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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-FIFTH SESSION

CRITICAL ECONOMIC SITUATION IN AFRICA:

- (a) UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ACTION
FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND
DEVELOPMENT 1986-1990;
- (b) REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EXPERT GROUP
ON AFRICAN COMMODITY PROBLEMS;
- (c) AFRICAN CHARTER FOR POPULAR
PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT
AND TRANSFORMATION

Letter dated 29 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the
Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

At the request of the Group of African States and as Chairman of the Group, I should be grateful if you would have an item entitled "Critical economic situation in Africa" placed on the agenda of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly together with the following three sub-items:

- (a) United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;
- (b) Report of the United Nations Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Problems;
- (c) African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation.

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This request is being made in light of the various relevant resolutions of the General Assembly (43/27, 44/218 and 44/411) and of the Organization of African Unity (CM/Res.1285 (LII), CM/Res.1286 (LII) and CM/Res.1287 (LII)) concerning the aforesaid three sub-items. The African Group would like all these issues to be discussed by the General Assembly in plenary meeting as was done in the case of the mid-term review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development.

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, an explanatory memorandum is attached to this note (see annex).

(Signed) Moumouni DJERMAKOYE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the Niger
to the United Nations
Chairman of the African Group

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ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

By including this item, especially sub-items (a) and (b), in the agenda of the forty-fifth session, the General Assembly will be able to better prepare the practical modalities of the final review and assessment of United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, which are due to take place during the forty-sixth session, in accordance with resolution 43/27. In this regard, I wish to inform you that, by its resolution CM/Res.1285 (LII), the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity recommended that such assessment be carried out in the framework of an ad hoc plenary committee.

As for the "African Charter for Popular Participation in Development", it is a document for information whose circulation as official document of the General Assembly has already been requested by the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania. It stands as an African contribution for a better understanding of certain concerns relating to the constraints of the critical economic situation of the African continent. If sub-item (c) concerning this issue is included in the agenda, it will allow the necessary exchange of views on those constraints.

The request for the inclusion of the above-mentioned common item does not deal with the final review and assessment of United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 which is due to take place during the forty-sixth session. Its purpose is simply to seize the opportunity of the forty-fifth session to work out the modalities of such final assessment. We do believe that these actions to be carried out during the forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly are of a very complementary nature.
