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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

Report of the Third Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "International Youth Year: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly in accordance with Assembly resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978.
2. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Third Committee.
3. The Committee considered this item at its 51st to 53rd and 59th meetings, held between 20 and 27 November. The views expressed by the representatives of Member States and of the specialized agencies and by the observers on this item are contained in the summary records of those meetings (A/C.3/34/SR.51-53 and 59).
4. The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/34/468 and Corr.1).
5. At the 51st meeting, on 20 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for Social and Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/34/SR.51).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.3/34/L.39

6. At the 53rd meeting on 21 November, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.39) entitled "International Youth Year: Development and Peace" sponsored by Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iraq, the Ivory Coast, Jordan, Lesotho,

Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Morocco, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Togo, Venezuela, Yugoslavia and Zaire, later joined by Bhutan, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Chile, the Congo, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau, Lebanon, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Paraguay, Qatar, Sao Tome and Principe, Turkey, Uganda and the Upper Volta.

7. The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978 by which it decided to proclaim an international youth year,

"Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

"Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

"Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

"Emphasizing that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of youth in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

"Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

"Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in the field of youth,

"Considering that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation, needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing

co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study of and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

"Confident that an international youth year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

"Recognizing that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order,

"Aware that for the international youth year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, of all specialized agencies of the United Nations system, of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

"Mindful of the fact that 1985 is the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between People, contained in General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, and the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Volunteers programme, contained in General Assembly resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

"Taking note with interest and appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on International Youth Year, 1/

"1. Decides to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Development and Peace;

"2. Invites all States, all specialized agencies of the United Nations system and the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to exert all possible efforts for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

"3. Decides to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Development and Peace, to be composed of 24 Member States nominated by the Chairman of the Third Committee of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare in accordance with the proposals made by Member States and in consultation with all specialized agencies and interested international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations a draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

"5. Requests the Advisory Committee to meet annually and to formulate, for consideration by the General Assembly, a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year on the basis of the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General;

"6. Also requests the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee in 1980, to provide it with all necessary assistance, and to submit the report on its first session to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

"7. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures through all the communications media at his disposal to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;

"8. Appeals to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular United Nations budget for the costs of the programme of the International Youth Year;

"9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled International Youth Year: Development and Peace and to grant it a high priority."

8. Amendments to the draft resolution were sponsored by Canada, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.3/34/L.43) by which the following changes were made:

- (a) Replace the title by the following: "International Youth Year: Participation in Development and Peace";
- (b) Seventh preambular paragraph: at the end of the paragraph add "including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields";
- (c) Insert a new twelfth preambular paragraph reading as follows:  
"Recalling in this connexion Economic and Social Council decision 1979/64 on the question of international years and anniversaries";
- (d) Renumber the remaining preambular paragraphs:

(e) Replace operative paragraph 1 by the following: "Decides to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation in Development and Peace";

(f) In operative paragraph 2, insert a comma after the word "system" and insert the words "youth organizations" before the words "and the international intergovernmental".

(g) Replace operative paragraph 3 by the following:

Decides to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Participation in Development and Peace, to be composed of twenty-three Member States nominated by the Chairman of the Third Committee of the General Assembly on the basis of equitable geographical distribution";

(h) In operative paragraph 4, insert a comma after the words "specialized agencies", and insert the words "youth organizations" before the words "and interested international intergovernmental";

(i) In operative paragraph 5, replace all the words before "for consideration by the General Assembly" by the following:

Requests the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee annually from 1982 so that it may formulate";

(j) In operative paragraph 6, replace "1980" by "1982", and "thirty-fifth session" by "thirty-seventh";

(k) In operative paragraph 9, replace the words "International Youth Year: Development and Peace" by the words "International Youth Year: Participation in Development and Peace".

9. At the 59th meeting, on 27 November, the representative of Ireland orally revised the amendments (see the preceding paragraph) as follows:

(a) Amendments a, e, g and k: to replace the words "International Youth Year: Participation in Development and Peace" by the words "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace";

(b) Amendment c: to insert the word "also" after the word "Recalling" and the words: "of 3 August 1979", after the words "E/1979/64";

(c) Amendment f: to insert the words "as well as youth organizations" after the word "concerned";

(d) Amendment h: to insert the words "as well as youth organizations" after the words: "non-governmental organizations";

- (e) Amendment i: to replace the amendment by the following: "Requests the Secretary-General to convene three meetings of the Advisory Committee in the period 1980 to 1985 so that it may formulate";
- (f) Amendment j: to be deleted;
- (g) Amendments b and d: to be retained.

10. At the same meeting, the sponsors of the draft resolution accepted the revised amendments and revised the draft resolution accordingly.

11. The Committee had before it a statement of the financial implications on the draft resolution (A/C.3/34/L.51).

12. At the 59th meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolutions without a vote (see para. 13).

### III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

13. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

#### International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978 by which it decided to proclaim an international youth year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of youth in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Considering that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation, needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study of and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

Confident that an international youth year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order,

Recalling also in this connexion Economic and Social Council decision 1979/64 of 3 August 1979 on the question of international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the international youth year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, of all specialized agencies of the United Nations system, of international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Mindful of the fact that 1985 is the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between People, contained in General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, and the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Volunteers programme by the General Assembly in its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Taking note with interest and appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on International Youth Year, 2/

1. Decides to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;
2. Invites all States, all specialized agencies of the United Nations system and the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the preparation and the observance of the International Youth Year;
3. Decides to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace, to be composed of 23 Member States appointed by the Chairman of the Third Committee on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in accordance with the proposals made by Member States and in consultation with all specialized agencies and interested international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as youth organizations, a draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to convene three sessions of the Advisory Committee in the period 1980-1985 so that it may formulate, for consideration by the General Assembly, a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year on the basis of the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General;
6. Also requests the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee in 1980, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to submit the report on its first session to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;
7. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;
8. Appeals to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular United Nations budget for the costs of the programme of the International Youth Year;
9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

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