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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)*Rapporteur: Ms. Martha DUEÑAS de WHIST (Ecuador)

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 "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate to the Second Committee chapters of the Council's report (A/44/3) 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.2/44/1).

2. In the context of item 12, the Second Committee considered the following questions referred by the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly that did not fall within the purview of items specifically allocated to the Second Committee:

- (a) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment;
- (b) World Decade for Cultural Development;
- (c) International economic security;
- (d) World Tourism Organization;

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in two parts (see also A/44/832/Add.1).

1/ To be issued in printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/44/3/Rev.1).

- (e) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;
- (f) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS);
- (g) Assistance to the Palestinian people;
- (h) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;
- (i) Human resources development;
- (j) Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories;
- (k) Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development;
- (l) Net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development;
- (m) Proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa;
- (n) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992;
- (o) Further measures for the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council;
- (p) International economic co-operation towards common approaches to development.

3. The Committee held a general discussion on the item at its 15th to 17th, 19th, 20th and 25th meetings, on 16, 20, 25 and 31 October 1989, and the action to be taken on the item was considered at its 34th meeting, on 15 November (see A/C.2/44/SR.15-17, 19, 20, 25 and 34). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 10th meetings, from 2 to 6 and on 9 October (A/C.2/44/SR.2-10). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addendum to the present report.

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Documentation under the item as a whole

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| A/44/3 | Relevant chapters of the report of the Council for 1989 <u>1/</u> |
| A/44/139 | Letter dated 24 February 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Declaration issued at Madrid on 23 February 1989 by the Twelve member States of the European Community on the subject of the Maghreb summit |

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- A/44/235-
S/20600
- Letter dated 18 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Communiqué of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held at Riyadh, from 13 to 16 March 1989
- A/44/264-
E/1989/73
- Letter dated 2 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a letter dated 30 April 1989 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics containing proposals concerning the ways of establishing objectives and functions of a Centre for Emergency Environmental Assistance
- A/44/278-
E/1989/92
- Letter dated 15 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of a letter dated 13 May 1989 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in response to General Assembly resolution 43/196 on the convening of a United Nations conference on environment and development
- A/44/315
- Letter dated 15 May 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation, adopted by the Conference of Ministers on 10 April 1989
- A/44/340-
E/1989/120
- Letter dated 20 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Declaration of The Hague adopted on 11 March 1989 concerning the earth's atmosphere and possible approaches to preserve its quality
- A/44/355-
S/20704
- Letter dated 28 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the conclusions adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Twelve States members of the European Community at the European Council, held on 26 and 27 June 1989 in Madrid

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A/44/361

Letter dated 28 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Caracas Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Group

A/44/376-
E/1989/125

Letter dated 6 July 1989 from the Head of the Observer Delegation of the German Democratic Republic to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a communication of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic entitled "Assistance rendered by the German Democratic Republic to developing countries and national liberation movements in 1988"

A/44/379-
E/1989/126

Letter dated 6 July 1989 from the head of the delegation of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a joint statement of the delegations of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, the Polish People's Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

A/44/401-
E/1989/129

Letter dated 18 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting information on economic assistance given by the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic to the developing countries and national liberation movements in 1988

A/44/598

Letter dated 2 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the resolutions adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Council at its 145th session, held in London from 4 to 9 September 1989

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A/44/705-
S/20940

Letter dated 2 November 1989 from the Permanent Representatives of Finland and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Finnish-Soviet Declaration signed in Helsinki on 26 October 1989

A/44/706

Letter dated 2 November 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Panama to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General enclosing the text of an open letter addressed to the Latin American Presidents attending the Presidential meeting held at San José on 27 and 28 October 1989

(a) Protection against products harmful to health and the environment

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. G.6 1/

A/44/276-
E/1989/78

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment

(b) World Decade for Cultural Development

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. B 1/

A/44/284-
E/1989/109

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1988-1989

(c) International economic security

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/

A/44/217-
E/1989/56

Report of the Secretary-General on international economic security

(d) World Tourism Organization

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. B 1/

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A/44/273-
E/1989/77

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization on progress made in implementing the Manila Declaration and the Acapulco Document on World Tourism

(e) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. E 1/

A/44/322-
E/1989/114

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

A/44/322/Add.1-
E/1989/114/Add.1

Report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

A/44/322/Add.2-
E/1989/114/Add.2

Report of the Secretary-General on illustrative projects for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

(f) Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. B 1/

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

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the Global Strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

(g) Assistance to the Palestinian people

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. C 1/

A/44/637

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the progress report on assistance to the Palestinian people

(h) Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. F 1/

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- A/44/255-
E/1989/62
- Progress report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory arrangements for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1991-2000
- (i) Human resources development
- A/44/3
- Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. A 1/
- A/44/229-
E/1989/60
- Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development and the activities of the United Nations system in that field
- (j) Israeli economic practices in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories
- A/44/3
- Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. III, sect. D 1/
- A/44/277-
E/1989/82
- Report of the Secretary-General on Israeli trade practices in the occupied Palestinian territories
- A/44/338
E/1989/118
- Note by the Secretary-General on Israeli financial and trade practices in the occupied Syrian Arab Golan
- (k) Patterns of consumption: qualitative aspects of development
- A/44/3
- Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. C.1 1/
- (l) Net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development
- A/44/3
- Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/
- (m) Proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa
- A/44/3
- Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. IV, sect. F 1/
- A/44/812
- Report of the Secretary-General on preparation for the second industrial development decade for Africa (1991-2000)

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(n) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. A 1/

A/C.2/44/L.3

Note by the Secretariat transmitting a draft resolution entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992"

(o) Further measures for the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II, sect. C 1/

(p) International economic co-operation towards common approaches to development

A/44/3

Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. II 1/

5. At the 15th meeting, on 16 October, the Assistant Secretary-General for Development Research and Policy Analysis presented an oral report in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/112 (see A/C.2/44/SR.15).

6. At the same meeting, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs, the Assistant Director-General for Culture and Communications of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization. A statement was also made by the Executive Director of the World Food Council (see A/C.2/44/SR.15).

7. At the 20th meeting, on 25 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/44/SR.20).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/44/L.3

8. By its resolution 1989/121 of 28 July 1989, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992" (see A/C.2/44/L.3).

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9. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Bruce Payton (New Zealand), informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.3.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.3 by consensus (see para. 17, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/44/L.14 and L.39

11. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.14) entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 42/165", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 42/165 of 11 December 1987,

"Noting the report of the Secretary-General on international economic security, 2/

"Emphasizing the role of the United Nations and the interest felt by its States Members in strengthening international co-operation for ensuring sustained development, particularly in the developing countries, and balanced growth in the world economy,

"1. Takes note with appreciation of the work undertaken by the Secretary-General on international economic security;

"2. Recognizes that the discussions that have taken place on the subject have contributed to growing common understanding of economic interdependence and have played a useful role in the continuing efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of United Nations economic activities and strengthen multilateral co-operation in international economic affairs to the benefit of all countries;

"3. Emphasizes that constructive, universal and action-oriented dialogue aimed at revitalizing growth and development, in particular the development of developing countries, is essential if effective and co-ordinated approaches to international economic issues are to be found and international peace is to be strengthened;

"4. Invites relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations and the United Nations system, in accordance with their respective mandates, to consider in their current activities the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

2/ A/44/217-E/1989/56.

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to take the present resolution into account when preparing documentation for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries."

12. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution by replacing the words "on international economic security" by the words "on the subject".

13. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.39) entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on General Assembly resolution 42/165", submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.14.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.39 by consensus (see para. 17, draft resolution II).

15. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America and Japan.

16. In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.39, draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.14 was withdrawn by its sponsor.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

17. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1991-1992

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolutions 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 to the effect that the World Food Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

Recalling also the provisions of paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 42/164 of 11 December 1987 stipulating that, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference, at which Governments and appropriate donor organizations should be invited to pledge contributions for 1991 and 1992, with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly and by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, should be convened not later than 1990,

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Noting that the Programme was reviewed by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme at its twenty-seventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/121 of 28 July 1989, and the recommendation of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes,

Recognizing the value of and continuing need for multilateral food aid as provided by the World Food Programme, both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

1. Establishes for the period 1991-1992 a target for voluntary contributions to the World Food Programme of \$1.5 billion, of which not less than one third should be in cash and/or services, and expresses the hope that those resources will be substantially augmented by additional contributions from other sources in view of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the Programme to operate at a higher level;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and appropriate donor organizations to make every effort to ensure that the target is fully attained;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1990.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Report of the Secretary-General on General Assembly resolution 42/165

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/165 of 11 December 1987, as adopted,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on international economic security, 3/

Emphasizing the role of the United Nations and the interest of its Member States in strengthening international co-operation for ensuring sustained development, particularly in the developing countries, and balanced growth in the world economy,

3/ A/44/217-E/1989/56.

1. Notes with appreciation the work undertaken by the Secretary-General on the subject;
2. Recognizes that the discussions that have taken place on the subject have contributed to a growing common understanding of economic interdependence and have played a useful role in the continuing efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of United Nations economic activities and strengthen multilateral co-operation in international economic affairs to the benefit of all countries, especially developing countries;
3. Emphasizes that a universal, constructive and comprehensive dialogue aimed at revitalizing economic growth and development, in particular the development of developing countries, is essential if effective and co-operative approaches to international economic issues are to be found;
4. Invites the organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, in accordance with their respective mandates, to consider in their current activities the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 1/
5. Requests the Secretary-General to take the present resolution into account when preparing his report for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation, in particular to the revitalization of economic growth and development of the developing countries.
