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THE PROBLEMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS IN BANGLADESHReport of the Second CommitteeRapporteur: 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 "Short-term, medium-term and long-term solutions to the problems of natural disasters in Bangladesh" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item, together with the question of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction under item 12, and items 88 and 153, at its 19th, 20th and 50th meetings, on 24 and 25 October and 15 December 1989. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/44/SR.19, 20 and 50). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 10th meetings, from 2 to 6 and 9 October (A/C.2/44/SR.2-10).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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

A/44/409 and Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.  
Corr.1 and 2 of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations  
S/20743 and addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final  
Corr.1 and 2 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/44/434 Report of the Secretary-General on short-term, medium-term and  
long-term solutions to the problems of natural disasters in  
Bangladesh

4. At the 19th meeting, on 24 October, introductory statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon, the Director of the Unit for Special Emergency Programmes and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (see A/C.2/44/SR.19).

5. 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

6. At its 50th meeting, on 15 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on short-term, medium-term and long-term solutions to the problems of natural disasters in Bangladesh (A/44/434) (see para. 7 below).

## III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on short-term, medium-term  
and long-term solutions to the problems of natural disasters  
in Bangladesh

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on short-term, medium-term and long-term solutions to the problems of natural disasters in Bangladesh. 1/

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