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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee,
Mr. Ejeviome Eloho Odoibo (Nigeria), on the basis of informal
consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.54

Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed CountriesThe General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/177 of 11 December 1987, in which it decided to convene the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at a high level in September 1990 in Paris,

Recalling also its decision to convene one session of the Meeting of Governmental Experts of Donor Countries and Multilateral and Bilateral Financial and Technical Assistance Institutions with Representatives of the Least Developed Countries in the spring of 1989 followed by one session of the Intergovernmental Group on the Least Developed Countries, as Preparatory Committee for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, early in 1990 in order to prepare for the Conference,

Reiterating its request to the Secretary-General to obtain, as has been the past practice, extrabudgetary resources to ensure the effective participation of the representatives of the least developed countries through provision of the resources necessary to finance the travel expenses of at least two representatives from each least developed country to attend the preparatory meetings,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 1/

Expressing deep concern at the continuing deterioration in the overall socio-economic situation of the least developed countries,

1. Emphasizes the crucial importance of adequate preparation for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries taking into account the priorities to be put forward by the least developed countries themselves;

2. Calls upon all Governments, intergovernmental and multilateral institutions and others concerned to take appropriate steps to ensure that adequate preparations are made for the Conference and to participate effectively in the two above-mentioned preparatory meetings, as well as in the Conference itself;

3. Request all concerned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to submit, before the first preparatory meeting, reports containing a review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries 2/ within their fields of competence and proposals for further action as input to the preparations for the Conference;

4. Notes the steps being taken by the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and urges them to ensure full mobilization and co-ordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the preparations for the Conference;

5. Notes with appreciation decision 88/30 on the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 3/ which requested the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in close consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to enable the least developed countries to participate fully in the preparation, including preparatory meetings for the Conference and in the Conference itself;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the state of preparations for the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

3/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 9 (E/1988/19), annex I.