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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Report of the Second Committee (Part I)

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1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the following item in the agenda of the thirty-fourth session:

"Development and international economic co-operation:

- "(a) Report of the Committee of the Whole Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174;
- "(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy;
- "(c) Network for the exchange of technological information and the industrial and technological information bank: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(d) Multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(e) Economic co-operation among developing countries: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(f) Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 1980: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(g) Effective mobilization of women in development: report of the Secretary-General;
- "(h) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General."

At the same meeting, the Assembly allocated subitems (b) to (h) to the Second Committee; it also decided that subitem (a) would be considered directly in plenary.

2. At the 34th meeting of the Committee, on 8 November, the representative of the Ivory Coast, on behalf of Brazil, Colombia, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, the Ivory Coast, Mexico, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Togo, the United Republic of Cameroon, Venezuela and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.15) entitled "United Nations Cocoa Conference", which was also submitted under item 56 (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development).

3. At the 36th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of the Ivory Coast, on behalf of the sponsors, who had since been joined by the Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe, orally revised the draft resolution as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph the words "Considering the relevant provisions of" were replaced by "Recalling";

(b) The third preambular paragraph was replaced by the following text:

"Considering that the question of commodities, in particular cocoa, was considered in depth at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development by producers and consumers but that no final agreement on cocoa has yet been reached,".

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.15 as orally revised (see para. 7).

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend that the draft resolution should be adopted by the General Assembly as a matter of priority, since the United Nations Cocoa Conference referred to therein would begin on 19 November.

6. An account of the Committee's discussion of the draft resolution is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/34/SR.34 and 36).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Cocoa Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, concerning the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the

Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, relating to development and international economic co-operation,

Concerned at the increasing difficulties confronting developing countries in international trade in commodities and at the little progress that has been made so far in the preparatory meetings and negotiations on the majority of commodities under the Integrated Programme for Commodities, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session,

Considering that the question of commodities, in particular cocoa, was considered in depth at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development by producers and consumers but that no final agreement on cocoa has yet been reached,

Taking into account the work done so far with regard to commodities, and in particular cocoa,

1. Takes note of the efforts being made within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to implement the Integrated Programme for Commodities;
2. Urges all States participating in the United Nations Cocoa Conference to intensify consultations preparatory to the third part of the Conference, which will be held in Geneva in November 1979;
3. Invites all participating States to show the necessary political will during consideration of the main outstanding questions in order to create conditions conducive to the success of the negotiations for the speedy conclusion of an international agreement on cocoa.
