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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 5th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1977, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" in its agenda and to allocate to the Second Committee the following parts of the Council's report: 1/ chapters II, III (sects. A to F and H to K), IV, V, VI (sect. E) and VII (sects. A, B, D and F to H).

2. At its 3rd meeting, on 28 September, the Second Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction of Viet Nam" (A/C.2/32/L.9) sponsored by Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Poland, Romania, Sri Lanka, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia, which it decided to consider on a priority basis.

3. At the 6th meeting, on 6 October, the representative of Sri Lanka, on behalf of the original sponsors and Algeria, Angola, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Canada, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Guinea, Guyana, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sweden, Uganda and Venezuela, later joined also by Egypt, Mali, Somalia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, the United Republic of Cameroon and the Upper Volta, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.9/Rev.1) which incorporated a change in the third preambular paragraph whereby the words "30-year" were deleted, and the words "years of" were inserted between the words "long" and "war".

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3).

4. A statement on the administrative and financial implications of the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.9/Rev.1) was made by the Secretary of the Committee which was subsequently issued in document A/C.2/32/L.11/Rev.1.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.9/Rev.1) (see para. 6 below).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Assistance for the reconstruction of Viet Nam

The General Assembly,

Having warmly welcomed the admission of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam to the United Nations,

Expressing profound admiration to the courageous Vietnamese people in their struggle for independence and national reunification and their constant efforts devoted to national reconstruction,

Deeply concerned over the grave economic and social consequences of the long years of war further aggravated by recent severe natural calamities,

Recalling the Secretary-General's statement in his report on the work of the Organization for 1974/1975 expressing the hope that the United Nations system would be able to assist countries in the Indo-China Peninsula in their efforts for national rehabilitation after the war, 1/

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1944 (LVIII) of 7 May 1975 appealing to all States to come to the assistance of the peoples of Indo-China in their efforts to bring about the reconstruction of their countries, in accordance with the needs and requests of those countries, by ways and means which the latter deem most appropriate and with full respect for their national sovereignty,

Recalling further resolution 33 adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, held at Mexico City from 19 June to 2 July 1975, on aid to the Vietnamese people, 2/

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 1 A (A/10001/Add.1), sect. XVII.

2/ See Report of the World Conference of the International Women's Year (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1), chap. III.

Noting with appreciation the prompt and pertinent efforts made by the Secretary-General and by the organs, agencies and programmes of the United Nations to mobilize assistance to meet the most pressing humanitarian needs in Viet Nam and to help organize relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance to the Vietnamese people,

Further concerned that massive international assistance, notably in respect of food, equipment and project aid, remains urgently needed to speed up the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the social and economic infrastructure of the country,

Noting with satisfaction that the non-aligned group of countries has established, by resolution 28 adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976, 3/ a solidarity fund for the reconstruction of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam to help in the reconstruction effort,

1. Recommends that the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam be included in the list of most seriously affected countries;
2. Appeals to the peoples and Governments of all Member States, and to all international economic, financial and social institutions to increase and intensify their efforts and contributions on a bilateral and/or multilateral basis to help the Vietnamese people in the reconstruction of their country;
3. Urges the Secretary-General to continue to encourage further mobilization of resources and efforts from the international community with a view to achieving the social and economic rehabilitation of Viet Nam;
4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to utilize the necessary resources for implementing the present resolution.

3/ See A/31/197, annex IV, sect. B.