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### DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

#### Report of the Sixth Committee

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" was included in the provisional agenda of the forty-third session of the General Assembly pursuant to paragraph 6 of Assembly resolution 42/158 of 7 December 1987.
2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. At its 3rd meeting, on 26 September 1988, the Sixth Committee decided to re-establish the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness and elected Mr. Ioan Voicu (Romania) as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
4. In the course of the session the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness held eight meetings and submitted its report to the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/43/L.11).
5. The Sixth Committee also had before it the following documents:
  - (a) Letters dated 22 and 24 December 1987, 4 January, 1, 12, 16, 19 and 26 February, 4 March, 12 April, 5 and 20 July, 29 September and 2 November 1988 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/64-S/19378, A/43/68-S/19385, A/43/76-S/19401, A/43/117-S/19472, A/43/140-S/19504, A/43/155-S/19512, A/43/160-S/19522, A/43/174-S/19545, A/43/205-S/19586, A/43/306-S/19777, A/43/444-S/19988, A/43/472-S/20040, A/43/662-S/20209 and A/43/772-S/20257);

(b) Letters dated 28 and 30 December 1987, 6, 7, 12, 19 and 26 January, 8, 10, 13, 18, 19, 25 and 29 February, 1, 22 and 25 March, 29 April and 31 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/69-S/19389, A/43/74-S/19395, A/43/80-S/19407, A/43/83-S/19414, A/43/87-S/19426, A/43/93-S/19438, A/43/110-S/19457, A/43/128-S/19481, A/43/137-S/19498, A/43/151-S/19505, A/43/158-S/19520 and Corr.1, A/43/159-S/19521 and Corr.1, A/43/167-S/19539, A/43/180-S/19556, A/43/225-S/19645 and Corr.1, A/43/234-S/19667, A/43/256-S/19688, A/43/343-S/19851 and A/43/389-S/19921);

(c) Letters dated 8 and 12 July and 27 October 1988 from the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/455-S/19997, A/43/458-S/20009 and A/43/758-S/20245);

(d) Letters dated 5 and 11 January, 10 February, 2, 9, 10, 25 and 29 March, 12, 18, 27 and 28 April, 2, 11, 12 and 25 May, 2, 9, 15, 27 and 28 June, 14 July, 3, 8 and 25 August, 1, 7, 26 and 27 September, 4 and 21 November 1988 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/81-S/19411, A/43/82-S/19412, A/43/84-S/19422, A/43/136-S/19497, A/43/204-S/19582, A/43/211-S/19606, A/43/212-S/19607, A/43/257-S/19689, A/43/269-S/19716, A/43/270-S/19717, A/43/299-S/19766, A/43/300-S/29767, A/43/301-S/19768, A/43/315-S/19795, A/43/335-S/19843, A/43/342-S/19850, A/43/349-S/19859, A/43/359-S/19879, A/43/364-S/19890, A/43/378-S/19905, A/43/391-S/19925, A/43/400-S/19932, A/43/403-S/19941 and Corr.1, A/43/412-S/19945, A/43/428-S/19964, A/43/440-S/19984, A/43/465-S/20019, A/43/503-S/20087, A/43/515-S/20101, A/43/577-S/20160, A/43/585-S/20167, A/43/598-S/20180 and Corr.1, A/43/641-S/20201, A/43/649-S/20204, A/43/783-S/20260, A/43/848-S/20282 and A/43/849-S/20283);

(e) Letter dated 29 January 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/111-S/19458);

(f) Letters dated 29 January, 12, 16 and 22 February, 16, 21, 25 and 30 March, 6 and 14 April, 2, 17, 27 May, 8, 18 and 25 July and 18 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative or the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/113-S/19463, A/43/139-S/19501, A/43/154-S/19511, A/43/162-S/19523, A/43/221-S/19634, A/43/229-S/19662, A/43/255-S/19685, A/43/266-S/19712, A/43/292-S/19746, A/43/307-S/19778, A/43/346-S/19856, A/43/365-S/19891, A/43/381-S/19910, A/43/454-S/19994, A/43/470-S/20032, A/43/481-S/20056 and A/43/745-S/20233);

(g) Letter dated 9 February 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/133-S/19493);

(h) Letters dated 10, 17 and 26 February, 1, 2 and 16 March, 6, 7 and 19 April, 23 June, 6, 7 and 21 July, 8 August and 11 November 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/134-S/19494, A/43/156-S/19517, A/43/175-S/19546, A/43/187-S/19566, A/43/190-S/19575, A/43/224-S/19640, A/43/290-S/19744, A/43/291-S/19745, A/43/293-S/19750, A/43/294-S/19751, A/43/322-S/19812, A/43/431-S/19969, A/43/447-S/19990, A/43/451-S/19996, A/43/474-S/20044, A/43/511-S/20098 and A/43/804-S/20270);

(i) Letter dated 19 May 1988 from the Permanent Representatives of Afghanistan and of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/374);

(j) Letters dated 25 February, 15, 25 and 28 March, 5 April and 13 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/168-S/19540, A/43/218-S/19625, A/43/240-S/19683, A/43/259-S/19694, A/43/285-S/19739 and A/43/363-S/19887);

(k) Letter dated 7 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/206-S/19587);

(l) Letter dated 9 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/209-S/19597);

(m) Letter dated 11 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/214);

(n) Letters dated 30 March, 6 June and 7 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/273-S/19720, A/43/393-S/19930 and A/43/692-S/20220);

(o) Letter dated 21 April 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/332);

(p) Letter dated 17 May 1988 from the Permanent Representatives of Algeria and Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/366);

(q) Letters dated 31 May and 25 November 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/384-S/19915 and A/43/891);

(r) Letter dated 9 June 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/399);

(s) Letter dated 20 July 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/473-S/20043);

(t) Letter dated 28 July 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/480);

(u) Letters dated 15, 18 and 19 August, 19 and 29 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Democratic Kampuchea addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/537-S/20125, A/43/546-S/20135, A/43/550-S/20138, A/43/621-S/20195 and A/43/666-S/20211);

(v) Letter dated 29 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/667-S/20212);

(w) Letter dated 6 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/43/709).

6. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 43rd, 44th, 48th, 49th and 51st meetings, held on 17, 18, 25 and 29 November. The summary records of those meetings (A/C.6/43/SR.43, 44, 48, 49 and 51) contain the views of the representatives who spoke on the item.

## II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.6/43/L.14 AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.6/43/L.14/Rev.1 AND A/C.6/43/L.20

7. The Committee had before it a draft decision (A/C.6/43/L.14) entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" sponsored by Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The draft decision read as follows:

"The General Assembly, having examined the item entitled 'Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States';

"(a) Decides to take note of the report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness, 1/ set up by the Sixth Committee during its fortieth session;

"(b) Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled 'Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States'."

8. At the 48th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/43/L.14/Rev.1) entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" on behalf of the original sponsors, Austria and Ireland.

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1/ A/C.6/43/L.11.

9. At the same meeting, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.6/43/L.20) entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" sponsored by Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the German Democratic Republic, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Iraq, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, the Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Uganda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Viet Nam, Yugoslavia and Zaire, later joined by Burundi and Malaysia.

10. At the 49th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of Romania proposed oral amendments to draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.14/Rev.1, by which the fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 5 of draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.20 would be incorporated into draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.14/Rev.1.

11. In the course of informal consultations conducted in connection with the item, on 25 November 1988, attempts were made to arrive at a single draft resolution. However, no agreement was reached. Following this, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland moved under rule 116 of the rules of procedure, to adjourn the debate on the item. Following a clarification on the length of the adjournment, the representative of Bulgaria moved, under rule 118 of the rules of procedure, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted by 98 votes to none, with 12 abstentions.

12. At its 51st meeting, on 29 November, the Committee decided to vote on the draft resolutions in the order in which they had been submitted. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.14/Rev.1 by 28 votes to 20, with 64 abstentions (see para. 18, draft resolution A).

13. Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Romania, the United States of America, France and Jordan. A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Kuwait. A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania.

14. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada moved, under rule 131 of the rules of procedure, that the Committee take no act on on draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.20. The representative of Romania spoke against the motion. The motion was rejected by 88 votes to 23, with 11 abstentions.

15. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland requested that separate votes be taken on the last preambular paragraph and on operative paragraph 5 of draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.20.

16. The Committee voted as follows:

(a) The last preambular paragraph was adopted by 98 votes to 21, with 7 abstentions;

(b) Operative paragraph 5 was adopted by 97 votes to 21, with 8 abstentions.

17. Draft resolution A/C.6/43/L.20, as a whole, was adopted by 100 votes to 9, with 18 abstentions (see para. 18, draft resolution B).

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

18. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States

##### A

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter of the United Nations, to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, approved by its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Considering that the great changes of a political, economic and social nature, as well as the scientific and technological advances that have taken place in the world and led to unprecedented interdependence of nations, have given new dimensions to good-neighbourliness in the conduct of States and increased the need to develop and strengthen it,

1. Takes note of the report of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness, 2/ set up by the Sixth Committee during the forty-third session of the General Assembly;

2. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States".

##### B

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter of the United Nations, to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

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2/ A/C.6/43/L.11.

Recalling the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, approved by its resolution 2625 (XXV) of 24 October 1970,

Recalling its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 2129 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 34/99 of 14 December 1979, 36/101 of 9 December 1981, 37/117 of 16 December 1982, 38/126 of 19 December 1983, 39/78 of 13 December 1984, 41/84 of 3 December 1986 and 42/158 of 7 December 1987, as well as its decision 40/419 of 11 December 1985,

Bearing in mind that, for various reasons, there are particularly favourable opportunities for co-operation and mutual advantage between neighbouring countries in many fields and various forms, and that the development of such co-operation may have a positive influence on international relations as a whole,

Considering that the great changes of a political, economic and social nature, as well as the scientific and technological advances that have taken place in the world and led to unprecedented interdependence of nations, have given new dimensions to good-neighbourliness in the conduct of States and increased the need to develop and strengthen it,

Taking into account the working papers concerning the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States, as well as the written replies sent by States and international organizations on the content of good-neighbourliness and on ways and means to enhance it, 3/ the views expressed by States on this subject and the reports of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness set up by the Sixth Committee, 4/

Recalling its opinion that it is necessary to continue to examine the question of good-neighbourliness in order to strengthen and develop its content, as well as ways and modalities to enhance its effectiveness, and that the results of this examination could be included, at an appropriate time, in a suitable international document,

1. Reaffirms that good-neighbourliness fully conforms with the purposes of the United Nations and shall be founded upon the strict observance of the principles of the United Nations as embodied in the Charter and in the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United

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3/ See A/36/376 and Add.1, A/37/476, A/38/336 and Add.1 and A/40/450 and Add.1 and 2.

4/ See A/C.6/40/L.28 and Corr.1, A/C.6/41/L.14, A/C.6/42/L.6 and A/C.6/43/L.11.

Nations, and so presupposes the rejection of any acts seeking to establish zones of influence or domination;

2. Calls once again upon States, in the interest of the maintenance of international peace and security, to develop good-neighbourly relations, acting on the basis of these principles;

3. Reaffirms that the generalization of the long practice of good-neighbourliness and of principles and rules pertaining to it is likely to strengthen friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter;

4. Takes note of the report of the Sub-Committee on Good-Neighbourliness, <sup>5/</sup> which functioned within the Sixth Committee during the forty-third session of the General Assembly;

5. Decides to continue and to complete at its forty-fifth session, on the basis of the present resolution and the report of the Sub-Committee, the task of identifying and clarifying the elements of good-neighbourliness and to begin the elaboration of a suitable international document on the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States within the framework of a sub-committee on good-neighbourliness;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States".

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<sup>5/</sup> A/C.6/43/L.11 (see also A/C.6/43/SC/CRP.3).