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ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES AND WAYS AND MEANS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS  
SYSTEM FOR IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVE ENJOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS: RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, China,  
Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic,  
Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Iraq, Jamaica,  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru,  
Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, United Republic  
of Tanzania, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zimbabwe:  
draft resolution

Right to development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the proclamation by the General Assembly at its forty-first session of the Declaration on the Right to Development, 1/

Recalling also its resolutions and those of the Commission on Human Rights relating to the right to development, and taking note of Commission resolution 1989/45 of 6 March 1989, 2/ approved by the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating the importance of the right to development for all countries, in particular the developing countries,

1/ Resolution 41/128, annex.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

Having considered the report 3/ of the Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development and all other relevant documents submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session,

Aware of the interest shown by several Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations in the work of the Working Group,

1. Expresses the hope that the replies of Governments, United Nations organs and specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations, including those active in development and human rights, to be submitted at the request of the Secretary-General based on Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/45 eliciting from them additional, updated and more specific views on the subject of implementation and further enhancement of the Declaration on the Right to Development, will contain such views and proposals;
2. Notes the invitation of the Commission to the Secretary-General to organize, within existing resources, a global consultation on the realization of the right to development involving experts with relevant experience gained at the national level and representatives of the United Nations system, including its specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and interested non-governmental organizations, including those active in development and human rights, to focus on the fundamental problems posed by the implementation of the Declaration, the criteria which might be used to identify progress and mechanisms for evaluating and stimulating such progress;
3. Expresses its hope that the results of the above-mentioned global consultations, the report on which is to be presented to the Commission at its forty-sixth session, will substantially contribute to the future work of the Commission on the implementation and further enhancement of the Declaration;
4. Endorses the Commission's view that there is a need for a continuing evaluation mechanism so as to ensure the promotion, encouragement and reinforcement of the principles contained in the Declaration;
5. Urges all relevant organs of the United Nations system, particularly the specialized agencies, to take due account, when planning their programmes of activities, of the Declaration and to make efforts to contribute to its application;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to inform the Commission on Human Rights and the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session of the activities developed by organs of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Declaration;
7. Calls upon the Commission to decide at its forty-sixth session on the future course of action on the question, in particular on practical measures for the implementation and enhancement of the Declaration;

8. Invites the Commission to report on the question to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

9. Decides to consider this question at its forty-fifth session under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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