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Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 21 September 1979, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item entitled "United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy: report of the Secretary-General" in the agenda of its thirty-fourth session and to allocate it to the Second Committee.
2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 33rd, 44th, 45th, 47th and 54th meetings, on 7, 19, 21 and 23 November, and 1 December 1979. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/34/SR.33, 44, 45, 47 and 54).
3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of its organizational session for 1979, its first and second regular sessions of 1979 and its resumed second regular session of 1979; 1/
 - (b) Letter dated 1 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Declaration of the Sixth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Havana from 3 to 9 September 1979 (A/34/542);
 - (c) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (A/34/585);

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/34/3), chap. XV.

- (d) Letter dated 19 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/34/3);
- (e) Letter dated 4 October 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/34/7);
- (f) Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources on its work at the sixth session (E/1979/69);
- (g) Progress report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy (E/1979/98).

4. At the 33rd meeting, on 7 November, the representatives of Austria and Kenya made statements concerning the letters addressed to the Secretary-General by their respective Permanent Representatives (A/C.2/34/3 and A/C.2/34/7).

5. At the 44th meeting, on 19 November, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy made an introductory statement which was subsequently reproduced, by a decision of the Committee, in document A/C.2/34/15.

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

6. At the 33rd meeting, on 7 November, the representative of India, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/34/L.18) entitled "United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the 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 on development and international economic co-operation,

"Recalling also its resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in which the Assembly decided to convene an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy in 1981 under the auspices of the United Nations,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/66 of 3 August 1979,

"Bearing in mind its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978 on the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among the Developing Countries,

"Bearing in mind in particular the critical role which new and renewable sources of energy can play in increasing industrial, technological, production and distribution capacities of developing countries as well as in enhancing research and development in this field,

"Taking note of the progress reports of the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the Conference on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, 2/

"1. Decides that the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy shall be held at Nairobi, Kenya, in August 1981;

"2. Decides to designate as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy the Committee on Natural Resources, meeting for this purpose in sessions open to the participation of all States as full members within the framework of General Assembly resolution 33/148, and that it shall report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

"3. Decides that the working languages of the Preparatory Committee should be that of the General Assembly;

"4. Decides further to schedule two sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 1980, the first to be held early in the year and the second to be held in time to facilitate the submission of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980;

"5. Requests the Committee to include in the above-mentioned report recommendations concerning the duration of the Conference, specific dates, invitations and draft agenda for the Conferences and the work programme of the Committee for 1981;

"6. Decides that the technical panels appointed by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/148 should prepare their technical reports in time for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its second session of 1980;

"7. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to co-operate with the Government of Kenya with a view to holding the Conference there, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services;

"8. Recommends that States designate national focal points which will co-ordinate preparations for the Conference at the national level and provide a link to the Conference secretariat in its preparatory activities;

"9. Invites, in addition to the organizations mentioned in paragraph 7 of resolution 33/148, interested intergovernmental regional organizations to contribute to the preparation for the Conference in an appropriate manner;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General and the concerned organs, organizations and special agencies of the United Nations system to identify, in time for

2/ See resolutions 33/148, paras. 9 and 11.

consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its second session of 1980 and for final decision by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, ways in which, pending the holding of the Conference, the United Nations system can more effectively assist the developing countries in the area of new and renewable sources of energy, with particular attention, inter alia, to:

"(a) Concrete measures for the transfer of relevant technology to developing countries;

"(b) Exchange of research and information on the latest developments and experiences in the practical application of new and renewable sources of energy;

"(c) Provision of appropriate technical assistance, as necessary, to the designated national focal points in the preparations for the Conference;

"(d) Provision of financial assistance for the measures listed above;

"11. Requests the Secretary-General and the organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system to provide all necessary assistance, in particular technical assistance, to developing countries, at their request, in the preparations for the Conference at the national, subregional, regional, interregional and global levels;

"12. Requests the Secretary-General to accelerate preparations for the Conference and also to organize a programme of public information activities designed to ensure world-wide awareness of the importance of the Conference and its objectives;

"13. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report on the preparations for the Conference, including recommendations for a detailed programme and calendar of activities and of other measures which may still be required to meet fully the objectives of resolution 33/148."

7. At its 54th meeting, on 1 December, the Committee was informed by the Chairman that, in the light of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/34/L.101 submitted by Mr. Xifra, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations, draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.18 had been withdrawn by the sponsors.

8. The Committee was also informed by the Chairman that the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.2/34/L.92) on the administrative and financial implications of draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.18 were also applicable to draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.101.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.101 (see para. 11).

10. After the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/34/L.101, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the European Economic Community), Bulgaria (on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the United States of America and Kenya.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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

United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the 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 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 33/148 of 20 December 1978, in which it decided to convene an international conference on new and renewable sources of energy in 1981 under the auspices of the United Nations,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/66 of 3 August 1979,

Bearing in mind its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978 on the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among the Developing Countries,

Bearing in mind in particular the critical role which new and renewable sources of energy can play in increasing the industrial, technological, production and distribution capacities of developing countries as well as in enhancing research and development in this field,

Taking note of the progress reports of the Secretary-General and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy on the preparations for the Conference, 3/

1. Decides that the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy shall be held at Nairobi in August 1981;
2. Decides to designate as the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy the Committee on Natural Resources, meeting for this purpose in sessions open to the participation of all States as full members within the framework of General Assembly resolution 33/148, and decides that the Preparatory Committee shall report to the Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;
3. Decides that the working languages of the Preparatory Committee shall be those of the General Assembly;
4. Decides further to schedule two sessions of the Preparatory Committee in 1980, the first to be held early in the year and the second to be held in time to

facilitate the submission of the Committee's report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980;

5. Requests the Preparatory Committee to include in the above-mentioned report recommendations concerning the duration of the Conference, specific dates, invitations and draft agenda for the Conference and the work programme of the Committee for 1981;

6. Decides that the technical panels appointed by the Secretary-General in accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/148 should prepare their interim reports in time for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its second session of 1980;

7. Considers that adequate arrangements should be made to ensure equally detailed consideration for those areas of new and renewable sources of energy for which no technical panels have been created, namely, peat and draught animal power;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to co-operate with the Government of Kenya with a view to holding the Conference there, to submit to the Conference all relevant documentation and to arrange for the necessary staff, facilities and services;

9. Recommends that States should designate national focal points which will co-ordinate preparations for the Conference at the national level and provide a link to the Conference secretariat in its preparatory activities;

10. Invites, in addition to the organizations mentioned in paragraph 7 of resolution 33/148, interested intergovernmental organizations, in particular regional organizations, and interested non-governmental organizations to contribute to the preparation for the Conference in an appropriate manner;

11. Requests the Secretary-General and the concerned organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system to identify and submit a report for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the ways in which, pending the holding of the Conference, the United Nations system can more effectively assist Member States, and in particular the developing countries, in the area of new and renewable sources of energy, with particular attention, inter alia, to:

(a) Concrete measures for the transfer of relevant technology to developing countries;

(b) Exchange of research and information on the latest developments and experiences in the practical application of new and renewable sources of energy;

(c) Provision of appropriate technical assistance, as necessary, to the designated national focal points in the preparations for the Conference;

(d) Provision of financial assistance for the measures listed above;

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12. Requests the Secretary-General and the organs, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system to provide appropriate assistance, including technical assistance, to developing countries, at their request and in accordance with established procedures, in their preparations for the Conference at the national level through their national focal points and at the subregional, regional, interregional and global levels, using, inter alia, to the greatest extent possible, existing resources;

13. Invites also Governments in a position to do so to provide similar assistance;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to accelerate preparations for the Conference also through a programme of public information activities designed to ensure world-wide awareness of the importance of the Conference and its objectives;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session a report on the preparations for the Conference, including recommendations for a detailed programme and calendar of activities and of other measures, particularly the consideration of the final results of the technical panels by the Preparatory Committee, which may still be required to meet fully the objectives of resolution 33/148.
