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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES INVOLVING YOUTH

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered the item jointly with items 90, 91, 92, 97, 99, 101, 102 and 113 at its 12th to 20th, 30th and 37th meetings, on 18 to 20 and 23 to 26 October, and 2 and 9 November 1989. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/44/SR.12-20, 30 and 37).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following document: report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth (A/44/387).
4. At the 12th meeting, on 18 October, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and the Director of the Social Development Division made introductory statements (see A/C.3/44/SR.12).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/44/L.17

5. At the 30th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Czechoslovakia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/44/L.17), entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth", sponsored by Austria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, the Netherlands and Romania, and orally revised it by adding at the end of operative paragraph 17 after "Secretary-General" the words "on the implementation of the present resolution".

6. At its 37th meeting, on 9 November, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 7, draft resolution).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/94 of 8 December 1988,

Recalling its resolution 40/14 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", adopted on 18 November 1985 by the General Assembly acting as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year, by which the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth were endorsed, and its subsequent resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and its subsequent resolutions,

Recalling also its resolution 40/16 of 18 November 1985 entitled "Opportunities for youth" and its subsequent resolutions,

Recalling further its resolution 36/29 of 13 November 1981 and its subsequent resolutions in which it, inter alia, recognized the need to adopt appropriate measures for securing the implementation and the enjoyment by youth of human rights, particularly the right to education and to work,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General submitted in accordance with resolution 43/94, 1/

Recognizing that the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth 2/ provide a constructive framework for a long-term strategy in the field of youth,

Expressing its serious interest in systematically consolidating and building further on the results of the International Youth Year in order to

1/ A/44/387.

2/ A/40/256, annex.

contribute to the increasingly active participation of young people in the political and socio-economic life of their countries,

Convinced of the importance of improving the effective and efficient functioning of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations as a means of providing adequate information on young people and of encouraging their active participation in the United Nations system at the national, regional and international levels,

Recognizing that in many countries the majority of young people, under prevailing critical social and economic conditions, are facing serious problems in the exercise of their right to education and to work and that insufficient education and unemployment of young people limit their ability to participate effectively in the development process and impede their full integration into society,

Emphasizing that the suitable education of young people, equipping them with proper and up-to-date skills and qualifications, prepares them for entering the labour market at a level commensurate with their skills,

Noting that the year 1990 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

1. Calls upon all States, all United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through its Commission for Social Development, the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to continue to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

2. Appeals to all States to adopt effective measures, in accordance with their legislations, particularly in the fields of teaching, education, culture and information, in order to strengthen and promote among nations and, primarily, among youth understanding, mutual respect and friendship among nations, for the further improvement of an international climate free of mistrust and discord;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to promote and monitor intensively, by using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as a focal point, the inclusion of youth-related projects and activities in the programmes of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, specifically on such themes as communication, health, housing, culture, youth employment and education, drug abuse and the environment;

4. Calls upon Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental and intergovernmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communication adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to organize a meeting, if necessary from extrabudgetary resources, between United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental youth organizations to discuss the problems of existing channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth organizations in order to achieve effective results for their improvement and for the establishment of effective functioning structures of communication and co-operation between youth and the United Nations;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to develop methods that indicate specifically how the channels of communication could efficiently be attuned to youth-related projects and activities of the United Nations organs and of the specialized agencies, and to include in a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution concrete suggestions for co-operation between the United Nations system and the non-governmental youth organizations;

7. Calls upon youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations by putting forth their proposals for co-operation with the United Nations system and, where such mechanisms do not exist, recommends that national co-ordinating committees of the International Youth Year should similarly continue to act as channels of communication;

8. Calls upon all States, all governmental and non-governmental organizations, interested United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through its Commission for Social Development, and specialized agencies to continue to give priority to the formulation and implementation of effective measures for securing the exercise by youth of the right to education and to work, with a view to resolving the problem of unemployment among youth;

9. Calls upon Member States to enable young people to obtain proper and up-to-date education and to pay increased attention to the promotion of the employment of youth in all sectors of the economy, thereby facilitating their integration into social and professional life;

10. Stresses the importance for youth and youth organizations of the freedom of association, in accordance with the relevant national legislation, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 3/ the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 4/ and other relevant international human rights instruments, so as to enable their active and direct participation at all stages of implementation of the policies, projects and activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of youth;

3/ Resolution 217 A (III).

4/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

11. Emphasizes that providing education and employment to each young person is a worthy goal for all States and should serve the full development of the human being, which can best be ensured by countries that respect the fundamental rights and freedoms of everyone;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to explore the possibilities for a linkage between the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and the Institute of HOPE '87, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General, taking into account the importance of that Institute in promoting, technically and financially, income-generating youth employment projects;

13. Again invites Governments to include youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings and international conferences dealing with youth-related issues, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world;

14. Invites Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously to the United Nations Youth Fund, in order to enable it to continue its mandated role and to contribute effectively to the needs of developing countries in the field of youth;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to include the United Nations Youth Fund among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

16. Also requests the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the guidelines containing a draft programme of action to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and to submit it, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session;

17. Decides to consider the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" at its forty-fifth session on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.
