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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee (A. Ahsan) on the basis of informal consultations held on the draft resolution contained in A/C.2/34/L.87

Implementation of section IV 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) of 1 May 1975, containing the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1974, 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 the 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 of 20 December 1977, by which it, inter alia, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee,

Recalling also its resolution 33/202 of 29 January 1979, in which it, inter alia, requested certain actions and measures within the framework of the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee,

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

Taking note of:

(a) Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/64 of 3 August 1979, entitled "Regional co-operation and development"; and

(b) The report of the Secretary-General on the decentralization of economic and social activities to aid the strengthening of regional commissions 1/ and the progress report by the Secretary-General for 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system; 2/

1. Takes note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/64;

2. Emphasizes the need for more vigorous action to enable the regional commissions to play their role fully as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions, through full and effective implementation of the provisions in paragraphs 19, 20 and 23 of section IV of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 4 of section V of its resolution 33/202, to intensify, through the redeployment of existing posts from Headquarters to the regional commissions the development and application of the decentralization measures contemplated in his reports on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session 2/ and to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session 3/ and thirty-fourth session, 1/ as well as in Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/64;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to provide all the necessary support to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its review, envisaged in paragraph 6 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/64, of policy and programme issues relating to the distribution of tasks and responsibilities between the regional commissions and other United Nations units, programmes and organs concerned;

5. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to prepare, in co-operation with the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, proposals for enhancing the collective involvement of the countries

1/ A/34/649.

2/ E/1979/81.

3/ A/33/410/Rev.1, para. 93.

of each region, in the identification and the initiation of regional projects and activities as well as in the determination of priorities for inter-country programmes;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the above measures.
