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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: REVIEW
OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND
DUTIES OF STATES

Report of the Second Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 80 (see A/39/790, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (b) was considered at the 55th and 56th meetings, on 30 November and 6 December 1984. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/39/SR.55 and 56).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/39/L.98

2. At the 55th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of Egypt introduced, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, a draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.98), entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".
3. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/39/L.98) was circulated in document A/C.2/39/L.113.
4. At the 56th meeting, on 6 December, statements were made by the representatives of Finland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic (also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), Austria, Mexico and Egypt, as well as the Secretary of the Committee.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/39/L.98 by a recorded vote of 101 to 11, with 12 abstentions (see para. 7). The voting was as follows: 1/

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Christopher and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zaire.

Abstaining: Australia, Austria, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden.

6. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Portugal, the Netherlands, Sweden and Australia.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

1/ Subsequently, the representative of Gabon stated that his delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution, although his vote had not registered owing to a mechanical error. The representative of Zaire stated that, although his vote was registered as being against the draft resolution, his delegation had intended to vote in favour.

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid down the foundations of the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind article 34 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and General Assembly resolution 3486 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, relating to the review of the implementation of the Charter,

Recalling its resolution 37/204 of 20 December 1982, in which it decided to conduct at its thirty-ninth session, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, a comprehensive review of its implementation, as provided for in article 34 thereof,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States 2/ submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/204,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the world economic situation and its impact on the developing countries,

1. Decides to undertake a thorough and systematic review of the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, taking into account the evolution of all the economic, social, legal and other factors related to the principles upon which the Charter is based and to its purpose, in order to identify the most appropriate actions for the implementation of the Charter that would lead to lasting solutions to the grave economic problems of developing countries within the framework of the United Nations;

2. Decides also to establish an Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee of the Whole, to be convened for three weeks in 1985, to carry out the review mentioned in paragraph 1 above, and requests the Committee to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fortieth session;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties, to be submitted to the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Committee in 1985.