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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee (J.L. Xifra) on the basis of informal consultations held on the draft resolution contained in A/C.2/34/L.18

United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

The General Assembly,

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

Recalling also its resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly decided to convene an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy in 1981 under the auspices of the United Nations,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/66 of 3 August 1979,

Bearing in mind its resolution 33/134 of 12 December 1978 on the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among the Developing Countries,

Bearing in mind in particular the critical role which new and renewable sources of energy can play in increasing industrial, technological, production and distribution capacities of developing countries as well as in enhancing research and development in this field,

Taking note of the progress reports of the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the Conference on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, 1/

1. Decides that the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy shall be held at Nairobi, Kenya, in August 1981;
2. Decides to designate as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy the Committee on Natural Resources, meeting for this purpose in sessions open to the participation of all States as full members within the framework of General Assembly resolution 33/148, and that it shall report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;
3. Decides that the working languages of the Preparatory Committee should be those of the General Assembly;
4. Decides further to schedule two sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 1980, the first to be held early in the year and the second to be held in time to facilitate the submission of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980;
5. Requests the Committee to include in the above-mentioned report recommendations concerning the duration of the Conference, specific dates, invitations and draft agenda for the Conferences and the work programme of the Committee for 1981;
6. Decides that the technical panels appointed by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/148 should prepare their interim reports in time for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its second session of 1980;
7. Considers that adequate arrangements should be made to ensure equally detailed consideration for those areas of new and renewable sources of energy for which no technical panels have been created, namely peat and draught animal power;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to co-operate with the Government of Kenya with a view to holding the Conference there, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services;
9. Recommends that States designate national focal points which will co-ordinate preparations for the Conference at the national level and provide a link to the Conference secretariat in its preparatory activities;

1/ See resolution 33/148, paras. 9 and 11.

10. Invites, in addition to the organizations mentioned in paragraph 7 of resolution 33/148, interested intergovernmental organizations, in particular regional organizations, and interested non-governmental organizations, to contribute to the preparation for the Conference in an appropriate manner;

11. Requests the Secretary-General and the concerned organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to identify and submit a report for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, on the ways in which, pending the holding of the Conference, the United Nations system can more effectively assist Member States and in particular the developing countries in the area of new and renewable sources of energy, with particular attention, inter alia, to:

(a) Concrete measures for the transfer of relevant technology to developing countries;

(b) Exchange of research and information on the latest developments and experiences in the practical application of new and renewable sources of energy;

(c) Provision of appropriate technical assistance, as necessary, to the designated national focal points in the preparations for the Conference;

(d) Provision of financial assistance for the measures listed above;

12. Requests the Secretary-General and the organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system to provide appropriate assistance, including technical assistance, to developing countries, at their request and in accordance with established procedures, in their preparations for the Conference at the national level through their national focal points and at the sub-regional, regional, interregional and global levels, using, inter alia, to the greatest extent possible, existing resources;

13. Invites also Governments in a position to do so to provide similar assistance;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to accelerate preparations for the Conference also through a programme of public information activities designed to ensure world-wide awareness of the importance of the Conference and its objectives:

15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report on the preparations for the Conference, including recommendations for a detailed programme and calendar of activities and of other measures, particularly the consideration of the final results of the technical panels by the preparatory committee, which may still be required to meet fully the objectives of resolution 33/148.