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**NATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN ACHIEVING FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND  
ECONOMIC CHANGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SOCIAL PROGRESS**

Report of the Third Committee

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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 "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
2. The Committee considered the item jointly with items 90, 91, 93, 97, 99, 101, 102 and 113 at its 12th to 20th, 30th and 37th meetings, on 18 to 20, 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 documents:
  - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement (A/44/79-E/1989/8);
  - (b) Report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress (A/44/86-E/1989/14);
  - (c) Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare, from 17 to 19 May 1989 (A/44/409-S/20743 and Corr.1 and 2);

(d) Letter dated 8 August 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/448);

(e) Letter dated 1 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/44/499).

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.23

5. At the 30th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Mongolia introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/44/L.23), entitled "National experience in promoting the co-operative movement", sponsored by Cameroon, Cuba, the German Democratic Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Poland, Viet Nam and Yemen.

6. At the 37th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Mongolia made a statement, in the course of which he orally revised the draft resolution by replacing operative paragraph 5, which read:

"Decides to consider the question under an item entitled 'Co-operatives and new trends in socio-economic development' at its forty-seventh session";

by the following text:

"Decides to consider the question entitled 'Co-operatives and new trends in socio-economic development' at its forty-seventh session as a sub-item of the item entitled 'National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress'."

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.23, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 9, draft resolution).

8. Also at the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress (A/44/86-E/1989/14) (see para. 10, draft decision).

## III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, 31/37 of 30 November 1976, 33/47 of 14 December 1978 and 36/18 of 9 November 1981, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/15 of 26 May 1983, 1985/22 of 29 May 1985 and 1987/47 of 28 May 1987,

Aware of the ongoing work to elaborate the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,

Bearing in mind that co-operatives in their different forms are becoming an indispensable factor of economic and social development of all countries, especially the developing countries,

Noting that co-operatives are called upon to help to ensure the fullest possible participation in the development process of all population groups, including women, youth, disabled persons and the aging and to contribute to the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, 1/

Having in mind the recent widespread reassessment by Governments of the status and role of co-operatives in enhancing economic and social development,

Convinced that the exchange among countries of national experience relating to the active involvement of co-operatives in the development process is acquiring increasing importance in the light of new trends in the approach to co-operatives,

1. Commends the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement; 2/
2. Invites all States, the regional commissions and the specialized agencies concerned to make further efforts with a view to promoting the co-operative movement as an important instrument of economic and social development, thus contributing to the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to follow closely national experience in promoting co-operatives and to encourage all forms of international co-operation, in collaboration with interested Governments, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as an important part of the social development strategy;

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1/ See E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

2/ A/44/79-E/1989/8.

4. Also requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States and relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to prepare a report on the status and role of co-operatives in the light of new economic and social trends and to submit it, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

5. Decides to consider the question entitled "Co-operatives and new trends in socio-economic development" at its forty-seventh session as a sub-item of the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress".

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10. The Third Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress. 3/

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