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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

International Youth Year: Development and Peace

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Togo, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978 by which it decided to proclaim an international youth year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of youth in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in the field of youth,

Considering that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation, needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study of and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

Confident that an international youth year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order,

Aware that for the international youth year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, of all specialized agencies of the United Nations system, of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Mindful of the fact that 1985 is the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between People, contained in General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, and the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Volunteers programme, contained in General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Taking note with interest and appreciation of the Report of the Secretary-General on International Youth Year 1/,

1. Decides to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Development and Peace;

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1/ United Nations document A/34/468 of 17 October 1979.

2. Invites all States, all specialized agencies of the United Nations system and the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to exert all possible efforts for the preparation and the observance of the International Youth Year;

3. Decides to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Development and Peace, to be composed of 24 Member States nominated by the Chairman of the Third Committee of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare in accordance with the proposals made by Member States and in consultation with all specialized agencies and interested international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations a draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

5. Requests the Advisory Committee to meet annually and to formulate, for consideration by the General Assembly, a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year on the basis of the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee in 1980, to provide it with all necessary assistance, and to submit the report on its first session to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures through all the communications media at his disposal to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;

8. Appeals to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular United Nations budget for the costs of the programme of the International Youth Year;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Development and Peace" and to grant it a high priority.

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