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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES RELATING TO YOUTH

Bangladesh, Bolivia, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Kenya, Netherlands,
Norway, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Sweden and United Republic of
Tanzania: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/130 on the role of youth, 31/131 on United Nations Volunteers Programme, 33/6 on general communication and Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/27,

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General A/34/199 on channels of communication and A/34/653 on the work of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Youth Policies and Programmes,

Convinced of the need to improve the efforts of the United Nations with regard to participation of youth in achieving the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations, especially those concerning economic and social progress and development,

Equally convinced of the valuable contribution that youth can make in promoting co-operation among States and the implementation of the New International Economic Order based on equity and justice,

Recognizing the need for wider and more effective use of all appropriate channels that would allow young people to participate in a concrete and effective manner in national development and in the activities of the United Nations at the national, regional, interregional and international levels,

Also recognizing that for the successful implementation of the International Youth Year greatly extended and improved communication with young people and youth organizations representative of all regions of the world will be important,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution,

together with its annex containing draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, to all Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their comments and suggestions,

2. Invites Member States to communicate the substance of the present resolution and its annex to national youth organizations and asks for their comments and suggestions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary action to obtain from Member States, regional commissions and regional and international youth organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, their comments on the aforementioned draft additional guidelines and to submit a report on this to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Policies and programmes relating to youth".

Annex

Draft additional guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations

A. National:

1. Attention should be given to the expansion of advisory services on youth activities provided by the United Nations to Governments at their request.
2. Bearing in mind proposals contained in the Secretary-General's note on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, attention should also be given, in consultation with Governments, to the promotion of the establishment of national liaison and focal points on youth, taking into consideration the networks of national correspondents which have been set up to facilitate communication between countries and with the United Nations in allied fields of social development.

B. Regional:

1. The regional economic commissions should review their relationships with regional non-governmental organizations in order to facilitate (the) co-operation between these organizations, especially those active with young people, and the economic regional commissions with regard to youth activities.
2. The regional commissions should be requested to pay special attention to the question of active participation of youth in the process of development and to consider the need to co-operate closely with ILO and UNDP international programmes for the provision of services for and by youth towards employment.
3. In the context of the previous paragraph the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, within their mandate, should consider the promotion and co-ordination of all activities regarding the integration and participation of youth in development within their respective regions.
4. The regional commissions should consider the possibility of organizing regional workshops on questions relating to youth.

C. International:

1. The Interagency Task Force on Youth should as a focal point within the United Nations system for the promotion and co-ordination of the activities in the field of youth and the integration of these activities into the over-all programmes of social and economic development.
2. Governments and non-governmental organizations with youth programmes should be encouraged to contribute material for publication in the quarterly Youth Information Bulletin issued in three languages, and also to identify channels through which copies of the Bulletin can be circulated in order to reach the maximum number of young people.

3. The practice of providing internships for youth should be expanded to give young people from all regions of the world the opportunity of serving the United Nations for short periods and thereby learning of its activities at first-hand. Those internships should not be confined to United Nations Headquarters.

4. The joint United Nations Information Committee should be invited to consider the views of youth organizations representative of all regions of the world on the production and circulation of United Nations publications of interests to youth.

5. The Secretary-General should maintain under review the existing channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, in the light of the comments received from Governments.
