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

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on item 12 (see A/44/832, para. 3) and, in particular, on the question of the proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa, at its 48th meeting, on 4 December. Action to be taken on the item was further considered at its 25th, 29th, 31st, 34th, 41st, 44th, 46th, 48th, 49th and 51st meetings, on 31 October, 2, 6, 15, 21, 24 and 27 November and 4, 11 and 17 December 1989. An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/44/SR.25, 29, 31, 34, 41, 44, 46, 48, 49 and 51).

2. At the 48th meeting, on 4 December, the representative of the Economic Commission for Africa/United Nations Industrial Development Organization Joint Industry Division made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/44/SR.48).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/44/L.12 and Rev.1

3. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77,

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

introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.12) entitled "Net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 41/202 of 8 December 1986 on strengthened international economic co-operation aimed at resolving the external debt problem of developing countries; 42/198 of 11 December 1987 on furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problem; and 43/198 of 20 December 1988 on external debt crisis and development,

"Recalling also its resolution 43/197 of 20 December 1988 on fulfilment of the target for official development assistance,

"Recalling further its resolution 43/195 of 20 December 1988 on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1988/160 of 27 July 1988 on net transfer of resources from developing countries to developed countries and resolution 1989/112 of 28 July 1989 on net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development,

"Aware that the sharp decline in the flow of resources, severe external indebtedness, deterioration in terms of trade, depressed international commodity prices, intensified protectionism and other trade measures taken by developed countries, separately and collectively, have resulted in a substantial net transfer of resources from developing countries,

"Deeply concerned that such transfer is rapidly increasing and continuously depriving the developing countries of resources needed for sustained economic growth, thus seriously hindering their development and threatening their social and political stability,

"Bearing in mind that, owing to the persistent structural imbalances of the world economy, the developing countries continue to face major problems in the areas of money, finance, resource flows, trade, commodities and external debt,

"Gravely concerned that the net transfer of resources has reached such magnitude that concerted action is urgently required by the international community to halt and reverse the trend,

"Emphasizing that a substantial positive net transfer of resources to developing countries is a requisite for the resumption of their economic growth and sustained development,

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"1. Urges the international community to adopt concrete measures to halt and reverse the net transfer of resources from developing countries;

"2. Invites the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its thirty-seventh session to give in-depth consideration to the net transfer of resources from developing countries;

"3. Invites the Joint Ministerial Committee of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the Transfer of Real Resources to Developing Countries to give in-depth consideration to the net transfer of resources from developing countries;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with executive heads of the competent bodies, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, an analytical and comprehensive report on the impact of the net transfer of resources from developing countries, in all its forms, with a view to halting and reversing the trend, in order to ensure positive net transfer of resources to developing countries commensurate with their requirements of economic growth and sustained development, and to recommend specific measures with such purpose to be adopted within the United Nations system;

"5. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session."

4. At the 51st meeting, on 17 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.12 and drew the attention of the Committee to a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.12/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of A/C.2/44/L.12, entitled "Trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries".

5. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that the following changes were to be incorporated into the revised draft resolution:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "resolving the external debt problem" should read "resolving the external debt problems", and the words "towards a durable solution of the debt problems" were added at the end of the paragraph;

(b) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the word "sustained" was deleted before the words "economic growth";

(c) Operative paragraph 1 (d) was reordered to follow operative paragraph 1 (a), thus becoming operative paragraph 1 (b), and the word "economic" was inserted between the words "national" and "measures";

(d) Operative paragraph 1 (b) would become 1 (c);

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(e) Operative paragraph 1 (c) would become 1 (d) and the words "ensure an adequate level of their resources" were replaced by the words "ensure that these institutions have an adequate level of resources".

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.12/Rev.1, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 113 to 1 1/ (see para. 47, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: United States of America.

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Malaysia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) and Canada.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.13

8. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of the German Democratic Republic introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.13) entitled "Human resources development", which read as follows:

1/ The delegations of Ethiopia and Oman subsequently indicated that, had they been present during the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

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"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the part of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1989 that concerns the development of human resources, 2/

"Reaffirming the crucial role of human resources for economic and social progress and development,

"Taking into account the importance of the issue of human resources development in light of the preparation 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, and of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade,

"Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/120 of 28 July 1989, entitled 'Development of human resources'."

9. At the 49th meeting, on 11 December, the representative of the German Democratic Republic withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.13 in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.78 under agenda item 82 (see A/44/746/Add.11, para. 17).

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/44/L.22 and L.34

10. At the 29th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Guatemala, Haiti, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Uganda, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.22) entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)". Subsequently, the German Democratic Republic, Iceland, Ireland, Poland, Suriname, Turkey, Vanuatu, Zaire and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 43/15 of 27 October 1988, Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/108 of 27 July 1989, World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 42.20, WHA 42.33, and WHA 42.34 of 19 May 1989, other relevant resolutions, the London Declaration on AIDS Prevention, 3/ and the discussions of the Fifth International Conference on AIDS, held in Montreal from 4 to 9 June 1989,

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/44/3/Rev.1), chap. VI, sect. A.3.

3/ A/43/341-E/1988/80, annex, appendix I.

"Acknowledging the established leadership of the World Health Organization in directing and co-ordinating AIDS education, prevention, control and research,

"Noting with appreciation the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as national Governments and non-governmental organizations,

"Welcoming, in particular, the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS, and noting that the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS is facilitating the implementation at the country level of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS,

"Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly, World Health Assembly and Economic and Social Council concerning the need to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV/AIDS), their families and those with whom they live,

"Reaffirming that the struggle against AIDS should be consistent with and divert neither attention nor resources from other national public health priorities and development goals and should not divert international efforts and resources needed for overall health priorities,

"Aware that AIDS can have serious social and economic consequences, particularly in countries with a high incidence of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus and limited public health services and other developmental resources,

"Recognizing that, depending upon individual and social circumstances, women and children may be at a higher risk of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus and may otherwise suffer deprivation as a consequence of the indirect impact of AIDS on their families and communities,

"Emphasizing the crucial importance of a supportive socio-economic environment to ensure the effective implementation of national AIDS prevention programmes and the humane care of affected persons,

"Recognizing the need for all sectors of society to contribute actively to the local, national and international efforts for HIV/AIDS prevention and control,

"Noting that scientific research is making progress in developing improved diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive technologies and pharmaceuticals, and stressing the importance of making these technologies and pharmaceuticals available as soon as possible and at an affordable cost,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the Global Strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and the supplementary report on AIDS-related activities being carried out by the organizations of the United Nations system; 4/

"2. Notes with appreciation and welcomes the arrangements made by the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to ensure a co-ordinated response by the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/108 and General Assembly resolution 43/15;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the potentially serious implications of the AIDS pandemic for socio-economic development in some developing countries, to intensify his efforts, in collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, all other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS, to mobilize the technical and other relevant resources of the United Nations system, through co-ordinated research and programmes, to deal with this aspect of the problem;

"4. Urges Member States to increase their efforts in combating AIDS and to encourage, support and facilitate national efforts to prevent the further spread of AIDS;

"5. Calls upon international, national and research institutions and organizations to co-ordinate their activities so as to provide input to and be supportive of the policy of national AIDS committees and the World Health Organization's Global AIDS Strategy in a manner appropriate to local conditions and requirements;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with the other organizations of the United Nations system and without prejudice to ongoing priorities and programmes, to continue to develop and advance the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, and specifically:

"(a) To promote the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the global AIDS strategy through support of national efforts;

"(b) To collaborate, as appropriate, with the United Nations Office at Vienna, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations bodies, Governments and non-governmental organizations in their efforts to develop:

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

"(i) Policies, programmes and research proposals to address the impact of AIDS, including issues affecting women, and to promote their vital role in preventing and controlling the pandemic;

"(ii) Policies and programmes to alleviate the impact on children of AIDS in all its aspects;

"(iii) Policies and programmes to combat the illicit traffic and abuse of drugs with a view to contributing to a reduction in the spread of HIV infection;

"(c) To promote access of all peoples to appropriate preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic technologies and pharmaceuticals, and to help make these technologies and pharmaceuticals available at an affordable cost;

"(d) To promote the active participation of public and private sector enterprises, including through financial contributions, in HIV/AIDS prevention and control efforts at the local, national and international levels;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution."

11. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. David Bruce Payton (New Zealand), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.34), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.22.

12. At the same meeting, the representative of Kenya proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, by which the words "including at the regional and country levels" would be inserted before the words "through co-ordinated research and programmes".

13. Following a statement by the Vice-Chairman, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.34 to a later meeting.

14. At the 41st meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman read out the following revisions to draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.34, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In operative paragraph 3, the words "at all levels, including at the regional and country levels," were inserted before the words "through co-ordinated research and programmes";

(b) In operative paragraph 5, the words "awareness of" were replaced by the words "awareness about", and the word "misconception" was changed to read "misconceptions".

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.34, as orally revised, by consensus (see para. 47, draft resolution II).

16. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.34, draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

D. Draft resolutions A/C.2/44/L.23 and Rev.1

17. At the 29th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Morocco introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.23) entitled "Patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 40/179 of 17 December 1985, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/6 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/4 of 22 May 1989 and the reports of the Statistical Commission on the work of its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions, in particular the sections on development indicators, 5/

"Reiterating that the subject of patterns of consumption and related socio-economic indicators is of considerable importance and high priority for developing countries,

"Reaffirming that in order for the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade to be successful, there must be a range of indicators relating to economic and social progress, the application of concerted objectives and early-warning systems, with due regard for the economic, technological, social and environmental aspects of development,

"1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4 and requests the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to pursue actively their co-operation in collaboration with the other relevant organizations in the United Nations system, with a view to achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 below;

"2. Recognizes that the identification of indicative patterns of consumption and the development of qualitative indicators of development would be extremely useful in the evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of the international development strategy and would make a substantial contribution to the work of a United Nations conference on the environment and development;

5/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 6 (E/1987/19), paras. 133-140, and ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 3 (E/1989/21), paras. 128-141.

"3. Invites interested donor countries, the relevant international organizations and other bodies and institutions wishing to participate in the research work on patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development to make voluntary contributions for that purpose to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development with a view to the holding in good time of the preparatory meeting and the international conference of high-level experts for the purpose of examining methodological questions and the conceptual aspects of the qualitative indicators of development referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to submit a preliminary progress report on the implementation of the present resolution and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4 for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session."

18. At the 41st meeting, on 21 November, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.23/Rev.1), submitted by the representative of Malaysia on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

19. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on the revised draft resolution.

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.23/Rev.1 by consensus (see para. 47, draft resolution III).

21. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Malaysia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) made a statement.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.25

22. At the 29th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of Algeria, Bahrain, Cuba, Egypt, Mauritania and Pakistan, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.25) entitled "Assistance to the Palestinian people", and orally revised operative paragraph 1 by adding the words "report annexed to the" before the words "note by the Secretary-General". Subsequently, Mali joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

23. At the 41st meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that, during informal consultations held on the draft resolution, it had been agreed to further revise operative paragraph 1 by deleting the words "with appreciation" after the words "Takes note" and by deleting, at the end of the paragraph, the words "containing, inter alia, project proposals identified by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)".

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.25, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 132 to 2, with 2 abstentions ^{6/} (see para. 47, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Antigua and Barbuda, Canada.

25. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and the Syrian Arab Republic; after it was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Norway, Austria, Finland, Australia, Sweden, Canada and Japan.

^{6/} The delegation of Afghanistan subsequently indicated that, had it been present during the voting, it would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

F. Draft resolutions A/C.2/44/L.31 and Rev.1 and 2

26. At the 31st meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Malaysia, on behalf of Belgium, Greece, Italy, Japan, Poland, Malaysia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) and Turkey, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.31) entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction". Subsequently, Bulgaria, Hungary and Iceland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987, by which it decided to designate the 1990s as a decade in which the international community, under the auspices of the United Nations, would pay special attention to fostering international co-operation in the field of natural disaster reduction,

"Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of its resolutions 42/169 and 43/202 of 20 December 1988, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/99, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly take action to develop an appropriate framework for attaining the objective and goals of the Decade,

"Considering that natural disasters have adversely affected the lives of a great number of people and caused considerable damage to infrastructure and property world wide, especially in developing countries,

"Considering further that the international community as a whole has now improved its capacity to confront this problem, and that fatalism about natural disasters is no longer justified,

"Recognizing the necessity for the international community to demonstrate the strong political determination required to mobilize and use existing scientific and technical knowledge to mitigate natural disasters, bearing in mind in particular the needs of developing countries,

"Recognizing further the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international co-operation in order to mitigate natural disasters, provide assistance and co-ordinate disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

"Bearing in mind the crucial role of professional and other non-governmental organizations, particularly scientific and technological societies, humanitarian groups and investment institutions, whose participation in the implementation of specific programmes planned for the Decade is highly required,

"Bearing in mind further the need for the United Nations system to pay special attention to the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries in that regard,

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"Taking note, with appreciation, of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 7/

"Expressing its appreciation for the work done by the International Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which submitted its report to the Secretary-General in June 1989, 8/

"Bearing in mind the common position on natural disasters of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade in September 1989, 9/

"1. Proclaims the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990;

"2. Decides to designate 1 October International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, and to observe that Day annually during the Decade in a manner befitting the objective and goals of the Decade;

"3. Adopts the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction contained in the annex to the present resolution;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution, including the organizational arrangements made for the Decade;

"5. Also requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments, intergovernmental organizations, appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and competent scientific institutions in the field of disaster mitigation;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled 'International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction'.

7/ A/44/322-E/1989/114.

8/ A/44/322-E/1989/114/Add.1, annex.

9/ See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

"ANNEX

"International Framework of Action for the International
Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

"A. OBJECTIVE AND GOALS

"1. The objective of the Decade is to reduce through concerted international action, especially in developing countries, the loss of life, property damage, and social and economic disruption caused by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, windstorms, tsunamis, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, wildfires, grasshopper and locust infestations, drought and desertification and other calamities of natural origin.

"2. The goals of the Decade are:

"(a) To improve the capacity of each country to mitigate the effects of natural disasters expeditiously and effectively, paying special attention to assisting developing countries in the establishment of early warning systems and disaster-resistant structures when and where needed;

"(b) To devise appropriate guidelines and strategies for applying existing scientific and technical knowledge, taking into account the cultural and economic diversity among nations;

"(c) To foster scientific and engineering endeavours aimed at closing critical gaps in knowledge in order to reduce loss of life and property;

"(d) To disseminate existing and new technical information related to measures for the assessment, prediction and mitigation of natural disasters;

"(e) To develop measures for the assessment, prediction, prevention and mitigation of natural disasters through programmes of technical assistance and technology transfer, demonstration projects, and education and training, tailored to specific disasters and locations, and to evaluate the effectiveness of those programmes.

"B. POLICY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

"3. All Governments are called upon to:

"(a) Formulate national disaster-mitigation programmes; and particularly in developing countries, to fully integrate them into their national development programmes;

"(b) Participate during the Decade in concerted international action for the reduction of natural disasters and, as appropriate, establish national

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committees in co-operation with the relevant scientific and technological communities with a view to attaining the objective and goals of the Decade;

"(c) Encourage their local administrations to take appropriate steps to contribute to achieving the purposes of the Decade;

"(d) Keep the Secretary-General informed of the plans of their countries and of assistance that can be provided so that the United Nations may become an international centre for the exchange of information and the co-ordination of international efforts concerning activities in support of the objective and goals of the Decade, thus enabling each State to benefit from the experience of other countries;

"(e) Take measures, as appropriate, to increase public awareness of the significance of preparedness, prevention, relief and recovery activities with respect to natural disasters and enhance community preparedness through education, training and other means;

"(f) Pay due attention to the impact of natural disasters on health care, particularly to activities to mitigate the vulnerability of hospitals and health centres, as well as the impact on food storage facilities, human shelter and other social and economic infrastructure.

"4. Scientific and technological institutions, financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, and industrial enterprises, foundations and other related non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support and participate fully in the programmes and activities of the Decade prepared and implemented by the international community, including Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

"C. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

"5. The organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system are urged to accord priority, as appropriate and in a concerted manner, to natural disaster preparedness, prevention, relief and recovery in their operational activities.

"6. The Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, in close association with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as national information authorities, is requested to formulate and implement during the Decade public information programmes aimed at raising awareness of disaster prevention among the general public.

"7. The United Nations resident co-ordinators and the field representatives of the United Nations system are requested to work closely and in a co-ordinated manner with Governments to achieve the objective and goals of the Decade.

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"8. The regional commissions of the United Nations are urged to play an active role in implementing the activities of the Decade, considering that natural disasters often transcend national boundaries.

"9. The Secretary-General is requested to designate the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation as a focal point to secure co-ordination of the programmes and activities of the United Nations system referred to above.

"10. The Secretary-General is requested to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the activities of the Decade.

"D. ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE DECADE

"1. Special Advisory Council

"11. The Secretary-General is requested to establish, with due regard to equitable geographical representation, a Special Advisory Council, consisting of a limited number of internationally eminent persons, in order to provide him with overall advice with respect to the Decade, to take appropriate action to promote public awareness and to mobilize the necessary support from the public and private sectors.

"2. Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

"12. The Secretary-General is requested to establish, with due regard to equitable geographical representation and covering the diversity of disaster-mitigation issues, a Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, consisting of 20 to 25 scientific and technical experts selected in consultation with their Governments on the basis of their personnel capacities and qualifications and including experts from the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

"13. The role of the Committee is to develop overall programmes to be taken into account in bilateral and multilateral co-operation for the Decade, paying attention to priorities and gaps in technical knowledge identified at the national level, in particular by national committees; to assess and evaluate the activities carried out in the course of the Decade; and to make recommendations on the overall programmes in an annual report to the Secretary-General.

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"3. Secretariat

"14. The Secretary-General is requested to establish a small secretariat, as follows:

"(a) The secretariat shall be established at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, with its members drawn from staff seconded from relevant United Nations organizations and, as appropriate, from governmental and non-governmental organizations, which shall bear the costs involved;

"(b) The secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day co-ordination of Decade activities and shall provide substantive and secretarial support to the Special Advisory Council and the Committee, as well as for other related activities.

"E. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

"15. It is recommended that extrabudgetary resources be provided for implementation of the Decade and, therefore, that voluntary contributions from Governments, international organizations and other sources, including the private sector, be strongly encouraged. To this end, a trust fund shall be established by the Secretary-General, who will be entrusted with its administration.

"F. REVIEW

"16. The Economic and Social Council will carry out a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action during its second regular session of 1994 and report its findings to the General Assembly."

27. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.37) was submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

28. At the same meeting, the representative of Japan made a statement.

29. A revised draft resolution, submitted by the sponsors of A/C.2/44/L.31, now joined by Albania, Austria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, China, Czechoslovakia, France, the German Democratic Republic, Ireland, Spain, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, was subsequently circulated under the symbol A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.1 and read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987, by which it decided to designate the 1990s as a decade in which the international community, under

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the auspices of the United Nations, would pay special attention to fostering international co-operation in the field of natural disaster reduction,

"Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of its resolutions 42/169 and 43/202 of 20 December 1988, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/99, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly take action to develop an appropriate framework for attaining the objective and goals of the Decade,

"Considering that natural disasters have adversely affected the lives of a great number of people and caused considerable damage to infrastructure and property world wide, especially in developing countries,

"Recognizing the importance of environmental protection for the prevention and mitigation of natural disasters,

"Considering further that the international community as a whole has now improved its capacity to confront this problem, and that fatalism about natural disasters is no longer justified,

"Recognizing the necessity for the international community to demonstrate the strong political determination required to mobilize and use existing scientific and technical knowledge to mitigate natural disasters, bearing in mind in particular the needs of developing countries,

"Recognizing further the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international co-operation in order to mitigate natural disasters, provide assistance and co-ordinate disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

"Recalling the specific responsibilities and functions in the field of disaster prevention and preparedness entrusted to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator as set out in its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

"Bearing in mind the crucial role of professional and other non-governmental organizations, particularly scientific and technological societies, humanitarian groups and investment institutions, whose participation in the implementation of specific programmes planned for the Decade is highly required,

"Bearing in mind further the need for the United Nations system to pay special attention to the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries in that regard,

"Taking note, with appreciation, of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 10/

"Emphasizing that appropriate emergency planning for natural disasters and its integration in national development plans could also be very helpful in preventing, as a consequence, other kinds of disasters, such as those of an industrial or technological nature,

"Expressing its appreciation for the work done by the International Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which submitted its report to the Secretary-General in June 1989, 11/

"Bearing in mind the common position on natural disasters of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade in September 1989, 12/

"1. Proclaims the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990;

"2. Decides to designate 1 October International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, and to observe that Day annually during the Decade in a manner befitting the objective and goals of the Decade;

"3. Adopts the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction contained in the annex to the present resolution;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit, to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution, including the organizational arrangements made for the Decade, and on the status of existing international protocols and conventions for mutual assistance in case of disasters;

"5. Also requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments, intergovernmental organizations, appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and competent scientific institutions in the field of disaster mitigation;

"6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled 'International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction'.

11/ A/44/322-E/1989/114/Add.1, annex.

12/ See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

"ANNEX

"International Framework of Action for the International
Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

"A. OBJECTIVE AND GOALS

"1. The objective of the Decade is to reduce through concerted international action, especially in developing countries, the loss of life, property damage, and social and economic disruption caused by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, windstorms, tsunamis, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, wildfires, grasshopper and locust infestations, drought and desertification and other calamities of natural origin.

"2. The goals of the Decade are:

"(a) To improve the capacity of each country to mitigate the effects of natural disasters expeditiously and effectively, paying special attention to assisting developing countries in the assessment of disaster damage potential and in the establishment of early warning systems and disaster-resistant structures when and where needed;

"(b) To devise appropriate guidelines and strategies for applying existing scientific and technical knowledge, taking into account the cultural and economic diversity among nations;

"(c) To foster scientific and engineering endeavours aimed at closing critical gaps in knowledge in order to reduce loss of life and property;

"(d) To disseminate existing and new technical information related to measures for the assessment, prediction and mitigation of natural disasters;

"(e) To develop measures for the assessment, prediction, prevention and mitigation of natural disasters through programmes of technical assistance and technology transfer, demonstration projects, and education and training, tailored to specific disasters and locations, and to evaluate the effectiveness of those programmes.

"B. POLICY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

"3. All Governments are called upon to:

"(a) Formulate national disaster-mitigation programmes, as well as economic, land use and insurance policies for disaster prevention; and particularly in developing countries, to fully integrate them into their national development programmes;

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"(b) Participate during the Decade in concerted international action for the reduction of natural disasters and, as appropriate, establish national committees in co-operation with the relevant scientific and technological communities and other concerned sectors with a view to attaining the objective and goals of the Decade;

"(c) Encourage their local administrations to take appropriate steps to mobilize the necessary support from the public and private sectors and to contribute to achieving the purposes of the Decade;

"(d) Keep the Secretary-General informed of the plans of their countries and of assistance that can be provided so that the United Nations may become an international centre for the exchange of information and the co-ordination of international efforts concerning activities in support of the objective and goals of the Decade, thus enabling each State to benefit from the experience of other countries;

"(e) Take measures, as appropriate, to increase public awareness of damage risk probabilities and of the significance of preparedness, prevention, relief and recovery activities with respect to natural disasters and to enhance community preparedness through education, training and other means, taking into account the specific role of the news media;

"(f) Pay due attention to the impact of natural disasters on health care, particularly to activities to mitigate the vulnerability of hospitals and health centres, as well as the impact on food storage facilities, human shelter and other social and economic infrastructure;

"(g) Improve the early international availability of appropriate emergency supplies through the storage or earmarking of such supplies in disaster-prone areas.

"4. Scientific and technological institutions, financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, and industrial enterprises, foundations and other related non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support and participate fully in the programmes and activities of the Decade prepared and implemented by the international community, including Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

"C. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

"5. The organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system are urged to accord priority, as appropriate and in a concerted manner, to natural disaster preparedness, prevention, relief and recovery including economic damage risk assessment in their operational activities. The Secretary-General is requested, in this regard, to ensure that adequate means are made available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator so that it may diligently discharge its specific role and responsibilities in the field of disaster mitigation and response in conformity with its mandate, as contained in General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971.

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"6. The Secretary-General, through the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, and in close association with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as national information authorities, is requested to assist in the formulation and implementation during the Decade of public information programmes aimed at raising awareness of disaster prevention among the general public.

"7. The United Nations resident co-ordinators and the field representatives of the United Nations system are requested to work closely and in a co-ordinated manner with Governments to achieve the objective and goals of the Decade.

"8. The regional commissions of the United Nations are urged to play an active role in implementing the activities of the Decade, considering that natural disasters often transcend national boundaries.

"9. The Secretary-General is requested to designate the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation as a focal point to secure co-ordination of the programmes and activities of the United Nations system referred to above.

"10. The Secretary-General is requested to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the activities of the Decade.

"D. ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE DECADE

"1. Special Advisory Council

"11. The Secretary-General is requested to establish, with due regard to equitable geographical representation, a Special Advisory Council, consisting of a limited number of internationally eminent persons, in order to provide him with overall advice with respect to the Decade, to take appropriate action to promote public awareness and to mobilize the necessary support from the public and private sectors.

"2. Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

"12. The Secretary-General is requested to establish, with due regard to equitable geographical representation and covering the diversity of disaster-mitigation issues, a Scientific and Technical Committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, consisting of 20 to 25 scientific and technical experts selected in consultation with their Governments on the basis of their personnel capacities and qualifications and including experts from the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

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"13. The role of the Committee is to develop overall programmes to be taken into account in bilateral and multilateral co-operation for the Decade, paying attention to priorities and gaps in technical knowledge identified at the national level, in particular by national committees; to assess and evaluate the activities carried out in the course of the Decade; and to make recommendations on the overall programmes in an annual report to the Secretary-General.

"3. Secretariat

"14. The Secretary-General is requested to establish a small secretariat, as follows:

"(a) The secretariat shall be established at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in close association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, with its members drawn from staff seconded from relevant United Nations organizations and, as appropriate, from governmental and non-governmental organizations, which shall bear the costs involved;

"(b) The secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day co-ordination of Decade activities and shall provide substantive and secretarial support to the Special Advisory Council and the Committee, as well as for other related activities.

"E. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

"15. It is recommended that extrabudgetary resources be provided for implementation of the Decade and, therefore, that voluntary contributions from Governments, international organizations and other sources, including the private sector, be strongly encouraged. To this end, a trust fund shall be established by the Secretary-General, who will be entrusted with its administration.

"F. REVIEW

"16. The Economic and Social Council will carry out a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action during its second regular session of 1994 and report its findings to the General Assembly."

30. At the 49th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a further revision of the draft resolution (A/C.12/44/L.31/Rev.2), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.1, now joined by Canada, Finland, New Zealand and Norway. Subsequently, Luxembourg, Portugal and the United States of America also joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

31. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.2 (A/C.2/44/L.37/Rev.1) was submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

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32. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Badam Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), informed the Committee that, during informal consultations held on the revised draft resolution, it had been agreed to further revise operative paragraph 2 by replacing the word "first" by the word "second" before the word "Wednesday" and by adding the words "during the Decade" after the words "observed annually".

33. The Secretary of the Committee orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.2 accordingly.

34. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.31/Rev.2, as orally revised, by consensus (see para. 47, draft resolution V).

35. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States of America made a statement; after it was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany, Malaysia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Japan and Morocco.

G. Draft resolutions A/C.2/44/L.46 and L.74

36. At the 44th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.46) entitled "Second industrial development decade for Africa", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 35/66 B of 5 December 1980 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/70 of 8 July 1987 in which the Council recommended that, after appropriate evaluation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, the proclamation of a second decade should be considered in order to expedite the process of Africa's industrialization,

"Recalling also resolution AHG/Res.180 (XXV) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity 13/ on the proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa and on an African industrialization day,

"Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/115 of 28 July 1989 on the proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa,

13/ See A/44/603, annex III.

"Welcoming Industrial Development Board decision IDB.5/Dec.7 of 6 July 1989 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, in which the Board recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization request the General Assembly to proclaim a second industrial development decade for Africa,

"1. Proclaims the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;

"2. Further proclaims 20 November as Africa Industrialization Day, for the purpose of mobilizing the commitment of the international community to the industrialization of Africa;

"3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the relevant subregional and regional economic groupings in Africa and the United Nations bodies concerned, to undertake the necessary preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on those preparations to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session."

37. At the 49th meeting, on 11 December, the Vice-Chairman introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.74), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.46.

38. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.77), was submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

39. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.74 without a vote (see para. 47, draft resolution VI).

40. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.74, draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.46 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

41. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Liberia (on behalf of the African States) and France (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community).

H. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.59

42. At the 46th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Ecuador introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.59) entitled "World Decade for Cultural Development".

43. At the 48th meeting, on 4 December, the Vice-Chairman read out the following revisions, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

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(a) In operative paragraph 8, the words "global review proposed in paragraph 92 of the relevant report" were replaced by the words "global review for the purpose of evaluation, as recommended in paragraph 92 of the report", and the words "with a statement of the financial implications" before the words "to the General Assembly" were deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 9, the words "to convene a mid-Decade Conference in 1993" were replaced by the words "for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the Decade in 1993".

44. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.59, as orally revised, by consensus (see para. 47, draft resolution VII).

I. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

45. At its 51st meeting, on 17 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it should take note of the documents under the item on which no draft proposals had been submitted (see para. 48, draft decision I).

J. Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1990-1991

46. At the 53rd meeting, on 20 December, the Secretary of the Committee introduced the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1990-1991 (A/C.2/44/L.82) and orally revised it. After statements by the representatives of Mexico and Canada, the Committee decided to amend the title of item 2 (a) for 1990 to read "International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000)", and it approved the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1990-1991 (A/C.2/44/L.82), as orally revised and amended, and decided to recommend it to the General Assembly for adoption (see para. 48, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

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DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/202 of 8 December 1986 on strengthened international economic co-operation aimed at resolving the external debt problems of developing countries, 42/198 of 11 December 1987 on furthering international co-operation regarding the external debt problem and 43/198 of 20 December 1988 on external debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution of the debt problems,

Recalling also its resolution 43/197 of 20 December 1988 on fulfilment of the target for official development assistance,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1988/160 of 27 July 1988 on the net transfer of resources from developing to developed countries and resolution 1989/112 of 28 July 1989 on the net transfer of resources from developing countries and its impact on their economic growth and development,

Aware that the pronounced decline in the flow of resources, severe external indebtedness, deterioration in terms of trade, long-term downward trend of commodity prices, continued protectionism and other trade measures, resulted in a net transfer of resources from developing countries,

Deeply concerned that such a phenomenon is still contributing to depriving the developing countries affected of resources needed for economic growth and sustained development and may threaten their social and political stability,

Bearing in mind that, owing to the persistent structural imbalances of the world economy, the developing countries continue to face major problems in the areas of money, finance, resource flows, trade, commodities and external debt,

Gravely concerned that the trend in the net flow of resources indicates the urgent need for all countries to act in a concerted way to address this problem in order to ensure the reactivation of economic growth and sustained development of the developing countries,

1. Urges the international community to adopt concrete measures in order to ensure adequate resources for the reactivation of economic growth and sustained development in developing countries, taking into account the following recommendations:

(a) The Governments of developed countries should promote an adequate flow of resources to developing countries, and donor countries should bring up the official development assistance rate as quickly as possible to internationally agreed targets;

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(b) Where appropriate, national economic measures should be taken that are conducive to capital formation in developing countries experiencing insufficiency of savings and flow of external resources;

(c) In order to overcome the longstanding external indebtedness of developing countries, there should be, inter alia, and as appropriate, a significant reduction in the stock of debt and debt service that is sufficiently large to contribute to the attainment of the objective of the resumption of vigorous growth and sustained development in indebted developing countries;

(d) The Governments of countries members of multilateral financial institutions should ensure that these institutions have an adequate level of resources for a full discharge of their mandate in order to contribute to meeting the needs and requirements of the economic and social programmes of developing countries in the context of an approach consistent with the socio-economic objectives, growth and development priorities of those countries;

(e) Intensified efforts should be made by industrial countries to continue structural adjustment, maintain the vigour of their expansion while reducing and/or containing inflation, and work towards a mix of fiscal and monetary policies that would allow interest rates to come down, and hence induce a more favourable international economic climate;

(f) All Governments should work towards a more open international trading system that improves access especially for the export products of developing countries, particularly in the context of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations;

2. Recommends that the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its thirty-seventh session should give in-depth consideration to the transfer of resources to and from developing countries;

3. Invites the Joint Ministerial Committee of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the Transfer of Real Resources to Developing Countries to continue its work and to give in-depth consideration to the transfer of resources to and from developing countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraph 1 of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency
syndrome (AIDS)

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/15 of 27 October 1988, Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/108 of 27 July 1989, World Health Assembly resolutions WHA 42.20, WHA 42.33 and WHA 42.34 of 19 May 1989, other relevant resolutions, the London Declaration on AIDS Prevention 14/ and the discussions of the Fifth International Conference on AIDS, held at Montreal, Canada, from 4 to 9 June 1989,

Acknowledging the established leadership of the World Health Organization in directing and co-ordinating AIDS education, prevention, control and research,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as national Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the public and private sector, in combating the spread of AIDS,

Welcoming, in particular, the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS, and noting that the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS is facilitating the implementation at the country level of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS,

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly, the World Health Assembly and the Economic and Social Council concerning the need to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), their families and those with whom they live,

Reaffirming that the struggle against AIDS should be consistent with and divert neither attention nor resources from other national public health priorities and development goals and should not divert international efforts and resources needed for overall health priorities,

Aware that AIDS can have serious social and economic consequences, particularly in countries with a high incidence of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and limited public health services and other developmental resources,

Recognizing that, depending upon individual and social circumstances, women and children may be at a higher risk of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) than previously recognized and may otherwise suffer deprivation as a consequence of the indirect impact of AIDS on their families and communities,

14/ A/43/341-E/1988/80, annex, appendix I.

Emphasizing the crucial importance of a supportive socio-economic environment to ensure the effective implementation of national AIDS prevention programmes and the humane care of affected persons,

Recognizing the need for all sectors of society to contribute actively to the local, national and international efforts for HIV/AIDS prevention and control,

Noting that scientific research is making progress in developing improved diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive technologies and pharmaceuticals, and stressing the importance of making these technologies and pharmaceuticals available as soon as possible and at an affordable cost,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS and the supplementary report on AIDS-related activities being carried out by the organizations of the United Nations system; 15/

2. Notes with appreciation and welcomes the arrangements made by the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, to ensure a co-ordinated response by the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/108 and General Assembly resolution 43/15;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the potentially serious implications of the AIDS pandemic for socio-economic development in some developing countries, to intensify his efforts, in collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization, all other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, and the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS, to mobilize the technical and other relevant resources of the United Nations system, at all levels, including at the regional and country levels, through co-ordinated research and programmes, to deal with this aspect of the problem;

4. Urges Member States to increase their efforts in combating AIDS and to encourage, support and facilitate national efforts to prevent the further spread of AIDS;

5. Calls upon Governments, the World Health Organization, all other relevant United Nations organizations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, to promote greater awareness about the transmission of the pandemic in order to avoid misconceptions as much as possible, and to increase the understanding of the general public towards people affected by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV);

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

6. Also calls upon international, national and research institutions and organizations to co-ordinate their activities so as to provide input to and be supportive of the policy of national AIDS committees and the global AIDS strategy of the World Health Organization in a manner appropriate to local conditions and requirements;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization, in close collaboration with the other organizations of the United Nations system and without prejudice to ongoing priorities and programmes, to continue to develop and advance the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS, and specifically:

(a) To promote the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the global AIDS strategy through support of national efforts;

(b) To collaborate, as appropriate, with the United Nations Office at Vienna, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations bodies, Governments and non-governmental organizations in their efforts to develop:

(i) Policies, programmes and research proposals to address the impact of AIDS, including issues affecting women, and to promote their vital role in preventing and controlling the pandemic;

(ii) Policies and programmes to alleviate the impact of AIDS, in all its aspects, on children;

(iii) Policies and programmes to combat the illicit traffic and abuse of drugs with a view to contributing to a reduction in the spread of HIV infection;

(c) To promote access of all peoples to appropriate preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic technologies and pharmaceuticals, and to help make these technologies and pharmaceuticals available at an affordable cost;

(d) To promote the active participation of public and private sector enterprises, including through financial contributions, in HIV/AIDS prevention and control efforts at the local, national and international levels;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the Director-General of the World Health Organization to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators
of development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 40/179 of 17 December 1985, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/6 of 26 May 1987 and 1989/4 of 22 May 1989 and the reports of the Statistical Commission on the work of its twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions, in particular the sections on development indicators, 16/

Reiterating that the subject of patterns of consumption and related socio-economic indicators is of considerable importance and high priority for developing countries,

Reaffirming that, in order for the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade to be successful, there must be a range of indicators relating to economic and social progress, the application of concerted objectives and early-warning systems, with due regard for the economic, technological, social and environmental aspects of development,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4, and requests the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to pursue actively their co-operation in collaboration with the other relevant organizations in the United Nations system, with a view to achieving the objectives set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Council resolution 1989/4;
2. Recognizes that the identification of indicative patterns of consumption and the development of qualitative indicators of development would be extremely useful in the evaluation of the progress achieved in the implementation of the international development strategy and would make a substantial contribution to the work of a United Nations conference on the environment and development;
3. Invites interested donor countries, the relevant international organizations and other bodies and institutions wishing to participate in the research work on patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development to make voluntary contributions for that purpose to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development with a view to the holding in good time of the preparatory meeting and the international conference of high-level experts referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4;

16/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 6 (E/1987/19), paras. 133-140 and *ibid.*, 1989, Supplement No. 3 (E/1989/21), paras. 128-141.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to invite the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development to submit a preliminary progress report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/4.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/178 of 20 December 1988,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989,

Taking into account the intifadah of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory against the Israeli occupation, including its economic and social policies and practices,

Rejecting Israeli restrictions on external economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory,

Aware of the increasing need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

Affirming that the Palestinian people cannot develop their national economy as long as the Israeli occupation persists,

1. Takes note of the report annexed to the note by the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people; 17/

2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to the Palestinian people;

3. Requests the international community, the organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to sustain and increase their assistance to the Palestinian people, in close co-operation with the Palestine Liberation Organization;

4. Calls for the treatment on a transit basis of Palestinian exports and imports passing through neighbouring ports and points of exit and entry;

5. Also calls for the granting of trade concessions and concrete preferential measures for Palestinian exports on the basis of Palestinian certificates of origin;

6. Further calls for the immediate lifting of Israeli restrictions and obstacles hindering the implementation of assistance projects by the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and others providing economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory;

7. Reiterates its call for the implementation of development projects in the occupied Palestinian territory, including the projects mentioned in General Assembly resolution 39/223 of 18 December 1984;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987, in which it decided to designate the 1990s as a decade in which the international community, under the auspices of the United Nations, would pay special attention to fostering international co-operation in the field of natural disaster reduction,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of its resolutions 42/169 and 43/202 of 20 December 1988, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/99, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly take action to develop an appropriate framework for attaining the objective and goals of the Decade,

Considering that natural disasters have adversely affected the lives of a great number of people and caused considerable damage to infrastructure and property world wide, especially in developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of environmental protection for the prevention and mitigation of natural disasters,

Considering further that the international community as a whole has now improved its capacity to confront this problem, and that fatalism about natural disasters is no longer justified,

Recognizing the necessity for the international community to demonstrate the strong political determination required to mobilize and use existing scientific and technical knowledge to mitigate natural disasters, bearing in mind in particular the needs of developing countries,

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Recognizing further the important responsibility of the United Nations system as a whole for promoting international co-operation in order to mitigate natural disasters, provide assistance and co-ordinate disaster relief, preparedness and prevention,

Recalling the specific responsibilities and functions in the field of disaster prevention and preparedness entrusted to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as set out in its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Bearing in mind the crucial role of professional and other non-governmental organizations, particularly scientific and technological societies, humanitarian groups and investment institutions, whose participation in the implementation of specific programmes planned for the Decade is highly desirable,

Also bearing in mind the need for the United Nations system to pay special attention to the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries in that regard,

Emphasizing that appropriate emergency planning for natural disasters and its integration in national development plans could also be very helpful in preventing, as a consequence, other kinds of disasters, such as those of an industrial or technological nature,

Taking note, with appreciation, of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 18/

Expressing its appreciation for the work done by the International Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, which submitted its report to the Secretary-General in June 1989, 19/

Bearing in mind the common position on natural disasters of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade in September 1989, 20/

1. Proclaims the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, beginning on 1 January 1990;

2. Decides to designate the second Wednesday of October as an International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, to be observed annually during the Decade by the international community in a manner befitting the objective and goals of the Decade;

18/ A/44/322-E/1989/114.

19/ Ibid., annex I.

20/ See A/44/551-S/20870, annex.

3. Adopts the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction contained in the annex to the present resolution;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution, including the organizational arrangements made for the Decade, and on the status of existing international protocols and conventions for mutual assistance in case of disasters;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Governments, intergovernmental organizations, appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and competent scientific institutions in the field of disaster mitigation;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction".

ANNEX

International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

A. Objective and goals

1. The objective of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction is to reduce through concerted international action, especially in developing countries, the loss of life, property damage, and social and economic disruption caused by natural disasters, such as earthquakes, windstorms, tsunamis, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, wildfires, grasshopper and locust infestations, drought and desertification and other calamities of natural origin.

2. The goals of the Decade are:

(a) To improve the capacity of each country to mitigate the effects of natural disasters expeditiously and effectively, paying special attention to assisting developing countries in the assessment of disaster damage potential and in the establishment of early warning systems and disaster-resistant structures when and where needed;

(b) To devise appropriate guidelines and strategies for applying existing scientific and technical knowledge, taking into account the cultural and economic diversity among nations;

(c) To foster scientific and engineering endeavours aimed at closing critical gaps in knowledge in order to reduce loss of life and property;

(d) To disseminate existing and new technical information related to measures for the assessment, prediction and mitigation of natural disasters;

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(e) To develop measures for the assessment, prediction, prevention and mitigation of natural disasters through programmes of technical assistance and technology transfer, demonstration projects, and education and training, tailored to specific disasters and locations, and to evaluate the effectiveness of those programmes.

B. Policy measures to be taken at the national level

3. All Governments are called upon to:

(a) Formulate national disaster-mitigation programmes, as well as economic, land use and insurance policies for disaster prevention; and particularly in developing countries, to integrate them fully into their national development programmes;

(b) Participate during the Decade in concerted international action for the reduction of natural disasters and, as appropriate, establish national committees in co-operation with the relevant scientific and technological communities and other concerned sectors with a view to attaining the objective and goals of the Decade;

(c) Encourage their local administrations to take appropriate steps to mobilize the necessary support from the public and private sectors and to contribute to achieving the purposes of the Decade;

(d) Keep the Secretary-General informed of the plans of their countries and of assistance that can be provided so that the United Nations may become an international centre for the exchange of information and the co-ordination of international efforts concerning activities in support of the objective and goals of the Decade, thus enabling each State to benefit from the experience of other countries;

(e) Take measures, as appropriate, to increase public awareness of damage risk probabilities and of the significance of preparedness, prevention, relief and short-term recovery activities with respect to natural disasters and to enhance community preparedness through education, training and other means, taking into account the specific role of the news media;

(f) Pay due attention to the impact of natural disasters on health care, particularly to activities to mitigate the vulnerability of hospitals and health centres, as well as the impact on food storage facilities, human shelter and other social and economic infrastructure;

(g) Improve the early international availability of appropriate emergency supplies through the storage or earmarking of such supplies in disaster-prone areas.

4. Scientific and technological institutions, financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, and industrial enterprises, foundations and other related non-governmental organizations are encouraged to support and participate

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fully in the programmes and activities of the Decade prepared and implemented by the international community, including Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

C. Actions to be taken by the United Nations system

5. The organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system are urged to accord priority, as appropriate, and in a concerted manner, to natural disaster preparedness, prevention, relief and short-term recovery, including economic damage risk assessment in their operational activities. The Secretary-General is requested, in this regard, to ensure that adequate means are made available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator so that it may diligently discharge its specific role and responsibilities in the field of disaster mitigation and response in conformity with its mandate, as contained in General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971.

6. The Secretary-General, in close association with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, in particular through the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat, as well as national information authorities, is requested to assist in the formulation and implementation during the Decade of public information programmes aimed at raising awareness of disaster prevention among the general public.

7. The United Nations resident co-ordinators and the field representatives of the United Nations system are requested to work closely and in a co-ordinated manner with Governments to achieve the objective and goals of the Decade.

8. The regional commissions of the United Nations are urged to play an active role in implementing the activities of the Decade, considering that natural disasters often transcend national boundaries.

9. The Secretary-General is requested to designate the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, in accordance with his mandate as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, as the focal point for overview and co-ordination of the programmes and activities of the United Nations system referred to above, in close co-operation with the Co-ordinator of the United Nations Disaster Relief Office and, as appropriate, in consultation with the Director of the secretariat of the Decade mentioned in paragraph 14 of the present annex.

10. The Secretary-General is requested to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the activities of the Decade.

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D. Organizational arrangements during the Decade

1. Special high-level council

11. The Secretary-General is requested to establish, with due regard to equitable geographical representation, a special high-level council, consisting of a limited number of internationally prominent persons, in order to provide him with overall advice with respect to the Decade, to take appropriate action to promote public awareness and to mobilize the necessary support from the public and private sectors.

2. Scientific and technical committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

12. The Secretary-General is requested to establish, with due regard to equitable geographical representation and covering the diversity of disaster-mitigation issues, a scientific and technical committee on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, consisting of 20 to 25 scientific and technical experts selected in consultation with their Governments on the basis of their personal capacities and qualifications and including experts from the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

13. The role of the committee is to develop overall programmes to be taken into account in bilateral and multilateral co-operation for the Decade, paying attention to priorities and gaps in technical knowledge identified at the national level, in particular by national committees; to assess and evaluate the activities carried out in the course of the Decade; and to make recommendations on the overall programmes in an annual report to the Secretary-General.

3. Secretariat

14. The Secretary-General is requested to establish a small secretariat, to be funded by extrabudgetary resources, as follows:

(a) The secretariat shall be established at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in close association with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, with its members drawn, as appropriate, from the international community of disaster reduction experts and other relevant experts, inter alia, seconded from competent United Nations organizations, Governments and non-governmental organizations;

(b) The secretariat shall be responsible for the day-to-day co-ordination of Decade activities and shall provide substantive and secretarial support to the special high-level council and the committee, as well as for other related activities.

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E. Financial arrangements

15. It is recommended that extrabudgetary resources be provided for implementation of the Decade and, therefore, that voluntary contributions from Governments, international organizations and other sources, including the private sector, be strongly encouraged. To this end, a trust fund shall be established by the Secretary-General, who will be entrusted with its administration.

F. Review

16. The Economic and Social Council will carry out a mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction during its second regular session of 1994 and report its findings to the General Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/66 B of 5 December 1980 on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/70 of 8 July 1987, in which the Council recommended that, after appropriate evaluation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, the proclamation of a second decade should be considered in order to expedite the process of Africa's industrialization,

Recalling also resolution AHG/Res.180 (XXV) of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity 21/ on the proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa and on an African industrialization day,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/115 of 28 July 1989 on the proclamation of a second industrial development decade for Africa,

Welcoming Industrial Development Board decision IDB.5/Dec.7 of 6 July 1989 22/ on the Industrial Development Decade for Africa, in which the Board recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization should request the General Assembly to proclaim a second industrial development decade for Africa,

21/ See A/44/603, annex III.

22/ E/1989/L.32, annex.

Welcoming further resolution GC.3/10 on the second industrial development decade for Africa, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on 23 November 1989, 23/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for the second industrial development decade for Africa (1991-2000), 24/ containing proposals for the preparation of the programme for the second decade,

1. Proclaims the period 1991-2000 the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa;
2. Further proclaims 20 November as Africa Industrialization Day, for the purpose of mobilizing the commitment of the international community to the industrialization of Africa;
3. Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General, as contained in his report, on the participation of the United Nations, through the Economic Commission for Africa, in the preparation of the programme for the second industrial development decade for Africa;
4. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, the relevant subregional and regional economic groupings in Africa and the United Nations bodies concerned, to undertake the necessary preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on those preparations to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/187 of 10 December 1986, in which it proclaimed the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/107 of 27 July 1989,

23/ See GC.3/INF.3.

24/ A/44/812.

Recognizing the importance of cultural development based on the affirmation and enrichment of the cultural identities of all countries and its close relationship to overall development,

Welcoming the progress made by Member States and by non-governmental organizations to develop activities within the framework of the Decade,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) during the period 1988-1989; 25/
2. Invites Member States that have not yet done so to establish national committees for the Decade and otherwise to strengthen their efforts to implement the Plan of Action for the Decade;
3. Expresses appreciation to those countries that have provided voluntary contributions in the form of consultant services to the secretariat of the Decade and encourages other countries, international organizations and other organizations to make voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the Decade;
4. Invites the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue their efforts to develop activities within the framework of the Decade, in accordance with directives of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination; 26/
5. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to strengthen co-ordination of the activities undertaken by the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in support of the Decade;
6. Emphasizes the importance of taking the cultural dimension of development into account in the elaboration of the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and in the working documents for the special session of the General Assembly devoted to international economic co-operation;
7. Endorses the recommendations of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 27/ which aim at promoting women's participation in the Plan of Action for the Decade, in particular those relating to a better integration and promotion of women in the objectives of the Decade;

25/ A/44/284-E/1989/109.

26/ See ACC/1988/2/Add.3.

27/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

8. Requests the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to obtain the views of Governments, appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on the objectives and scope of the global review for the purpose of evaluation, as recommended in paragraph 92 of the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the Decade, 25/ and to submit those views to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

9. Expresses support for the recommendation in paragraph 92 of the report of the Secretary-General for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the Decade in 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in order to evaluate the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade;

10. Requests the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit a report on the progress of the Decade for the period 1990-1991 to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

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48. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development and the activities of the United Nations system in that field; 28/

(b) Progress report of the Secretary-General on preparatory arrangements for the second transport and communications decade in Africa, 1991-2000; 29/

28/ A/44/229-E/1989/60.

29/ A/44/255-E/1989/62.

(c) 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; 30/

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on Israeli trade practices in the occupied Palestinian territories; 31/

(e) Note by the Secretary-General on Israeli financial and trade practices in the occupied Syrian Arab Golan. 32/

DRAFT DECISION II

Biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1990-1991

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1990-1991, annexed hereto.

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Draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1990-1991 33/

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council 34/

(a) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/236 on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989)

30/ A/44/273-E/1989/77.

31/ A/44/277-E/1989/82.

32/ A/44/338-E/1989/118.

33/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

34/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized only after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1990.

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(b) Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on preparatory arrangements for the Second Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (General Assembly resolution 43/179 of 20 December 1988) 35/

(c) Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989) 35/

(d) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on views on the objectives and scope of the global review for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolution 44/238 of 22 December 1989) 35/

(e) International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved during the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (General Assembly resolution 40/171 of 17 December 1985)

(f) National entrepreneurship in economic development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on national entrepreneurship in economic development (Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/74 of 29 July 1988) 35/

(g) Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on Israeli land and water policies and practices in the occupied Palestinian territory and other occupied Arab territories (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/86 of 26 July 1989) 35/

35/ Report submitted to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council.

(h) Assistance to the Palestinian people

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/96 of 26 July 1989 and General Assembly resolution 44/235 of 22 December 1989) 35/

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

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/233 on the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution 44/233 of 22 December 1989) 35/

(j) United Nations Population Award

Documentation Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112 of 26 April 1982)

(k) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

Documentation Draft resolution entitled "Implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system" (General Assembly decision 43/433 of 20 December 1988)

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on human resources development (General Assembly resolution 44/213 of 22 December 1989)

Draft resolution entitled "International conference on money and finance for development" (General Assembly decision 44/448 of 22 December 1989)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/234 on patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development (General Assembly resolution 44/234 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/232 on trends in the transfer of resources to and from the developing countries and their impact on the economic growth and sustained development of those countries (General Assembly resolution 44/232 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its special session (General Assembly resolution 44/229 of 22 December 1989) 35/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/225 on large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas (General Assembly resolution 44/225 of 22 December 1989)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions on the traffic of toxic and dangerous products and wastes (General Assembly resolution 44/226 of 22 December 1989, part I)

(a) International development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade (1991-2000)

Documentation Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole (General Assembly resolution 43/182 of 20 December 1988)

(b) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) 35/

Report of the Second United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices (General Assembly resolution 41/167 of 5 December 1986)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 43/189 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution 43/189 of 20 December 1988)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the international code of conduct on the transfer of technology (General Assembly resolution 44/216 of 22 December 1989)

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/217 on trade embargo against Nicaragua (General Assembly resolution 44/217 of 22 December 1989)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 44/218 of 22 December 1989)

(c) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

Documentation Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (General Assembly resolutions 40/205 of 17 December 1985, 42/177 of 11 December 1987 and 44/220 of 22 December 1989)

(d) Food problems

Documentation Report of the World Food Council 35/

Report of the Secretary-General on trends in the international market for agricultural and tropical products and the liberalization of international agricultural trade (Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/88 of 26 July 1989)

(e) New and renewable sources of energy

Documentation Report of the Committee on the Development and Utilization of New and Renewable Sources of Energy (General Assembly resolution 37/250 of 21 December 1982) 35/

(f) Development of the energy resources of developing countries

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the development of the energy resources of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 43/193 of 20 December 1988) 35/

Item 3. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation Report of the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 1992, on the progress of the work of the Committee (General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989)

Item 4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind 36/

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/207 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (General Assembly resolution 44/207 of 22 December 1989)

Item 5. International co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries

Documentation Progress report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 44/212 of 22 December 1989)

Item 6. External debt crisis and development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/205 entitled "Towards a durable solution to the external debt problems" (General Assembly resolution 44/205 of 22 December 1989)

Draft decision entitled "Establishment of an advisory commission on debt and development" (General Assembly decision 44/445 of 22 December 1989)

Item 7. Operational activities for development 37/

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system

Documentation Report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the operational activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 of 5 December 1980, 41/171 of 5 December 1986 and 44/211 of 22 December 1989) 35/

36/ The reports of the third and fourth plenary sessions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, as well as its interim report, will be circulated for information as official documents of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 44/217 of 22 December 1989).

37/ In accordance with its resolution 44/209 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly will observe, during its forty-fifth session, the fortieth anniversary of multilateral technical co-operation for development within the United Nations system. United Nations Day in 1990, Wednesday, 24 October, will be the day for the commemoration of this anniversary.

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Report of the Secretary-General on future arrangements for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities (General Assembly resolution 44/208 of 22 December 1989) 35/

(b) United Nations Development Programme

Documentation Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme 35/

(c) United Nations Population Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on future needs in the field of population, including the development of resource requirements for international population assistance (General Assembly resolution 44/210 of 22 December 1989) 35/

(d) United Nations Children's Fund

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(e) World Food Programme

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 8. Training and research

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/175 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly 44/175 of 19 December 1989)

(b) United Nations University

Documentation Report of the Council of the United Nations University 35/

Item 9. Special economic and disaster relief assistance

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator (General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988) 35/

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance

Documentation Reports of the Secretary-General on individual countries and regions

Report of the Secretary-General presenting summary reports on countries with no separate individual reports in that year

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(a) World Decade for Cultural Development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the progress of the World Decade for Cultural Development for the period 1990-1991 (General Assembly resolution 41/187 of 8 December 1986 and 44/238 of 22 December 1989) 35/

38/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1991 will be updated in 1990, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

39/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1991. Under this item the Second Committee will also have before it the report of the World Food Council. The Second Committee may wish to decide not to consider draft proposals on that report, except specific proposals requiring action by the General Assembly contained in the reports of the World Food Council or the Economic and Social Council.

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(b) Role of the public sector

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries (General Assembly resolution 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/92 of 9 July 1987) 35/

(c) Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1993-1994

Documentation Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 2. Development and international economic co-operation

(a) Trade and development

Documentation Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 44/219 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964) 35/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/215 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries (General Assembly resolution 44/215 of 22 December 1989)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 44/214 of 22 December 1989)

(b) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development

Documentation Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolution 42/178 of 11 December 1987) 35/

(c) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries

Documentation Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978) 35/

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/222 on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries (General Assembly resolution 44/222 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/221 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (General Assembly resolution 44/221 of 22 December 1989)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly decision 44/450 on further strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries (General Assembly decision 44/450 of 22 December 1989)

(d) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 44/224 of 22 December 1989) 35/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX) of 9 December 1975)

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the findings and conclusions of the regional commissions on the traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes (General Assembly resolution 44/226 of 22 December 1989, part I)

Report of the Secretary-General on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (General Assembly resolution 44/226 of 22 December 1989, part III) 35/

Progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987 (General Assembly resolution 44/227 of 22 December 1989) 35/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 44/206 on possible adverse effects of sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas (General Assembly resolution 44/206 of 22 December 1989) 35/

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