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AGENDA ITEM 69

Long-term trends in the economic development
of the regions of the world

REPORT OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (A/32/385)

1. Mr. DHARAT (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Rapporteur of the Second Committee: I have the honour to introduce to the Assembly seven reports concerning the work of the Second Committee.

2. The first report [A/32/290] concerns agenda item 60. In paragraph 8 of the report the Assembly will find a draft resolution on UNITAR which the Second Committee recommends for adoption by the Assembly.

3. The second report [A/32/360] concerns agenda item 63. Paragraph 11 of that report contains two draft resolutions which the Second Committee has recommended for adoption. Draft resolution I is entitled "Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council: Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition" and draft resolution II is entitled "International Fund for Agricultural Development".

4. The third report [A/32/297] concerns agenda item 64. In paragraph 6 of the report the Assembly will find the recommendation of the Second Committee.

5. The fourth report [A/32/361] concerns agenda item 65. In paragraph 7 of that report the Assembly will find a draft resolution on the United Nations University which the Second Committee recommends for adoption by the Assembly.

6. The fifth report [A/32/404] concerns agenda item 66. In paragraph 12 of the report the Second Committee has recommended two draft resolutions. Draft resolution I is entitled "Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia" and draft resolution II is entitled "Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator".

7. The sixth report [A/32/408], concerns agenda item 68. In paragraph 5 of that report the Second Committee recommends a draft decision for adoption by the General Assembly.

8. Finally, I have the honour to introduce the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 69 [A/32/385]. In paragraph 8 of that document the Second Committee recommends that the Assembly adopt a draft resolution entitled "Examination of long-term trends in economic development".

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee.

9. The PRESIDENT: The positions of delegations with respect to the recommendations in the various reports of the Second Committee to the General Assembly are reflected in the relevant summary records of the Second Committee.

10. We shall consider first the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 60 [A/32/290]. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report, entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research". The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 32/51).

11. The PRESIDENT: We shall now consider the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 63 [A/32/360]. The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of this report.

12. Draft resolution I is entitled "Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council: Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition". Since the Second Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote, may I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 32/52).

13. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "International Fund for Agricultural Development". The Second Committee also adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I take it that the General Assembly decides to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 32/53).

14. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 64 [A/32/297]. We shall now take a decision on the recommendation contained in paragraph 6 of the report to the effect that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund on the work of its fourth session. May I take it that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

The recommendation was adopted (decision 32/417).

15. The PRESIDENT: I now invite the Assembly's attention to document A/32/346, containing a note by the Secretary-General, under item 64 (b), "Confirmation of the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Special Fund". May I take it that the General Assembly takes note of document A/32/346?

It was so decided (decision 32/313).

16. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 65 [A/32/361]. We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "United Nations University" recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report. Since the Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote, may I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 32/54).

17. The PRESIDENT: We now turn to agenda item 66 on the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-

ordinator. The report of the Second Committee is contained in document A/32/404. The Assembly will now take a decision on the two draft resolutions recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report.

18. Draft resolution I is entitled "Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia". May I consider that the General Assembly adopts draft resolution I?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 32/55).

19. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator". May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt draft resolution II?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 32/56).

20. The PRESIDENT: We shall now take up the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 68, entitled "Unified approach to development analysis and planning". The report is contained in document A/32/408. The Assembly will now take a decision on the recommendation contained in paragraph 5 of the report. May I consider that the General Assembly adopts that recommendation?

The recommendation was adopted (decision 32/418).

21. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 69, [A/32/385]. We shall now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled "Examination of long-term trends in economic development", recommended by the Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Second Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 32/57).

AGENDA ITEM 77

Crime prevention and control: report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/32/359)

AGENDA ITEM 80

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/32/355)

AGENDA ITEM 81

International Covenants on Human Rights:

- (a) Report of the Human Rights Committee;
- (b) Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Secretary-General

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/32/333)

AGENDA ITEM 87

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

- (a) Report of the High Commissioner;
- (b) Question of the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE (A/32/352)

(c) Election of the High Commissioner

22. Mr. AL-HINAI (Oman), Rapporteur of the Third Committee: I have the honour to introduce today four reports of the Third Committee, dealing with agenda items 77, 80, 81 and 87, contained in documents A/32/359, A/32/355, A/32/333 and A/32/352, respectively.

23. The report on agenda item 77 [A/32/359] contains a summary of the proceedings at the five meetings at which the Third Committee discussed the item. The Committee considered two draft resolutions recommended by the Economic and Social Council: one relating to methods and ways likely to be most effective in preventing crime and improving the treatment of offenders and the other on the report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. Several amendments were submitted to those texts. The Chairman submitted two draft resolutions replacing the draft resolutions submitted by the Economic and Social Council. The Committee adopted without a vote the texts proposed by the Chairman. In the Third Committee's report those texts may be found in paragraph 23 as draft resolutions I and II.

24. In draft resolution I, the General Assembly would take note of the report on "Methods and ways likely to be most effective in preventing crime and improving the treatment of offenders";¹ invite Member States to make use of the report while formulating national crime-prevention policies and strategies; and urge them to support the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence. It would also recommend that the Secretary-General should draw on the report in formulating proposals for future medium-term plans in crime prevention and criminal justice.

25. In draft resolution II, relating to the report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to implement to the fullest extent possible the conclusions of the Congress and invite Member States to give maximum attention and support to those conclusions. It would further request the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the preparation of the Sixth Congress and to prepare a report on the information received from Member States on the measures taken by them in support of the conclusions of the Fifth Congress.

26. Draft resolution III, adopted by the Committee without a vote, deals with crime prevention and control and is aimed at improving United Nations machinery in this field.

¹ See document E/CN.5/536, annex IV.

27. Finally, the Committee adopted, also without a vote, draft resolution IV on capital punishment. In that draft resolution the Assembly would urge Member States to provide the Secretary-General with relevant information on the item for his preparation of the second five-year report of 1980 on capital punishment; it would further call upon the Sixth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders to discuss the various aspects of the use of capital punishment and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, when the Assembly will consider this item with high priority.

28. The report on agenda item 80, dealing with torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment [A/32/355], reflects the proceedings in the Third Committee during the eight meetings at which the item was discussed. The Committee considered a draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council containing the draft of a "Code of conduct for law enforcement officials" which had been prepared by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its fourth session. The Committee entertained a debate on the item and decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it request the Secretary-General to transmit the draft Code to all Governments for their examination and comments and that it examine the draft Code, together with the replies from Governments, at its thirty-third session. Paragraph 22 of the Committee's report contains the text of that decision.

29. With regard to the drafting of a convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, which was the subject of a draft resolution submitted to it, the Committee adopted a draft resolution without a vote recommending to the Assembly, *inter alia*, that it request the Commission on Human Rights to draft the document and submit a progress report on its work to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session. Paragraph 21 of the Third Committee's report contains the text of that draft resolution as draft resolution I.

30. Two draft resolutions relating to the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment were submitted to the Committee. Both were adopted by the Committee without a vote.

31. In the first draft resolution, which appears in paragraph 21 of the report as draft resolution II, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly, *inter alia*, request the Secretary-General to draw up and circulate among Member States a questionnaire soliciting information concerning steps they have taken to put into practice the principles of the Declaration and to submit the information provided to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

32. In the second draft resolution, which appears in paragraph 21 of the report as draft resolution III, the General Assembly would call upon all Member States to reinforce their support of the Declaration by making unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, following the model of a unilateral declaration annexed to the draft resolution.

33. In a decision contained in paragraph 20 of the Committee's report, the Committee agreed that the annotations on this item at the thirty-third session of the General Assembly should make it clear that the reports to be prepared by the Secretary-General under this item would take account of all the resolutions adopted at the present session under the item and that the discussion on this item at the thirty-third session of the Assembly would include the item in all its aspects as well as the specific issues mentioned in the various resolutions adopted by the Committee.

34. Finally, the Committee adopted, also without a vote, draft resolution IV, relating to torture of political prisoners and detainees in southern Africa, which can be found in paragraph 21 of the Committee's report.

35. The report on agenda item 81, dealing with the International Covenants on Human Rights [A/32/333], gives a summary of the Third Committee's proceedings at the five meetings at which the item was discussed. The Committee had before it two draft resolutions that are recorded in paragraphs 5 and 6 of its report. The Chairman of the Committee submitted a draft resolution that combined the two texts to which I have referred. That new text was adopted by the Committee without objection. The draft resolution, *inter alia*, reflects the appreciation of the General Assembly for the efforts made by the Human Rights Committee to achieve uniform standards in the implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and of the Optional Protocol thereto, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a report on the status of both International Covenants and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

36. The report on agenda item 87, dealing with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, is contained in document A/32/352. Subitem (a) of agenda item 87 deals with the report of the High Commissioner for Refugees and Subitem (b) with the question of the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner. Four draft resolutions relating to those two subitems were adopted.

37. In draft resolution I, the General Assembly would, *inter alia*, express its deep satisfaction at the efficient manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees continues to accomplish his humanitarian tasks and call upon Governments to contribute generously towards the financing of the High Commissioner's humanitarian activities.

38. Under draft resolution II, which deals with the continuation of the Office of the High Commissioner, the Assembly would decide to continue the Office for a further period of five years from 1 January 1979 and to review, not later than at its thirty-seventh session, arrangements for continuation of the Office beyond the end of 1983.

39. In draft resolution III, which was adopted by acclamation, the Assembly would express its sincere appreciation for the work done by the outgoing High Commissioner, His Highness Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan.

40. Finally, in draft resolution IV, the Committee recommends that the General Assembly, *inter alia*, request the High Commissioner to continue his co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and to keep it currently informed of his activities for the assistance of refugees in southern Africa.

Pursuant to rule 66 of the rules of procedure, it was decided not to discuss the reports of the Third Committee.

41. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will first consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 77 dealing with crime prevention and control [A/32/359]. The Assembly will now take a decision on the four draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 23 of its report.

42. Draft resolution I is entitled "Methods and ways likely to be most effective in preventing crime and improving the treatment of offenders". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 32/58).

43. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled "Report of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders". The report of the Fifth Committee on the administrative and financial implications of that draft resolution is contained in document A/32/414. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I consider that it is the wish of the General Assembly also to adopt it?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 32/59).

44. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Crime prevention and control". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 32/60).

45. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Capital punishment". Since the Third Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote, may I take it that the General Assembly so adopts it?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 32/61).

46. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 80, entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". The report is contained in document A/32/355. The Assembly will now take a decision on the four draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 21 of its report.

47. Draft resolution I is entitled "Draft convention on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly decides to do likewise?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 32/62).

48. The PRESIDENT: In connexion with operative paragraph 3 of the resolution just adopted, I should like to invite representatives to turn their attention to the decision of the Third Committee in paragraph 20 of document A/32/355. May I consider that the Assembly takes note of paragraph 20?

It was so decided.

49. The PRESIDENT: We turn next to draft resolution II, entitled "Questionnaire on the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 32/63).

50. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled "Unilateral declarations by Member States against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". Since the Third Committee adopted that draft resolution without a vote, may I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to adopt it also?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 32/64).

51. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Torture of political prisoners and detainees in southern Africa". The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 32/65).

52. The PRESIDENT: I now invite representatives to turn to the recommendation concerning the draft Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials contained in paragraph 22 of the Third Committee's report in document A/32/355. The Third Committee adopted that recommendation without a vote. May I consider that the General Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The recommendation was adopted (decision 32/419).

53. The PRESIDENT: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to explain their position on the draft resolutions adopted under agenda item 80.

54. Mr. ERNEMANN (Belgium) (*interpretation from French*): The Belgian Government welcomes the General Assembly's adoption of draft resolution III adopted on agenda item 80, urging "all Member States to give maximum publicity to their unilateral declarations against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". It is to the Government of India, principally supported by the Governments of Bangladesh and Egypt, that we owe the draft resolution. Belgium became a sponsor of the draft, as did many other countries.

55. The Government of Belgium wishes to be the first country to make the declaration called for in the resolution. On instructions from my Government, I therefore have the honour to make the following declaration, which

will be confirmed in writing today to the Secretary-General:

“The Belgian Government solemnly declares its intention to act in conformity with the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment adopted by the United Nations on 9 December 1975 in its resolution 3452 (XXX), and to continue to apply the provisions of the Declaration through legislative and other effective measures.

“The Belgian Government wishes to point out on this occasion that its legislation is in conformity with the requirements of the Declaration.”

56. Mr. MEZVINSKY (United States of America): The Government of the United States has joined in the consensus on draft resolution IV under agenda item 80 out of a deep sense of outrage over the number of persons who have died in recent years while detained in South Africa's prisons. These deaths in detention are compelling evidence of a pattern of gross mistreatment and intimidation of those individuals whose courage has allowed them and whose convictions have required them to voice their opposition to *apartheid*. The tragic and untimely death of Steven Biko has commanded the attention and the conscience of the world. His death and the circumstances surrounding it have stimulated throughout the world and throughout this General Assembly a sense of indebtedness to those who have already died in South African gaols, a sense of concern for those now under arrest or in detention, and a moral commitment of support for those who continue to oppose *apartheid* despite the known perils.

57. Since this draft resolution was adopted in the Third Committee the world has been informed of the official findings of the inquest into the death of Steven Biko which was conducted in South Africa. My Government was shocked by the verdict in the face of compelling evidence that, at the least, Steven Biko was a victim of flagrant neglect and official irresponsibility. It seems inconceivable on the evidence presented that the inquest could render a judgement that no one was responsible. Even if individual responsibility was not established, Mr. Biko's death clearly resulted from a system which permits gross mistreatment and violation of the most basic human rights.

58. My Government's support of draft resolution IV under agenda item 80 reflects both the hope of the American people that these senseless deaths will cease and our Government's commitment to press for the respect of human rights in South Africa.

59. Mr. EDIS (United Kingdom): In joining in the consensus on draft resolution III, just adopted by the General Assembly, I wish to place on record that the United Kingdom Government interprets article 10 of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment [resolution 3451 (XXX), annex], adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1975, as being in conformity with current practice in the United Kingdom whereby the competent authorities retain their discretion to bring proceedings in any particular case.

60. Mr. KEILAU (German Democratic Republic): The delegation of the German Democratic Republic welcomes the adoption of draft resolution III. We did not object to the consensus in the hope that it would encourage other States to assume the same international legal obligations with respect to torture and other cruel punishment that my country has undertaken in becoming a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

61. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 81 concerning the International Covenants on Human Rights [A/32/333]. The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled “Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights”. This draft resolution has been recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The Third Committee adopted the draft resolution without objection. I take it that the General Assembly wishes to do the same.

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 32/66).

62. The PRESIDENT: The Assembly will now consider the report of the Third Committee on agenda item 87, concerning the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [A/32/352]. The Assembly will now take decisions on the three draft resolutions recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 14 of its report.

63. Draft resolution I is entitled “Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution I by consensus. I take it that the Assembly adopts draft resolution I.

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 32/67).

64. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution II is entitled “Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution II by consensus. I take it that the General Assembly adopts draft resolution II.

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 32/68).

65. The PRESIDENT: Draft resolution III is entitled “Expression of appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution III by acclamation. I take it that the General Assembly adopts draft resolution III?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 32/69).

66. The PRESIDENT: May I associate myself with the expression of sincere appreciation and thanks to Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan and wish him success in his future endeavours.

67. The last draft resolution, draft resolution IV, is entitled “Assistance to refugees in southern Africa”. The Third Committee adopted draft resolution IV by consensus.

I take it that the General Assembly adopts draft resolution IV?

1 January 1978. May I consider that the General Assembly approves that suggestion?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 32/70).

It was so decided (decision 32/314).

68. The PRESIDENT: I should now like to invite the Assembly's attention to document A/32/401 and Add.1, containing two notes by the Secretary-General, under agenda item 87 (c) relating to the election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In the latter note [A/32/401/Add.1] the Secretary-General suggests that Mr. Poul Hartling be elected United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a five-year term beginning on

69. The PRESIDENT: I declare Mr. Poul Hartling elected United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 1978. I should like to congratulate Mr. Hartling upon his election, and I wish him every success in his important task.

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.