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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee,
Mr. David Bruce Payton (New Zealand), on the basis of informal
consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.22*

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/15 of 27 October 1988, Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/108 of 27 July 1989, World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 42.20, WHA 42.33 and WHA 42.34 of 19 May 1989, other relevant resolutions, the London Declaration on AIDS prevention ^{1/} and the discussions of the Fifth International Conference on AIDS, held in Montreal from 4 to 9 June 1989,

Acknowledging the established leadership of the World Health Organization in directing and co-ordinating AIDS education, prevention, control and research,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as national Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the public and private sector, in combating the spread of AIDS,

Welcoming, in particular, the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS, and noting that the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS is facilitating the implementation at the country level of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS,

1/ A/43/341-E/1988/80, Annex, appendix I.

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly, World Health Assembly and Economic and Social Council concerning the need to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), their families and those with whom they live,

Reaffirming that the struggle against AIDS should be consistent with and divert neither attention nor resources from other national public health priorities and development goals and should not divert international efforts and resources needed for overall health priorities,

Aware that AIDS can have serious social and economic consequences, particularly in countries with a high incidence of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus and limited public health services and other developmental resources,

Recognizing that, depending upon individual and social circumstances, women and children may be at a higher risk of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) than previously and may otherwise suffer deprivation as a consequence of the indirect impact of AIDS on their families and communities,

Emphasizing the crucial importance of a supportive socio-economic environment to ensure the effective implementation of national AIDS prevention programmes and the humane care of affected persons,

Recognizing the need for all sectors of society to contribute actively to the local, national and international efforts for HIV/AIDS prevention and control,

Noting that scientific research is making progress in developing improved diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive technologies and pharmaceuticals, and stressing the importance of making these technologies and pharmaceuticals available as soon as possible and at an affordable cost,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and the supplementary report on AIDS-related activities being carried out by the organizations of the United Nations system; 2/

2. Notes with appreciation and welcomes the arrangements made by the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to ensure a co-ordinated response by the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/108 and General Assembly resolution 43/15;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the potentially serious implications of the AIDS pandemic for socio-economic development in some developing countries, to intensify his efforts, in collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, all other relevant organizations of the United

2/ A/44/274-E/1989/75, annex, and A/44/274/Add.1-E/1989/75/Add.1.

Nations system, and the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS, to mobilize the technical and other relevant resources of the United Nations system, through co-ordinated research and programmes, to deal with this aspect of the problem;

4. Urges Member States to increase their efforts in combating AIDS and to encourage, support and facilitate national efforts to prevent the further spread of AIDS;

5. Calls upon Governments, the World Health Organization, all other relevant United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to promote greater awareness of the transmission of the pandemic in order to avoid misconception as much as possible, and to increase the understanding of the general public towards people affected by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

6. Further calls upon international, national and research institutions and organizations to co-ordinate their activities so as to provide input to and be supportive of the policy of national AIDS committees and the World Health Organization's Global AIDS Strategy in a manner appropriate to local conditions and requirements;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with the other organizations of the United Nations system and without prejudice to ongoing priorities and programmes, to continue to develop and advance the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, and specifically:

(a) To promote the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the global AIDS strategy through support of national efforts;

(b) To collaborate, as appropriate, with the United Nations Office at Vienna, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations bodies, Governments and non-governmental organizations in their efforts to develop:

- (i) Policies, programmes and research proposals to address the impact of AIDS, including issues affecting women, and to promote their vital role in preventing and controlling the pandemic;
- (ii) Policies and programmes to alleviate the impact of AIDS, in all its aspects, on children;
- (iii) Policies and programmes to combat the illicit traffic and abuse of drugs with a view to contributing to a reduction in the spread of HIV infection;

(c) To promote access of all peoples to appropriate preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic technologies and pharmaceuticals, and to help make these technologies and pharmaceuticals available at an affordable cost;

(d) To promote the active participation of public and private sector enterprises, including through financial contributions, in HIV/AIDS prevention and control efforts at the local, national and international levels;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.
