

37/16. International Year of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981, in which it invited the Economic and Social Council to consider the possibility of declaring an International Year of Peace at the first practicable opportunity, taking into account the urgency and special nature of such an observance,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/15 of 4 May 1982, in which the Council recommended to the General Assembly that, at its thirty-seventh session, it should establish 1986 as the International Year of Peace,

Recalling that the Preamble to the Charter of the United Nations proclaims that the peoples of the United Nations are determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and for this end to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours, and to unite their strength to maintain international peace and security,

Considering that the promotion of peace is the basic objective of the United Nations,

Recognizing that peace continues to be a goal instead of an achievement, in spite of the resolute efforts of the United Nations,

Taking into account the need to devote a specific time to concentrate the efforts of the United Nations and its Member States to promote the ideals of peace and give evidence of their commitment to peace in all viable ways,

Taking note of the recommendation by the Economic and Social Council that the International Year of Peace could be linked to the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and be proclaimed on 24 October 1985,

Taking into account the guidelines for international years and anniversaries adopted by the General Assembly in its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

1. *Accepts* the proposal made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1982/15 and declares 1986 to be the International Year of Peace, which will be solemnly proclaimed on 24 October 1985;

2. *Invites* all States, all organizations within the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations to exert all possible efforts for the preparation and observance of the International Year of Peace, and to respond generously with contributions to attain the objectives of the Year;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in accordance with proposals made by Member States and in consultation with interested organizations and academic institutions, a draft programme and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

*69th plenary meeting
16 November 1982*

37/17. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,²⁶

Recalling the pertinent Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional arrangements for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the co-operation that has developed for more than thirty years between the United Nations and the League of Arab States and the effective participation of the League in the work of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the desire of the League of Arab States to consolidate and develop the existing ties with the United Nations in all areas relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, and to co-operate in every possible way with the United Nations in the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East,

Noting also with appreciation the commitment of the League of Arab States to the eradication of *apartheid* and all other forms of racial discrimination, to the elimination of colonization and to the promotion of the right of self-determination and the safeguarding of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Recalling its resolution 36/24 of 9 November 1981 in which, *inter alia*, it recognized the importance of continued close association by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, where appropriate, with the efforts of the League of Arab States in order to promote social and economic development and to advance intra-Arab as well as international co-operation in that vital field,

Noting also the signing of co-operation agreements between the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and a number of its specialized organizations,

Convinced of the need to strengthen further the co-operation between the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the initiatives he has taken and the efforts he has made to strengthen and expand co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

3. *Commends* the League of Arab States for its efforts and the co-operation it has extended to the United Nations in furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and for its increased collaboration with various components of the United Nations system in the political, economic, cultural and humanitarian fields;

4. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the specialized agencies for their efforts to maintain and increase co-operation with the specialized organizations of the League of Arab States;

5. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the suggestions by the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States, contained in the report of the Secretary-General,²⁷ for strengthening and expanding co-operation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States;

6. *Recommends* that those suggestions should be given careful consideration by the competent organizations of the United Nations system and should form the basis for new and expanded areas of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

7. *Also recommends* that the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, should determine which suggestions could be dealt with more appropriately at the bilateral level and which suggestions could be dealt with more appropriately at the multilateral level and arrange for them to be considered accordingly;

²⁶ A/37/536.

²⁷ *Ibid.*, sect. III.

8. *Endorses* the proposal that a meeting be held between representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and representatives of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations;

9. *Welcomes* the invitation by the League of Arab States that the Meeting be held at the present headquarters of the League at Tunis and requests the Secretary-General to provide whatever assistance will be necessary to ensure the successful organization of the Meeting;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the League of Arab States, to ensure that the Meeting referred to in paragraph 9 above is held not later than 30 June 1983;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the state of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

*70th plenary meeting
16 November 1982*

37/18. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

The General Assembly,

Having considered the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security",

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and the General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,²⁸

Taking note also of the relevant resolution of the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Commission on Human Rights,

Viewing with deep concern Israel's refusal to comply with those resolutions, particularly Security Council resolution 487 (1981) of 19 June 1981,

Gravely alarmed by the dangerous escalation of Israel's acts of aggression in the region,

Gravely concerned that Israel continues to maintain its threats to repeat such attacks against nuclear installations,

Reiterating its alarm over the information and evidence regarding the acquisition and development of nuclear weapons by Israel,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,²⁹ the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States³⁰ and the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind,³¹

Affirming the need to ensure against the repetition of such an attack on nuclear facilities by Israel or any other State.

1. *Condemns* Israel's refusal to implement resolution 487 (1981), unanimously adopted by the Security Council;

2. *Strongly condemns* Israel for the escalation of its acts of aggression in the region;

3. *Condemns* Israel's threats to repeat such attacks, which would gravely endanger international peace and security;

4. *Demands* that Israel withdraw forthwith its officially declared threat to repeat its armed attack against nuclear facilities;

5. *Considers* the Israeli act of aggression to be a violation and a denial of the inalienable sovereign right of States to scientific and technological progress for achieving social and economic development and raising the standards of peoples and the dignity of the human person, as well as a violation and a denial of inalienable human rights and the sovereign right of States to scientific and technological development;

6. *Requests* the Security Council to consider the necessary measures to deter Israel from repeating such an attack on nuclear facilities;

7. *Calls* for the continuation of the consideration, at the international level, of legal measures to prohibit armed attacks against nuclear facilities, and threats thereof as a contribution to promoting and ensuring the safe development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, with the assistance of a group of experts,³² a comprehensive study on the consequences of the Israeli armed attack against the Iraqi nuclear installations devoted to peaceful purposes, and to submit that study to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security".

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37/19. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Having received the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1981,³³

Taking note of the statement by the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 18 November 1982,³⁴ which provides additional information on developments in the Agency's activities during 1982,

Recognizing the importance of the work of and the relevance for the International Atomic Energy Agency to promote further the application of nuclear energy for peaceful

²⁸ A/37/365 and Add.1-S/15320 and Add.1. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-seventh Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1982*, documents S/15320 and Add.1.

²⁹ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

³⁰ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

³¹ Resolution 3384 (XXX).

³² Subsequently named Group of Experts on the Consequences of the Israeli Armed Attack against the Iraqi Nuclear Installations.

³³ International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1981* (Austria, July 1982); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/37/382 and Corr.1).

³⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings*, 71st meeting, paras. 2-44.