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Medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

Note by the Chairman

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, the General Assembly decided that each chapter of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (A/37/6 and Corr.1-3) should be submitted to the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly before the plan as a whole was adopted by the Assembly in plenary meeting.

2. On 4 October 1982 the Chairman of the Fifth Committee addressed identical letters, through the President of the General Assembly, to the Chairmen of the other Main Committees indicating that the medium-term plan was to be considered under agenda item 104 which was allocated to the Fifth Committee and that, in order to permit the Fifth Committee to take fully into account the views which the other Main Committees may wish to express, it would be appreciated if such view were to be communicated to the Fifth Committee no later than the first week of November.

3. The following replies have been received by the Chairman of the Fifth Committee:

(a) From the Chairman of the First Committee:

"I have the honour to inform you that at the eighteenth meeting of the First Committee of the General Assembly, the relevant chapter of the medium-term plan was brought to the attention of the Committee for consideration.

"No comment was offered by the members of the Committee on the aforementioned issue."

(b) From the Chairman of the Special Political Committee:

(i)

"... I wish to inform you that the Introduction and Chapter 9 were brought to the attention of the Special Political Committee during the Committee's consideration of agenda item 67, entitled 'Questions relating to information' and that the Committee has no comments to make with respect to the programme entitled 'Public information'."

(ii)

"I wish to inform you that the Introduction and Chapter 1, Programme 1, subprogramme 3, were brought to the attention of the Special Political Committee during the Committee's consideration of agenda item 62, entitled 'International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space' and that the Committee has no comments to make with respect to the programme entitled 'Peaceful uses of outer space'."

(c) From the Chairman of the Second Committee:

"With reference to your letter dated 4 October 1982, I have the honour to transmit to you the text of a decision entitled 'Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989' adopted by the Second Committee at its 26th meeting, on 1 November 1982."

"The Second Committee, having considered the relevant sections of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (Introduction, chapters 5, 10 to 20, 22 to 24 and annex) submitted to it, and bearing in mind Economic and Social Council decision 1982/173 of 29 July 1982, decides to recommend to the Fifth Committee the adoption of those sections incorporating the revisions thereto recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session (A/37/38, chapter VIII) as well as the revisions proposed by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 (A/37/3 (Part II), chapter VI, section C), taking into account the views expressed at that session (E/1982/SR.50) and the views and reservations expressed by some members of the Committee (A/C.2/37/SR.26)."

(d) From the Chairman of the Third Committee:

"... Upon receipt of your letter I informed the Committee that delegations having any observations on the Medium-term plan should contact either of the two Vice-Chairmen, whom I asked to undertake the consultations that might be needed on the subject.

"After having heard from the Vice-Chairmen on the results of their contacts with delegations, I came to the conclusion that there are no views on the medium-term plan that I could forward to you as the views of the Third Committee.

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"The Vice-Chairmen informed me that during the consultations some delegations (Romania, Philippines and Nepal) expressed certain observations concerning the proposed medium-term plan in the following manner:

'1. Insert into (sic) paragraph 21.26 the following: the Secretariat for the International Youth Year; Legislative authority: Decision 10(II) of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, contained in Doc. A/37/348, p. 20 and para. 16 of Doc. A/37/348/Add.1, p. 7 (Endorsed on November 15 1982 by the III Committee, by resolution A/C.3/37/L.16.

'2. Add at the end of para. 21.31 the following: "and General Assembly resolution 36/28 endorsing the specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year".'"

(e) From the Chairman of the Fourth Committee:

"... I wish to inform you that the Fourth Committee, having reviewed the proposed plan, took note of the related sections of the plan at its 10th meeting, on 29 October 1982.

"I wish also to inform you that the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples has requested that the second sentence in paragraph 4.35 of Chapter 4 be corrected to read:

'A draft of this plan was reviewed by that body.'"

(f) From the Chairman of the Sixth Committee:

"... At its 46th meeting, on 16 November 1982, the Sixth Committee agreed that I should inform you that the members of the Sixth Committee having had at their disposal the relevant documentation concerning the proposed medium-term plan in particular chapter III relating to international law and justice, the Sixth Committee had no comments to make on that chapter."
