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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. José Fernandez
(Philippines), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft
resolution A/C.2/43/L.24

Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions concerning new and renewable sources of energy, in particular, resolution 41/170 of 5 December 1986,

Stressing that trends in the energy sector do not diminish the importance of the continued development of new and renewable sources of energy,

Considering that new and renewable sources of energy could constitute a significant share of total world energy supplies, particularly in developing countries,

Noting the continuing need to strengthen the activities of the United Nations in the field of the development and utilization of new and renewable sources of energy,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy on its fourth session 1/ and endorses the resolutions and decisions contained therein;

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 36 (A/43/36).

2. Reaffirms the importance of the Nairobi Programme of Action for the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy 2/ as the basic framework for action in that field and calls for its speedy and full implementation

3. Urges the States members of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, at the fifth session of the Committee, to consider further measures to strengthen the activities of the United Nations in this field, particularly to enable the Committee to assure full and more effective implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action;

4. Invites interested States to inform the Committee, at its fifth session, of their ongoing technical and scientific activities and/or evaluations with regard to selected substantive themes, and invites interested States, organizations of the United Nations system and other interested organizations to convene technical and scientific meetings related to the substantive themes that would contribute to the examination of such themes in depth, and to inform the Committee at its fifth session of the results of those meetings;

5. Calls upon the international community to implement effectively the proposals contained in the conclusions and recommendations of the Colloquium of High-level Experts on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, held at Castelgandolfo, Italy, in 1987, 3/ aimed at giving new impetus to the implementation of the Nairobi Programme of Action and requests the Secretary-General to convene an ad hoc panel of experts to prepare specific recommendations regarding information systems on new and renewable sources of energy;

6. Reiterates the need to pursue actively ways and means of mobilizing adequate additional financial resources commensurate with the needs of developing countries in the field of new and renewable sources of energy and emphasizes the need to utilize existing channels fully, including the United Nations Trust Fund for New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and urges donor countries to continue voluntary contributions to that Fund;

7. Reaffirms the importance of increasing inter-agency co-operation within the United Nations system, as well as co ordination of development activities for new and renewable sources of energy at all levels.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Nairobi, 10-21 August 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.I.24), chap. I, sect. A.

3/ A/AC.218/14, annex 1.