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35/9. Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the relative real growth rates for major programmes proposed by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its report² and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1980/179 of 25 July 1980;

2. *Decides* to endorse the other conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, taking into account the reservations and comments made thereon in the framing and consideration of the report in the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, except for:

(a) The recommendation, in paragraph 321 of the report,³ that the phrase "of an unforeseeable nature" in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 31/93 of 14 December 1976 be deleted;

(b) The recommendation regarding human settlements in paragraph 364 (b) of the report;

(c) Paragraph 365 (b) (ii) of the report;

3. *Endorses* those revisions to the medium-term plan of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for the period 1980-1983 accepted by the Working Party of the Trade and Development Board on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget;

4. *Believes* that revisions to the medium-term plan should include changes recommended by intergovernmental bodies as a result of their reviews of the response of the system to existing mandates, and as a result of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 34/225 of 20 December 1979;

5. *Requests* intergovernmental bodies regularly to review programmes within their areas of competence in order to convey in time their views and concerns about

such programmes to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination;

6. *Considers* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should not continue to set relative real growth rates and requests the Committee, at its twenty-first session, to determine new criteria and methods to be employed in setting programme priorities;

7. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, in setting programme priorities, to take into account the views on subprogramme priorities of the relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies in the fields of their competence;

8. *Reiterates* that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination should analyse the proposed programme budget in order to assess whether programme priorities have been respected;

9. *Emphasizes* the importance of the satisfactory implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 339 and 340 of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,³ so that the budget proposals are ready by the end of April 1981 and the Committee is able to give the proposed programme budget its considered attention;

10. *Reaffirms* its belief that the joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, after the necessary preparations envisaged in Economic and Social Council decision 1980/185 of 25 July 1980, should afford the specialized agencies the opportunity to discuss problems of mutual interest with the intergovernmental body designated by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/93 and by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976, with a view to improving the efficiency of the system;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the heads of all specialized agencies to ensure their personal participation in those meetings, in order that they may serve the purpose envisaged for them by the General Assembly;

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38), para. 325.*

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/35/38).

12. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Coordination to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the measures it has taken to implement paragraph 56 of the annex to Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977.

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3 November 1980

35/10. Pattern of conferences

A

FUTURE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 32/72 of 9 December 1977, in particular paragraph 3 (c), (d) and (e) thereof,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee on Conferences⁴ and approves the recommendations contained therein⁵ as amended;⁶

2. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make any adjustments in the calendar of conferences for 1981 which may become necessary as a result of action and decisions by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Emphasizes* the need for the Committee on Conferences to exercise more control over the establishment of and changes to calendars of conferences of subsidiary bodies of the United Nations, including its offices, programmes and organizations, and requests the Committee to undertake the necessary consultations in that regard;

4. *Instructs* all subsidiary organs of the General Assembly to complete their reports for the following session of the Assembly not later than 1 September and to report any activity after the adoption of such reports, where necessary, to the Assembly in addenda to the reports of the organs concerned;

5. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences, when preparing the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 1982-1983, to propose, on the basis of past experience and after due consultations with the subsidiary organs concerned, the shortening of sessions of subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly and to recommend, if appropriate, for consideration by the Assembly, bodies that could begin to meet on a biennial basis;

6. *Decides* that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly;

7. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to study the possibility of establishing effective mechanisms to enforce all existing rules to control and limit documentation with a view to ensuring the timely availability of documentation in all official languages and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 32 (A/35/32) and A/35/32/Add.1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 32 (A/35/32), para. 70, and A/35/32/Add.1, para. 17.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 96, document A/35/576, sect. A.

8. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, to appoint twenty-two Member States, on the basis of an equitable geographical balance, to serve on the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term.⁷

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3 November 1980

B

SUMMARY RECORDS FOR MEETINGS OF SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly

1. *Confirms* the continued applicability of its resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979 in respect of summary records for all those subsidiary organs of the General Assembly for which the provision of summary records was discontinued,⁸ for those organs which did not receive summary records prior to the adoption of resolution 34/50 and for those organs which may be established in the future, unless explicit exceptions are approved by the Assembly;

2. *Decides* to grant exceptions from the rule set forth in paragraph 1 above, subject to review at the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the basis of recommendations of the Committee on Conferences and in the light of experience gained, to the following subsidiary organs:

(a) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(b) United Nations Council for Namibia;

(c) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for sessions devoted to the preparation of draft conventions and other legal instruments;

(d) Special Committee against *Apartheid*;

(e) Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;

(f) *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Indian Ocean, when holding preparatory sessions for the Conference on the Indian Ocean envisaged in General Assembly resolution 34/80 B of 11 December 1979;

and requests those organs to keep their requirements for summary records, whenever possible, to a reasonable minimum and to dispense, whenever possible, with meeting records.

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3 November 1980

C

SPECIAL CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The General Assembly

1. *Invites* Member States and United Nations organs, when considering the convening of special conferences, to ensure that the objectives of the proposed conference are such that they have not been achieved and cannot be pursued within a reasonable time-frame

⁷ See sect. X.A, decision 35/322.

⁸ A/C.5/35/12, para. 4.