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The identification of activities that are completed, obsolete,
of marginal usefulness or ineffective

Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, German Democratic
Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Japan, Mexico, Morocco,
Mozambique, Papua New Guinea, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Trinidad
and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States, Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975, in which it requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to include in the performance reports on the United Nations programme budgets relevant information on the staff and resources released as a result of the completion, reduction, reorganization, merging, elimination or otherwise of United Nations programmes, projects or activities,

Recalling also its resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976, in which it stressed the responsibility of the Secretary-General to draw to the attention of the competent intergovernmental bodies activities that are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective, indicating the resources which could be released so that the bodies concerned may take the necessary action,

Recalling further its resolution 32/201 of 21 December 1977, in which it urged the Secretary-General to ensure the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) and 31/93 in the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 and the performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1978-1979,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 33/204, in which it requested the Secretary-General to implement fully the above resolutions and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session on the measures taken,

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Reaffirming the importance of identifying the activities that have been completed or are obsolete, of marginal usefulness or ineffective in order to redeploy resources to finance new United Nations activities,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary General 1/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Notes with concern the finding of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination that the information contained in the report of the Secretary-General presented in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 33/204 is insufficient;

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General to exercise his judgement so as to identify without further delay marginally useful and ineffective activities and to report thereon to the 1980 session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report also to the 1980 session of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on activities which have been completed, on the resources, which have thereby been released, and on the consequent effect on the programme budget;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to present to the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly - through the ACABQ - a full and comprehensive report on the implementation of resolution 3534 (XXX) and its subsequent reaffirmations.

1/ Document A/C.5/34/4 and Corr.1 of 15 August 1979.

2/ Document A/34/7/Add.1 of 22 October 1979.