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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 "Policies and programmes relating to youth: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.

2. The Committee considered this item jointly with items 77, 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) Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/401), submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/17;

(b) Report of the Economic and Social Council, chapter V, section C (A/37/3 (Part I)); 1/

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1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh session, Supplement No. 3 (A/37/3).

(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 DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/37/L.23

5. At the 29th meeting, on 1 November, the representative of Egypt introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.23) entitled "Channels of communication between United Nations and youth and youth organizations", sponsored by Bangladesh, Bolivia, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Greece, Guatemala, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, the Sudan, Sweden, Togo, the United Republic of Cameroon, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zaire and Zambia, subsequently joined by Costa Rica, Denmark, Kenya, Malta, Nepal, Nicaragua and Suriname.

6. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 7).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

7. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

### Channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, in which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/25 of 2 May 1980 and 1981/25 of 6 May 1981 concerning co-ordination and information in the field of youth,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General of 8 September 1982,

Convinced of the need to improve further the efforts of the United Nations and the specialized agencies with regard to the participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations,

Equally convinced of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and in implementing the new international economic order and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 2/

Bearing in mind the importance of the existence of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations for the proper information of youth and youth organizations and their effective participation in the United Nations and the specialized agencies at the national, regional and international levels,

Taking note of the efforts of interagency co-operation to promote and strengthen channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations within the context of International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Convinced that the existence and the proper functioning of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations form a basic prerequisite of the active involvement of young people and thus of the successful preparation, celebration and follow-up of the International Youth Year,

1. Requests Member States, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations to promote, in co-operation with youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other youth organizations concerned, further implementation of the guidelines adopted in General Assembly resolution 32/135 and the additional guidelines adopted in its resolution 36/17;
2. Requests the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year to continue to promote the implementation of the additional guidelines, together with the guidelines adopted in resolution 32/135, during the preparations for and celebration of the International Youth Year;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to give full co-operation and support to interagency co-operation and co-ordination in promotional and information activities within the context of International Youth Year;
4. Invites Member States, specialized agencies, regional commissions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental youth organizations to communicate and further promote the guidelines and additional guidelines for the improvement of channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations and to offer additional suggestions for their further development;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to give special attention to developing additional channels of communication through such means as the mass media and educational institutions in order to reach the largest possible number of young people in different regions of the world;

6. Invites youth and youth organizations to act as disseminators of and contributors to the formulation of United Nations policies and programmes directed to youth;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen and improve the functioning of existing channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations such as the quarterly publication Youth Information Bulletin produced by the Secretariat;

8. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the reports of Member States, specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations as well as non-governmental youth organizations, to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the guidelines for improving the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and to include information on measures being taken to strengthen these channels of communication.

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