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CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATESReport of the Second Committee (Part IV)\*Rapporteur: Ms. Martha DUEÑAS de WHIST (Ecuador)

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 82 (see A/44/746, para. 2). Action to be taken on sub-item (c) was considered at the 16th and 30th meetings, on 20 October and 3 November 1989. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/44/SR.16 and 30).

## II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.9

2. At the 16th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.9) entitled "Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States".

3. At the 30th meeting, on 3 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Payton (New Zealand), informed the Committee of the outcome of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

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\* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in twelve parts (see also A/44/746 and Add.1 and 2 and 4 to 11).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.9 by 103 votes to none, with 23 abstentions (see para. 5). 1/

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid the foundations of the new international economic order,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, 2/

Deeply concerned that, since the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, the economic situation of the developing countries has continuously worsened and the economic, social, scientific and technological disparities between the developed and the developing countries have continued to widen,

Emphasizing that the aggravation of global economic problems, which affect in particular the developing countries, necessitates more concerted international action in order to facilitate the establishment of just and equitable economic relations and the promotion of international social justice,

1. Calls upon all States to take concrete steps and measures to implement fully the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, which will contribute to the effective restructuring of the international economic system and to the reactivation of the economic growth and development of the developing countries;

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1/ One delegation subsequently indicated that, had it been present at the time of the voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

2/ A/44/266-E/1989/65 and Add.1 and 2.

2. Reaffirms the right of every country to adopt without external interference the economic and social system that it deems most appropriate for its own development;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session an analytical report on the progress achieved in compliance with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and its impact on the solution of the main economic problems confronting the developing countries and the reactivation of their economic growth and development.

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