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36/40. World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, in which it requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the International Telecommunication Union and other specialized agencies concerned, to propose for consideration, as appropriate, one year during the Decade as a World Communications Year, in view of the importance of transport and communications to other regions of the world,

Recalling also its resolution 35/109 of 5 December 1980 on the World Communications Year, by which it endorsed the arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council concerning the Year,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/60 of 23 July 1981, in which the Council proposed that the year 1983 should be proclaimed World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures,

Taking into account the guidelines for future international years adopted in General Assembly decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980,

Having examined the note by the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union concerning the mobilization of voluntary resources for the World Communications Year,²

Recognizing the fundamental importance of communications infrastructures as an essential element in the economic and social development of all countries,

Convinced that the World Communications Year will provide the opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development and stimulate the accelerated development of communications infrastructures,

1. Endorses the proposal made by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 1 of its resolution 1981/60 and proclaims the year 1983 World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures, with the International Telecommunication Union serving as the lead agency for the Year and having responsibility for co-ordinating the interorganizational aspects of the programmes and activities of other agencies;

2. Requests all States to participate actively in the attainment of the objectives of the World Communications Year;

3. Invites the competent organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, within their respective terms of reference, for the implementation of the programme for the World Communications Year;

4. Invites non-governmental organizations and users of communications services to participate actively in the World Communications Year and to secure the fullest possible co-ordination of their programmes for the Year, particularly at the national level;

5. Invites Governments and interested organizations to make voluntary contributions to the World Communications Year through the Special Fund for the World Communications Year co-ordinated by the International Telecommunication Union, in order to ensure increased financing of projects at the national, regional and global levels;

6. Appeals to governmental authorities and appropriate organizations to make circuits available for reporting on the activities of the World Communications Year through existing means of information, including radio and television broadcasts, in collaboration with those authorities;

7. Requests the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, on the state of preparations for the World Communications Year.

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36/41. World Tourism Organization

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/157 of 19 December 1977 and 33/122 of 19 December 1978, concerning the World Tourism Organization,

Recalling also its resolution 34/134 of 14 December 1979, concerning the convening of the World Tourism Conference in September and October 1980 at Manila by the World Tourism Organization,

Recalling further its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, by which it proclaimed the Third United Nations

Development Decade and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Decade,

Taking note of paragraph (c) of Economic and Social Council decision 109 (LIX) of 23 July 1975, in which the Council designated the World Tourism Organization to participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the Council,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization on the World Tourism Conference,³ prepared in conformity with General Assembly resolution 34/134,

Noting with appreciation the statement made by the Minister of Tourism of the Philippines and President of the World Tourism Conference before the Second Committee, on 8 October 1981,⁴ on the results of the Conference, as embodied in the Manila Declaration on World Tourism⁵ adopted by the Conference,

Recognizing the new dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the improvement of the quality of life for all peoples, as well as a vital force for peace and international understanding,

1. Welcomes the Manila Declaration on World Tourism, which provides guidelines for the harmonious, balanced and equitable development of national and international tourism;

2. Urges States to give due attention to the principles of the Manila Declaration while formulating and implementing, as appropriate, their tourism policies, plans and programmes, in accordance with their national priorities and within the framework of the programme of work of the World Tourism Organization;

3. Requests the World Tourism Organization to continue its efforts towards the future development and promotion of tourism, especially in the developing countries, bearing in mind the implementation of the principles and guidelines contained in the Manila Declaration;

4. Requests international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations directly or indirectly interested in tourism to extend their assistance, in consultation and co-operation with the World Tourism Organization, towards the implementation of the Manila Declaration;

5. Decides that the World Tourism Organization may participate, on a continuing basis, in the work of the General Assembly in areas of concern to that Organization;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Manila Declaration.

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36/42. Mobilization of personal savings

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,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations

² A/36/585, annex.

³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Second Committee, 9th meeting, paras. 11-15.

⁴ A/36/236, annex, appendix I.

² A/36/585, annex.