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

Report of the Secretary-General

1. Under paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 36/180 of 17 December 1981 on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s, the Secretary-General was requested to submit to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the progress made in the implementation of that resolution.
2. In pursuance of resolution 36/180, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa prepared a 35-page report entitled "Progress report on the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action". In accordance with established practice, the report had to be discussed, in the first instance, by the OAU. However, the session of the OAU in which the paper would have been discussed was scheduled to be held at Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, in May 1982. Regrettably, the session did not take place. Consequently, the report could not be considered by the OAU before it could be submitted to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council.
3. During the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council, the Executive Secretary of ECA indicated in a statement that the above-mentioned report would be submitted to the General Assembly after it had been considered by the OAU.
4. Nevertheless, the attention of the General Assembly is called to two sectoral reports, one on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa (A/37/390) and the other on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (A/37/296), both of which have relevance to the subject of special measures for the social and economic development of Africa.

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5. It should also be noted in this connexion that the Secretary-General submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 a report entitled "Suggestions by non-governmental organizations regarding possible contributions to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action". The Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General in its decision 1982/171 of 29 July 1982.

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