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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1988, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/43/1).

2. In the context of item 12, the Second Committee considered the following questions referred by the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly that did not fall within the purview of items specifically allocated to the Second Committee:

- (a) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
- (b) Indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development;
- (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
- (d) Guidelines for international decades;

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in four parts (see also A/43/750/Add.1-3).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/43/3/Rev.1).

(e) Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000;

(f) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;

(g) Inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries;

(h) Reactivation of economic growth and development in developing countries; 2/

(i) Fight against locust and grasshopper infestation in Africa; 3/

(j) Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sector of the United Nations system;

(k) United Nations Population Award.

3. The Committee held a general discussion on this item at its 10th to 15th meetings, on 11 to 14 October 1988. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/43/SR.10-15). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report.

4. At the 10th meeting, on 11 October, statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs and the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (see A/C.2/43/SR.10).

5. At the 13th meeting, on 13 October, a statement was made by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (see A/C.2/43/SR.13).

6. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Documentation under the item as a whole

A/43/3 Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1988 1/

2/ For the consideration of this item by the Committee, see the report of the Second Committee on item 82 (A/43/915).

3/ See report of the Second Committee on item 86 (A/43/918 and Add.1 and 2).

A/43/122

Letter dated 3 February 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a document adopted by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention

A/43/214

Letter dated 11 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a letter dated 25 February 1988 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia to the Secretary-General

A/43/235-
S/19674

Letter dated 22 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting excerpts from the message to the nation issued by the Minister in Charge of the Presidency of the Republic of Panama on 21 March 1988

A/43/273-
S/19720

Letter dated 30 March 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, Session of Islamic Solidarity with the Uprising of the Palestinian People, held at Amman from 21 to 25 March 1988

A/43/341-
E/1988/80

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS

A/43/370

Letter dated 27 May 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the results of the seventy-ninth session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Guatemala City from 8 to 16 April 1988

A/43/393-
S/19930

Letter dated 6 June 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final communiqué of the Seventeenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, "Session of Islamic Solidarity with the Uprising of the Palestinian People", held at amman from 21 to 25 March 1988

A/43/435-
S/19974

Letter dated 30 June 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the Toronto Economic Summit, held from 19 to 21 June 1988

A/43/446

Letter dated 5 July 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a communiqué issued on 5 July 1988 by the Government of the Republic of Panama

- A/43/457-
E/1988/102 Letter dated 11 July 1988 from the Head of the Delegation of the German Democratic Republic to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988 addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a communication entitled "Assistance rendered by the German Democratic Republic to developing countries and national liberation movements in 1987"
- A/43/460-
E/1988/104 Letter dated 12 July 1988 from the Head of the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a document concerning the economic co-operation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with the developing countries
- A/43/463-
E/1988/106 Letter dated 14 July 1988 from the representatives of Australia, Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting an annex entitled "Contributions to the development activities of the United Nations system"
- A/43/544 Letter dated 16 August 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documentation emerging from the meeting of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers held at Toronto, Canada, on 2 and 3 August 1988
- A/43/587 Letter dated 2 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the German Democratic Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990
- A/43/671 Letter dated 30 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at United Nations Headquarters from 28 to 30 September 1988
- A/43/692-
S/20220 Letter dated 7 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué of the Co-ordination Meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held in New York on 29 September 1988

- A/43/695 Letter dated 7 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting, on behalf of the Group of 77, an aide-mémoire entitled "Convening of a special session of the General Assembly on the reactivation of economic growth and development of developing countries"
- A/43/740 Letter dated 21 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a joint statement of the delegations of Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the current international monetary and financial situation
- A/C.2/43/4 Letter dated 22 September 1988 from the President of Colombia addressed to the Secretary-General
- (a) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa
- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. E 1/
- A/43/325-
E/1988/54 Report of the Secretary-General on the Transport and Communication Decade in Africa
- (b) Indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development
- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/43/360-
E/1988/63 Report of the Secretary-General on indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development
- (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people
- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. E 1/
- A/43/367-
E/1988/82
and Corr.1-2 Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people
- (d) Guidelines for international decades
- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. E 1/

- A/C.2/43/L.2 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the text of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/63 on "Guidelines for international decades" recommended for adoption by the General Assembly
- A/C.2/43/L.60 Letter dated 10 November 1988 from the Chairman of the Special Political Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee
- A/C.2/43/L.61 Letter dated 14 November 1988 from the Chairman of the First Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee
- A/C.2/43/L.62 Letter dated 15 November 1988 from the Chairman of the Third Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee
- A/C.2/43/L.63 Letter dated 9 November 1988 from the Chairman of the Fourth Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee
- A/C.2/43/L.64 Letter dated 14 November 1988 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee

(e) Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000

- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. J 1/
- A/43/8 and Add.1 Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its eleventh session 4/

(f) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III, sect. G 1/
- A/43/432
E/1988/68 Note by the Secretary-General on Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

(g) Inclusion of Mozambique in the list of the least developed countries

- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/

(h) Reactivation of economic growth and development in developing countries

- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- A/43/695 Letter dated 7 October 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
- A/C.2/43/L.3 Draft resolution (E/1988/L.42) as orally amended, entitled "Reactivation of economic growth and development"
- (i) Fight against locust and grasshopper infestation in Africa
- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. G 1/
- A/43/688 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- (j) Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sector of the United Nations system
- A/43/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III 1/
- A/C.2/43/L.4, annex Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system"
- (k) United Nations Population Award
- A/43/336 Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award
