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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Argentina and Jamaica: draft resolution

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

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) containing the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) by which it, inter alia, established the Ad Hoc Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations system for the purpose of preparing detailed action proposals with a view to initiating the process of restructuring the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner, and to make it more responsive to the requirements of the provisions of the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of the New International Economic Order as well as those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also its resolution 32/197 by which it, inter alia, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee,

Recalling also its resolution 33/202 in which it, inter alia, requested certain actions and measures within the framework of implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee,

Reaffirming that the process of restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system is an integral part of the efforts required

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to ensure the equitable, full and effective participation of the developing countries in the formulation and application of all decisions within the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation,

Noting Economic and Social Council decision 1979/57 regarding the implementation of section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Recalling in particular paragraph 13 of the annex to its resolution 32/197,

1. Expresses regret at part (a) of Economic and Social Council decision 1979/57 regarding the implementation of section II;

2. Recognizes the imperative need to enable the Assembly to focus its attention on the major global issues relating to development and international economic co-operation, and to deal with other issues on a less frequent basis;

3. Recognizes also that extension of the composition of the Economic and Social Council to all States Members of the United Nations as full members would make the Council a more effective organ for carrying out the functions assigned to it in the Charter and for discharging the responsibilities laid down in section II of the annex to its resolution 32/197, as well as for assisting the Assembly as may be requested by it;

4. Decides therefore to adopt, in accordance with Article 108 of the Charter of the United Nations, the following amendment to the Charter and to submit it for ratification by the States Members of the United Nations.

"Article 61

"1. The Economic and Social Council shall consist of all the States Members of the United Nations.

"2. Each member of the Economic and Social Council shall have one representative."

5. Urges all Member States to ratify the above amendment in accordance with their respective constitutional processes as soon as possible and to deposit their instruments of ratification with the Secretary-General;

6. Decides to delete, as of the date of the entry into force of the above amendment, rules 145 and 146 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

7. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council decide at its next organizational session that, as of 1980, its sessional committees should be open to the participation of all States as full members;

8. Recommends further that, until the amendment to the Charter adopted in paragraph 4 above enters into force, all substantive questions be entrusted by the Council to its sessional committees;

9. Requests the Council in adopting its programme of work at its organizational session for 1980, to make provision for the consideration of the following questions on the dates indicated:

- Science and technology for development (19 to 29 February)
- Questions related to the status of women (25 February to 5 March)
- Preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (31 March to 4 April)
- Social development questions (8 to 14 April)
- Humanitarian questions (16 April to 2 May)
- Transnational corporations (12 to 21 May)
- Preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (2 to 13 June)
- Economic and programme and co-ordination questions (2 to 25 July)

10. Decides to request the Economic and Social Council to discontinue the Commission for Social Development, the Population Commission, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Transnational Corporations, the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Review and Appraisal and the Committee on Natural Resources;

11. Requests the Council, as part of the measures required to attain the purposes of this resolution, to revise its rules of procedure in order to ensure the adequate functioning of the Council until the amendment to the Charter set out in paragraph 4 above enters into force;

12. Recommends, in the context of the above, that the Council, at its organizational session for 1980, should elect, among representatives of the States Members of the United Nations, those who are to preside over each of the sessional committees when dealing with each question listed in paragraph 9 above. In the transitional period, those representatives would participate in the meetings of the Bureau of the Council.

13. Requests further the Council to report to its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the above measures as well as the other measures envisaged in section II of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197.
