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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF THE DECLARATION ON SOCIAL PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT

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 "Twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development".
2. The Committee considered the item jointly with items 90, 92, 93, 97, 99, 101, 102 and 113 at its 12th to 20th and 37th meetings on 18 to 20, 23 to 26 October 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 and 37).
3. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (A/44/116-E/1989/15 and Corr.1 and Add.1).
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.4

5. By its resolution 1989/48 of 24 May 1989, the Economic and Social Council recommended for adoption by the General Assembly a draft resolution entitled "Twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration on social progress and development" which was circulated in a note by the Secretariat (A/C.3/44/L.4).

6. At its 37th meeting, on 9 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/44/L.4 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. 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 the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (A/44/116-E/1989/15 and Corr.1 and Add.1) (see para. 9).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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

Twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, by which it solemnly proclaimed the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and resolutions 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 32/117 of 16 December 1977, 34/59 of 29 November 1979 and 41/142 of 4 December 1986 on the implementation of the Declaration,

Reaffirming, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration, its importance as a source of inspiration for national and international efforts for the promotion of social progress and development,

Recalling its resolutions 40/98 of 13 December 1985 on the improvement of the role of the United Nations in the field of social development, 42/49 of 30 November 1987 on the achievement of social justice and 43/113 of 8 December 1988 on the indivisibility and interdependence of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights,

Recalling also that in resolution 42/48 of 30 November 1987 it decided to observe in 1989 the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration,

Desirous of achieving effective realization of the provisions of the Declaration,

Noting the continuous validity and importance of the principles and objectives proclaimed in the Declaration,

1. Invites all Governments to take into consideration the provisions of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development in their developmental policies, plans and programmes as well as in their bilateral and multilateral co-operation;

2. Recommends that the Declaration be taken into account in the formulation of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and in the implementation of programmes of international action to be carried out during the decade;

3. Recommends also that the international organizations concerned with development continue to use the provisions of the Declaration, which is an important United Nations document, in formulating strategies, programmes and international instruments aimed at social progress and development;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to carry out the activities indicated in the annex to General Assembly resolution 42/48 in order to ensure the successful observance of the twentieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration;

5. Reiterates its invitation to all States that have not yet done so to transmit to the Secretary-General their views and comments pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of General Assembly resolution 42/48;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to include in the next report on the world social situation a special part dealing with the activities carried out in pursuance of the present resolution;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "Twenty-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development".

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

Implementation of the Declaration on Social
Progress and Development

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development. 1/

1/ A/44/116-E/1989/15 and Corr.1 and Add.1.