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NEW INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORDER

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 "New international humanitarian order: report of the Secretary-General" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered this item at its 15th and 75th meetings, on 19 October and 10 December 1982. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.3/37/SR.15 and 75).
3. The Committee had before it the following documentation:
 - (a) New international humanitarian order: report of the Secretary-General (A/37/145);
 - (b) Letter dated 11 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Countries, held in New York from 4 to 9 October 1982 (A/37/540-S/15454).
4. At the 15th meeting, on 19 October, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/37/L.80

5. At the 75th meeting, on 10 December, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/37/L.80) entitled "New international humanitarian order",

sponsored by Australia, Italy, Jordan and Pakistan, subsequently joined by Djibouti, Iraq, Morocco, Oman and Romania.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (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:

New international humanitarian order

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/136 of 14 December 1981,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Bearing in mind that, as noted by the Secretary-General in his report, all Governments that provided their views on the proposal supported the intentions underlying the proposal and the need for developing greater international awareness of humanitarian issues and more effective means of dealing with such issues, 2/

Recognizing the need for seeking further the views of Governments that have not as yet provided them to the Secretary-General,

Noting the proposal for the establishment, outside of the framework of the United Nations, of an independent commission on international humanitarian issues composed of leading personalities in the humanitarian field or having wide experience of government or world affairs, 3/

Recognizing further that the deliberations of such a commission, if established, could be useful for further study of the proposal,

1. Requests Governments that have not already done so to communicate their views to the Secretary-General;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to provide a more comprehensive report on the subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

3. Decides to review the question of a new international humanitarian order at its thirty-eighth session.

1/ A/37/145.

2/ Ibid., para. 4.

3/ A/36/245, annex, para. 10.