth and appropriate standards of conduct in professional activities, in the family and in social life in general;

(f) Young people have the responsibility to respect teachers and all people dealing with education, instruction and training, who should be held in increased esteem;

(g) Young people should show respect towards parents, the family and the aging, without neglect nor abandonment, in the light of the traditions existing in each country.

VIII

1. Young people have the right to physical education and sport that will contribute to the worthwhile use of their leisure time and the protection of their health and will promote steadiness in studying and working.
2. Society should provide young people with sporting facilities through the creation of youth circles, clubs and groups and by initiating the establishment of youth sports associations.
3. In order to spend their leisure time usefully, young people should contribute to active and creative work, in accordance with their means and ability.
4. Young people should promote sport as part of the intra-curricular activities of their education and work, with a view to maintaining their capacity for work.

IX

The rights and responsibilities of young people formulated in this Declaration should be applied by all States and by all agents having responsibilities and concerns regarding the younger generation, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To this end:

(a) National and international youth organizations should take all necessary measures, with their spheres of activity, to contribute to the application and promotion of the provisions of the Declaration;

(b) All States are invited to adopt such legislative, administrative or other types of measures as they deem necessary and effective for the implementation of the provisions of this Declaration;

(c) All States, the United Nations, its specialized agencies and national and international youth organizations should take specific measures aimed at the widest possible dissemination of this Declaration among young people.

Notes

a/ Submitted by Costa Rica, Guinea, Indonesia, Lebanon, Romania and Rwanda.

APPENDIX II

Suggested amendments to the report of the Secretary-General
contained in document A/37/237

Section III

Bring section III up to date by indicating the present situation with respect to the establishment of National Co-ordination Committees and other forms of co-ordination for the International Youth Year and by providing information on the activities undertaken by States, on the basis of data received by the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, after preparation of the report and in the light of the information supplied by Member States.

Paragraph 9

Many Governments consider that the themes of the International Youth Year - participation, development, peace - provide a sound basis for integrated action. These Governments reaffirm the need to strengthen the bonds of solidarity with those peoples which are struggling for their emancipation and national independence. They expressed their profound concern at policies of destabilization, aggression and all forms of racial discrimination and genocide which thwart the deep-seated aspirations of their peoples, and especially their youth, for liberation and social progress.

Paragraph 13

Many Member States, in establishing national priorities relating to youth, have identified unemployment, education and training, population, environment and housing, health, and the prevention of discrimination, genocide and crime, inter alia, as important problems. Consequently, several Governments have initiated special programmes of action within the framework of the International Youth Year. For example, in Zambia, the Youth League has recently adopted a five-year programme of action. In Bahrain, the Supreme Council of Youth and Sports has recently formulated national guidelines for action on the International Youth Year. Similar attempts are being made in those countries which have already established a National Co-ordinating Committee.

Paragraph 14

Replace the existing text by the following:

Because of the deteriorating economic situation in many countries, the need to allocate adequate funding for youth-related projects is still not well recognized or, if recognized, not acted upon. However, some Governments - for example, those of Kuwait, Malaysia and Nepal - have created and established special funds to strengthen policy-making and planning capacity in the field of youth. In this regard, the attention of Governments needs to be drawn to the allocation of

adequate funds for the implementation of national plans of action, as recommended by the Advisory Committee.

Paragraph 16

Add Democratic Yemen to the countries mentioned in foot-note 7.

New paragraph

Insert the following new paragraph between paragraphs 16 and 17:

Periods of active preparations for IYY have demonstrated growing concern by States about the danger of war, the increasing arms-race, military tensions and conflicts and the spending for military purposes of resources which could be used for development and social needs. This concern has been expressed by many actions and initiatives including youth and youth organizations in efforts to secure peace and achieve disarmament on the national level, and by impressive regional and international activities which confirm commitment to the fundamental principles of the United Nations and to mankind as a whole. Demands that peace be secured are being voiced as a prerequisite to the realization of the aspirations of all generations - the future of young people - stressing the indivisibility of the objectives proclaimed by the International Youth Year.

Paragraph 17

Reword paragraph 17 as follows:

There is an increasing awareness that peace and disarmament activities as well as education for peace, mutual understanding and co-operation are of significance to the creation of a positive attitude towards disarmament. As such, several Governments, in collaboration with youth organizations, have organized seminars and conferences on issues relating to peace. On such occasions, the proclamation of the International Youth Year and the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities related to the Year were also discussed.

New paragraph 19

Add the following at the end of section III:

The Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1982, adopted resolution 1982/28 of 4 May 1982 on co-ordination and information in the field of youth.

Section IV

New paragraph

Add the following after the present paragraph 19:

Efforts have to be made on all levels to combine the programmes of the International Youth Year with the work of the United Nations in the field of disarmament and the promotion of disarmament education, particularly with a view to the promotion of the Second United Nations Disarmament Decade and also the concerns of the special sessions of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

Paragraph 20

The Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs has been mandated to serve as the principal organ, within the United Nations system for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year, with specific tasks indicated in the Programme of Measures and Activities. Accordingly, the Centre has provided intergovernmental bodies and Member States of the United Nations with information on policy measures and strategies for bringing young people into the mainstream of development. The Centre has participated actively in many meetings within and outside the United Nations system dealing with youth issues in order to disseminate information on the strategy for and objectives of the International Youth Year and to encourage interested organizations or individuals to support International Youth Year activities and implement the Programme. The Centre has further provided support to national and international youth organizations to hold meetings on youth. The Centre has also provided advisory services through its Interregional Adviser on Youth to the Member States upon their request. The Centre's quarterly publication, entitled Youth Information Bulletin, while publicizing any developments in the preparatory work for the Year, should broaden its content by reflecting a broader spectrum of information and views on youth and of youth organizations. The Centre is responsible for the preparation and updating of a global directory of youth organizations which is included in the Youth Information Bulletin and of an annotated list of activities of national and international research and information centres in the field of youth. In the context of the International Youth Year, the Centre is preparing for the biennium 1982-1983 a global study on the situation of youth and a study on measures for strengthening channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations. The study on channels of communication will be discussed at an expert group meeting planned for 1983. The Centre organized at Vienna last year the first session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year. Two days before the event, the informal interagency meeting met also at Vienna to discuss a co-ordinated approach towards the Year. The second session of the Advisory Committee met at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982. Prior to that, an informal interagency meeting was organized on 10 and 11 June 1982.

Paragraph 37

The United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control has considerable interest in youth since there are interactions between drug abuse and youth. As a funding agency, the Fund's contributions to the International Youth Year are likely to take the following forms: financing a research study on youth and drug abuse; preparing guidelines (together with WHO) for the promotion of health among young drug addicts; developing formal and non-formal education programmes and campaigns to prevent and reduce drug abuse among young people; and establishing pilot centres

for social and vocational rehabilitation of drug addicts. In addition, the Fund is ready to assist, within the context of the International Youth Year, in financing and further research work concerning, inter alia, attitudes of youth towards drug abuse, and a review of the required legislation.

Paragraph 55

Moreover, UNESCO has recently completed a cycle of regional meetings on youth in Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Arab States. From 31 May to 5 June 1982, it organized at Costinesti, Romania, a global round table on "Youth in the eighties" as part of the preparations for the International Youth Year in order to make public opinion more aware of the situation of young people and of their needs and aspirations. The round table on youth adopted a message which was also distributed to the participants in the second session of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year. In addition, a UNESCO Regional Seminar on Indicators for Youth in Asia is scheduled for November 1982.

Section VI

Paragraph 75

Replace the existing text by the following:

The preparations for the International Youth Year have been marked by impressive activities and initiatives in favour of peace and disarmament undertaken by youth organizations and students at the national, regional and international levels. It should be noted that several of these actions have illustrated the possibilities of positive co-operation among youth organizations with very different tendencies as an important specific means of promoting both mutual understanding between young people of different countries, a positive approach to the basic problems relating to the preservation of peace and the halting of the arms race, and as a concrete way of associating the younger generation with efforts to achieve favourable conditions for the peaceful development of peoples.

APPENDIX III

Recommendations for the further implementation of the
Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be
undertaken prior to and during the International
Youth Year a/

Section VIII. Observations and suggestions

Paragraph 84

In spite of the short period of time which has elapsed since the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities was endorsed by the General Assembly in late 1981, there are enough indications that preparations for the implementation of the Programme are under way. Nevertheless, considerable efforts must still be made to ensure successful preparations for the International Youth Year. Accordingly, careful review and consideration of the International Youth Year objectives and strategy should be undertaken by all concerned, and during the period 1982-1985 the promotion as well as the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities at all levels be emphasized. In this regard, 1982 should witness the realization of two important goals: (a) the promotion of the International Youth Year objectives on a world-wide basis; and (b) as a top priority, to strengthen existing and develop further the establishment of appropriate machineries at all levels to ensure the implementation of the Programme.

Paragraph 85

Within the context of the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities for International Youth Year during 1982-1983 attention could be given to the following guidelines:

(a) At the national level:

- (i) Governments, in close co-operation with youth non-governmental organizations and educational institutions, should make special efforts for further establishment of the National Co-ordinating Committees or other forms of co-ordination according to their national structure and prepare a national plan or agenda for the International Youth Year in which the needs and aspirations of youth would be taken fully into account and an appropriate programme prepared for implementation during the Year. In order to assist Governments in this undertaking, the Secretary-General, through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, will furnish Governments with all the support he is able to provide, especially by suggesting guidelines for the establishment of National Committees for the International Youth Year;
- (ii) Governments should provide extensive technical assistance including financial support to National Co-ordinating Committees in the preparation and implementation of the national plan of action;

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- (iii) Governments should encourage the national mass media in promotional activities on the Year with a view to generating interest and action among youth and youth organizations, particularly in rural areas;
 - (iv) Governments through National Co-ordinating Committees on the Year should keep the principal organ, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, informed about the national plan of action to facilitate the public information activities and exchange of national experiences;
 - (v) Youth and youth organizations should be given the possibility to participate in and co-operate with National Co-ordinating Committees; motivate and obtain support of the public in general and youth in particular for the national agenda of the plan of action; and stimulate and prepare specific actions for its implementation.
- (b) At the regional level:
- (i) Regional commissions, in co-operation with the regional offices of specialized agencies, should be encouraged widely to support preparations for the Year by using their existing channels, publications and public information activities;
 - (ii) Regional commissions, in co-operation with regional and national research institutes, should, subject to the availability of resources, conduct research and studies on the wide range of problems relating to the integration and participation of youth of both developing and industrialized countries in the development process, with special attention given to the specific needs of various sectors and groups, such as young women, rural and urban youth, young refugees, disabled youth, juvenile delinquents, young migrants and young drug addicts;
 - (iii) Members of the Advisory Committee should be encouraged to work actively in the promotion of and provision of information about IYY in their respective regions, in co-ordination with the regional commissions and the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.
- (c) At the international level:
- (i) All agencies of the United Nations system, in their endeavours to give wide support to the Year, and especially to those aspects of the Year that are of particular relevance to their programmes, should:
 - a Encourage Governments through their regional and national offices to establish National Co-ordinating Committees and provide them, at their request, with technical support in the preparation of the national agenda or plans of action for the Year;

- b Identify possible areas for joint actions, particularly in the implementation of substantive decisions of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year and also of decisions by other intergovernmental bodies.
- (ii) All agencies and bodies of the United Nations system are encouraged to:
- a Include an item on the Year in the agenda of their governing bodies as well as in various youth meetings, seminars and conferences;
- b Focus attention on the Year through the utilization of information services;
- c Publish joint statements on the International Youth Year, stating the work of the United Nations family in preparations for the Year and the unified strategy being followed in the implementation of the Programme of Measures and Activities;
- d Fully and effectively implement the guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations.
- (iii) Members of the Advisory Committee should be encouraged to participate, whenever possible, in important meetings, seminars and conferences on youth and promote the objectives of the International Youth Year.
- (iv) The Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the regional commissions should be strengthened in order to facilitate the implementation of the mandate given to them by the General Assembly (document A/36/215, para. 32) and to this end provided with necessary financial and staff resources on the understanding that the General Assembly has to take its decision in the light of the financial implications.

The Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs should, in co-operation with relevant bodies within the United Nations system, identify and develop operational projects at the national and subregional level and in accordance with its mandate provide the professional technical back-stopping for the implementation of these projects.

Section IX. Proposals for additional guidelines

Paragraph 86

In implementing the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities, Governments and international organizations, as a matter of priority, should:

- (a) In full co-operation with youth and youth organizations continue to reconsider and review their respective policies and programmes;
- (b) Report on the results of their efforts to the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it to prepare proposals and suggestions for possible improvements and adjustments of the Specific Programme.

Paragraph 87

Because of the fact that in 1985, on the international level, attention will be given to several topics which also relate to the situation of young people, attention could be given to the following areas and concerns:

- (a) Juvenile justice and youth
 - (i) At the national level: Governments should be encouraged to accord high priority to the problems which cause juvenile delinquency and youth criminality within the framework of planning for youth, in close co-ordination with all relevant authorities and within the broader context of national development plans;
 - (ii) At the regional level: Regional commissions, in co-operation with Governments, national organizations and the United Nations regional institutes on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders and with the relevant research centres, should conduct research and organize training courses on the problems which cause juvenile delinquency, on the relationships between development, youth and crime, and on effective solutions to deal with these problems, including juvenile justice administration;
 - (iii) At the international level: Agencies and bodies of the United Nations system should provide technical assistance to Governments in the development of effective programmes aimed at the causes and prevention of youth crime and juvenile delinquency, and of standard minimum rules for the administration of juvenile justice.

In this regard, efforts of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs related to this specific programme for IYY and the preparation of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in 1985, the agenda of which includes an item on youth, should be co-ordinated in the light of further international action.

(b) Disabled youth

(i) At the national level:

a Governments, within the context of national development plans and policies, should be encouraged to adopt, initiate and/or reinforce policies and services to ensure that disabled youth in both rural and urban areas have equal educational and employment opportunities in society;

b Governments should promote research and studies on the situation and needs of disabled youth;

(ii) At the regional level: Regional commissions should encourage regional and subregional co-operation in efforts to prevent disability and rehabilitate disabled persons, with particular emphasis on disabled youth;

(iii) At the international level: Agencies and bodies of the United Nations system should undertake research to assist Governments in developing policies and programmes for disabled youth;

(iv) All Governments should consider the creation of an optional international identity card for disabled persons to help them to identify themselves in order to obtain assistance in public life, as recommended in resolution A/36/77, adopted by the General Assembly on the International Year of Disabled Persons.

(c) Young migrant workers and children of migrant workers

(i) At the national level:

a Governments, within the context of national plans and policies, should consider the situation of migrant workers, bearing in mind the improvement of the living conditions of their children, particularly with regard to housing, health, education, employment and social welfare, within the context of planning for youth;

b Governments, within the context of national plans and policies, should conduct research on existing national legislative and administrative regulations with regard to the welfare of young second-generation migrants, as well as studies on the problems of young second-generation migrants and the resultant problems such as language barriers, poor social backgrounds, lack of education, different cultural environment and alienation.

(ii) At the regional level: Regional commissions should conduct research and studies on the situation and problems of second-generation migrants;

- (iii) At the international level: Agencies and bodies of the United Nations system should assist Governments in the preparation of appropriate policies and programmes concerning migrant workers, with particular emphasis on second-generation migrants;
- (d) Young women
- (i) At the national level:
- a Governments, within the context of national plans and policies, should initiate policies, plans and programmes of non-formal education and training directed at upgrading the skills and income-earning capacity of young women and the improvement of the position of young women in society;
- b Governments should undertake studies and research on the problems confronting young women as well as on the situation of different categories of young women;
- (ii) At the regional level:
- a Regional commissions should undertake research and studies on the particular problems of young women;
- b Regional commissions should encourage Governments to include young women representatives in the appropriate national machineries;
- (iii) At the international level:
- a Agencies and bodies of the United Nations system should give priority to undertaking multisectoral and interdisciplinary action-oriented research on the status of young women;
- b Agencies and bodies of the United Nations system should direct technical co-operation activities towards assisting and complementing Governments' efforts aimed at enhancing the development of young women in the areas of education, employment and health.
- (e) The role of youth for development
- (f) The role of youth for peace

Notes

- a/ A/36/215, annex.

APPENDIX IV

Documents before the Advisory Committee at its second session

- A/37/237 Report of the Secretary-General: International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace
- A/AC.209/4 and Add.1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
- A/AC.209/5 and Corr.1 Public information activities to highlight the International Youth Year, 1985: Report of the Secretary-General
- A/AC.209/L.4 Draft programme of work for the second session: note by the Secretariat
- Draft proposals:
- A/AC.209/L.5 Draft declaration on the rights and responsibilities of youth
(Costa Rica, Guinea, Lebanon, Romania and Rwanda)
- L.6 The declaration of youth: responsibilities, obligations and rights
(Indonesia)
- L.7 Amendments to document A/37/237
(Federal Republic of Germany)
- L.8 International instrument concerning the rights and responsibilities of youth
(Costa Rica, Guinea, Lebanon, Romania and Rwanda)
- L.9 and Rev.1 Regional meetings for the International Youth Year
(Romania)
- L.10 Amendments to document A/37/237
(Chile)
- L.11 Amendments to document A/37/237
(Romania)
- L.12 Establishment of a United Nations body for youth questions
(Romania)
- L.13 United Nations world conference on the problems of youth
(Costa Rica and Romania)

Draft proposals (continued)

- A/AC.209/L.14 United Nations centre for social research and documentation on youth (Romania)
- L.15 United Nations decade for youth (Costa Rica and Romania)
- L.16 Amendment to Indonesian proposal (A/AC.209/L.6)
- L.17 Worldwide campaign for tree-planting during the International Youth Year (Costa Rica, Guinea, Romania and Rwanda)
- L.18 Assistance to the secretariats of the regional commissions (Indonesia)
- L.19 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Japan)
- L.20 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
- L.21 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
- L.22 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Poland)
- L.23 Report of the Secretary-General on public information activities to highlight the International Youth Year, 1985 (Netherlands and Romania)
- L.24 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Netherlands)
- L.25 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Algeria and Democratic Yemen)
- L.26 Amendments to document A/37/237 (Netherlands)
- L.28 Comments on and amendments to document A/AC.209/5 (Romania)
- L.29 Amendments to document A/AC.209/5 (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Draft proposals (continued)

- A/AC.209/L.30 Amendments to document A/37/237
(Algeria, Guinea, Nigeria, Rwanda and Democratic Yemen)
- L.31 List of international conferences and meetings connected
with the International Youth Year
(Romania)
- L.32 Request for progress report on activities connected with
the International Youth Year
(Romania)
- L.33 Third session of the Advisory Committee for the
International Youth Year
(Romania)
- L.34 Amendments to document A/AC.209/L.8
(Indonesia)
- L.35 Secretariat for the International Youth Year
(Costa Rica and Romania)
- L.36 Report of the Secretary-General on International Youth
Year: Participation, Development, Peace (A/37/237):
Paper by the Rapporteur
- L.37 Draft declaration on the rights and responsibilities of
youth
(Costa Rica, Guinea, Indonesia, Lebanon, Romania and
Rwanda)
- A/AC.209/L.27 and Adoption of the report of the Advisory Committee: draft
Add.1-5 report
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