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ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Cameroon, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Chile, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Uruguay and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/3 of 24 October 1985, in which it solemnly proclaimed 1986 to be the International Year of Peace, 1/

Recalling also its resolution 40/10 of 11 November 1985, in which it took note of the programme of the International Year of Peace, 2/

Recalling further its resolution 42/13 of 28 October 1987, in which it requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the achievements of the International Year of Peace to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session,

Noting that the numerous efforts and activities undertaken by the States Members of the United Nations and by non-governmental organizations have inspired a concrete and substantive dialogue among nations, peoples and persons in pursuit of the goal of true peace,

1/ Resolution 40/3, annex.

2/ A/40/669 and Add.1, annex.

Recognizing that the objectives of the Year helped to strengthen the United Nations as an instrument of peace, stimulating action for the promotion of international peace and security, co-operation and the peaceful settlement of disputes,

Welcoming the positive change in the international political climate from confrontation to co-operation, understanding among States and the pursuit of dialogue,

1. Notes with appreciation the report on the achievements of the International Year of Peace submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with resolution 42/13; 3/
2. Expresses its satisfaction at the activities which have taken place since the proclamation of the International Year of Peace, as documented in the report of the Secretary-General;
3. Recognizes the important contribution of the International Year of Peace and supports the efforts made by the international community in carrying out activities designed to strengthen the United Nations as an instrument of peace and to focus attention on the basic elements of peace, such as social and economic development, disarmament, human rights and fundamental freedoms, preparation for life in peace, the ecological balance, protection of the environment and improvement of the quality of life;
4. Commends the initiative taken by the Secretary-General to place greater and greater emphasis each year on the observance, on the third Tuesday of September, of the International Day of Peace, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/67 of 30 November 1981, as a reminder that the Assembly meets every year at that time to work for peace;
5. Emphasizes the importance of education for peace, especially at the primary and secondary levels, and expresses satisfaction at its inclusion in many education and teacher-training programmes that have been launched and have received favourable evaluations;
6. Urges all those interested in the promotion and attainment of the goals of the International Year of Peace to support the programmes of the Peace Study Unit of the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, by making voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the promotion of peace;
7. Urges Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the world community to persevere in these efforts, developing initiatives conducive to the objectives of the Year, and to join the United Nations in its noble purpose of ensuring that humanity reaches the threshold of the twenty-first century in the full enjoyment of a stable and lasting peace;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to invite Member States and interested organizations to inform the Secretariat of their activities and initiatives in pursuit of those ends, and to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the development of programmes and activities to promote peace in the world, under an item entitled "Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world".

