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Report of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 35/77 C of 5 December 1980, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to arrange, in consultation with the members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to participate in all aspects of the work of that Committee and its subsidiary machinery. In its resolution 37/223 C of 20 December 1982, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to accelerate his efforts in this regard and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the results of those efforts.
2. Pursuant to the above and bearing in mind his responsibilities with regard to organizations established under Article 22 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Secretary-General formally proposed that the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) should be admitted to full participation in ACC and began informal consultations to this end.
3. In its decision 1983/18 of 27 October 1983, ACC decided that the Executive Director of UNCHS should be invited to participate in meetings of ACC when questions in which the Centre had a direct interest were under consideration. ACC further decided to invite the Centre to participate in meetings of the subsidiary bodies of ACC when those bodies took up matters of concern to the Centre.
4. In its resolution 38/167 B of 19 December 1983, the General Assembly expressed its awareness that the decision of ACC did not completely meet the requirement of resolutions 35/77 C and 37/223 C and took note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/38/548). The Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the implementation of its resolutions on the question.

5. In pursuance of the General Assembly resolutions and in implementing the ACC decision on the matter, the Centre for Human Settlements has been kept informed on matters under consideration in ACC and its subsidiary bodies and has been invited by the Secretary-General to participate in those meetings in which the Centre indicated that it had a direct interest. The Secretary-General will review those arrangements in the near future, bearing in mind the mandate and responsibilities of UNCHS and the relevant General Assembly resolutions. In this context, the Secretary-General also notes the relevant comments of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-fourth session 1/ and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/57 A of 26 July 1984 concerning the need for greater co-ordination and co-operation in the field of human settlements.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/39/38), chap. V, sect. A.
