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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR: PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, the General Assembly decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered this item jointly with items 81, 82, 83 and 89 at its 14th to 23rd, 25th, 26th, 29th and 42nd meetings, from 18 to 28 October and on 1 and 15 November 1982. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/37/SR.14-23, 25, 26, 29 and 42).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
 - (a) International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/237);
 - (b) International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace: report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year (A/37/348 and Add.1 and 2);
 - (c) Letter dated 18 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/551).
4. At the 14th and 15th meetings, on 18 and 19 October, the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs and the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs made introductory statements.

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.16

5. At the 29th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.16) entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, the Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Suriname, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe as well as Botswana, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the Upper Volta, subsequently joined by Burundi, Kenya and Niger.

6. A statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was circulated to the Committee in document A/C.3/37/L.25.

7. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Committee had before it a revised statement by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.25/Rev.1).

8. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America introduced an amendment (A/C.3/37/L.39) which he revised. The amendment, as orally revised, called for the addition of a new operative paragraph reading as follows:

"11. Authorizes the Secretary-General to implement the activities approved in this resolution to the extent that they can be financed without exceeding the level of the resources approved for 1982 in the 1982-1983 programme budget."

9. At the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America, taking into account a proposal by Australia, further revised his amendment by inserting the words "during the current budget period" after the words "without exceeding" and deleting the words "for 1982".

10. Also at the same meeting, the Committee voted as follows on the draft resolution and the amendment thereto:

(a) Amendment A/C.3/37/L.39, as orally revised, was rejected by a recorded vote of 75 to 22, with 26 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal,

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Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Bulgaria, Burma, Central African Republic, Chad, Denmark, Djibouti, Fiji, Finland, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Malawi, Mexico, Nepal, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Poland, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Togo, Viet Nam.

(b) Draft resolution A/C.3/37/L.16 was adopted by a recorded vote of 133 to 1 (see para. 17, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper

Volta, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.3/37/L.20 and Rev.1

11. At the 29th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Czechoslovakia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.20) entitled "Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work", sponsored by Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mongolia, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic and Venezuela as well as Afghanistan, the German Democratic Republic, Mozambique, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 36/29 of 13 November 1981, in which, inter alia, it recognized the need to develop efforts and to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

"Recalling also its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

"Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with special regard for the right to education and to work,

"Aware of the fact that the unemployment of youth limits their ability to participate in the development process,

"Expressing its serious interest in the success of the forthcoming International Youth Year which should, inter alia, promote growing participation of youth in the socio-economic life of their country,

"1. Calls upon all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and the interested bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to pay continuous attention to the realization of resolution 36/29 relating to efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work;

"2. Requests the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to give full attention to resolution 36/29 in the preparation of, and during, the

International Youth Year, in particular in elaborating its recommendations concerning the Year."

12. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.20/Rev.1), sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Congo, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Benin and Guinea.

13. At the same meeting, the representative of Sweden orally proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 1, which called for the replacement of the words "and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work, and of all relevant international human rights instruments" by the words "aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of youth unemployment".

14. The representative of Czechoslovakia, on behalf of the sponsors, accepted the amendment proposed by Sweden and revised the draft resolution accordingly.

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.20/Rev.1), as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 17, draft resolution II).

16. Also at the same meeting, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to transmit to the Committee on Information, for its consideration at its first regular session of 1983, the report contained in document A/37/348/Add.2 which it did not have time to consider.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

17. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979 and 35/126 of 11 December 1980, by which it decided to designate and observe 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Recalling also its resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981 by which it endorsed the specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, 1/

Recalling also its decision 35/318 of 11 December 1980 on the appointment of the members of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation-building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, for the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing again that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Aware of the valuable contribution which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is making to the promotion of international co-operation in the field of youth,

Reaffirming the necessity for better co-ordination of efforts in dealing with specific problems confronting young people and in examining the manner in which those problems are being treated by the specialized agencies and by various United Nations bodies,

1/ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

Convinced that the preparation and observance in 1985 of the International Youth Year under the motto "Participation, Development, Peace" will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation and specific needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major national, regional and international problems,

Confident that the International Youth Year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Recalling also in this connexion its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on the question of guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Noting with great satisfaction the interest of Member States, various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, as well as youth organizations, in the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year, 3/

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year on its second session, held at Vienna from 14 to 23 June 1982, 4/ as well as of the report of the Secretary-General, 5/

2/ Resolution 35/56, annex.

3/ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

4/ A/37/348, annex.

5/ A/37/237.

1. Endorses the recommendations made by the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year for the further implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year; 6/
2. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to all States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as to the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, with a view to their early implementation;
3. Invites all States that have not already done so to set up national co-ordinating committees or other forms of co-ordination for the International Youth Year;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary organizational measures to ensure the success of the regional meetings devoted to the International Youth Year;
5. Stresses again the importance of active and direct participation of youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue 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, including the provision of information, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;
7. Further requests the Secretary-General to convene the third session of the Advisory Committee during the first half of 1984, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to submit to it a progress report on the implementation of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities and of the recommendations adopted by the Advisory Committee at its second session;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;
9. Welcomes the voluntary contributions so far made for the International Youth Year, expresses its appreciation to all contributors and again appeals to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular budget of the United Nations for the costs of the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities and requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures for obtaining such voluntary contributions;

6/ A/37/348, annex, appendix III.

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Efforts and measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/29 of 13 November 1981, in which it, inter alia, recognized the need to develop efforts and to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

Recalling also its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Convinced that it is necessary to ensure full enjoyment by youth of the rights stipulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with special regard for the right to education and to work,

Aware of the fact that insufficient education and the unemployment of youth limits its ability to participate in the development process, and, in this regard, emphasizing the importance of the secondary and higher education of youth as well as of its access to appropriate technical, vocational guidance and training programmes,

Expressing its serious interest in the success of the forthcoming International Youth Year which should, inter alia, promote increasing participation of youth in the socio-economic life of their country,

1. Calls upon all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations and the interested bodies of the United Nations and specialized agencies to pay continuous attention to the implementation of resolution 36/29 relating to efforts aimed at the promotion of human rights and their enjoyment by youth, particularly the right to education and vocational training and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of youth unemployment;

2. Requests the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to give full attention to resolution 36/29 and to all relevant international human rights instruments in the preparation and in the course of the International Youth Year, in particular in elaborating its recommendations concerning the Year.