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Arabic Language Services

Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Colombia, Comoros, Cyprus,
Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya,
Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya,
Maldives, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan,
Panama, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syrian Arab
Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and
Yemen: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3190 (XXVIII) of 18 December 1973 by which it decided to include Arabic among the official and working languages of the General Assembly and its main Committees,

Referring to UNCTAD's resolution 115 (V) of 22 June 1979 which recommends to the General Assembly to take the necessary steps to ensure that Arabic be included as an official and working language of UNCTAD,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the provision of Arabic language services to the General Assembly and its main Committees, 1/

Noting with concern that the arrangements made to implement resolution 3190 (XXVIII) have not provided adequate and efficient services to the General Assembly and its main Committees,

1/ A/C.5/33/L.49, A/C.5/34/L.9 and A/C.5/34/28.

1. Requests the Secretary-General to bring Arabic language services to an equal level with the services of the remaining official and working languages at the General Assembly and its main Committees through the adoption of effective measures including:

(a) The immediate reinforcement of the Arabic translation establishment at Headquarters by a sufficient number of permanent posts so as to ensure the translation of all pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation of the General Assembly and its main Committees within the specified time-limits and simultaneously with their issuance in the other official languages;

(b) The establishment at Headquarters of an Arabic Interpretation Unit with a sufficient number of permanent posts to provide interpretation services to the General Assembly and its main Committees;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the full implementation of this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
