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Morocco: draft resolution

Patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/179 of 17 December 1985, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/6 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/4 of 22 May 1989 and the reports of the Statistical Commission on the work of its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions, in particular the sections on development indicators, 1/

Reiterating that the subject of patterns of consumption and related socio-economic indicators is of considerable importance and high priority for developing countries,

Reaffirming that in order for the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade to be successful, there must be a range of indicators relating to economic and social progress, the application of concerted objectives and early-warning systems, with due regard for the economic, technological, social and environmental aspects of development,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4 and requests the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to pursue actively their co-operation in

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 6 (E/1987/19), paras. 133-140 and Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 3 (E/1989/21), paras. 128-141.

collaboration with the other relevant organizations in the United Nations system, with a view to achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below;

2. Recognizes that the identification of indicative patterns of consumption and the development of qualitative indicators of development would be extremely useful in the evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of the international development strategy and would make a substantial contribution to the work of a United Nations conference on the environment and development;

3. Invites interested donor countries, the relevant international organizations and other bodies and institutions wishing to participate in the research work on patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development to make voluntary contributions for that purpose to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development with a view to the holding in good time of the preparatory meeting and the international conference of high-level experts for the purpose of examining methodological questions and the conceptual aspects of the qualitative indicators of development referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to submit a preliminary progress report on the implementation of the present resolution and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4 for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.
