

within their respective fields of competence, to intensify their co-operation towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of international peace and security, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States in order to enhance their capacity to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

7. *Takes note* of the proposals and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and requests him to take the necessary steps to ensure their implementation, including the following measures:

(a) Setting up of joint sectoral inter-agency working groups for follow-up of multilateral projects;

(b) Promotion of contacts and consultations regarding projects of a multilateral nature between the counterpart agencies, programmes and bodies concerned;

(c) Follow-up of the implementation of the approved proposals mentioned in paragraph 8 of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>30</sup>

8. *Calls upon* the competent bodies of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To give urgent consideration to the various recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and to inform him not later than 15 May 1985, of the action taken on them;

(b) To promote contacts and consultations regarding projects of a bilateral nature between the counterpart agencies, programmes and bodies concerned;

9. *Reaffirms* its recommendation contained in resolution 38/6 that another sectoral meeting on social development be organized in April 1985, under the aegis of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, in a country member of that organization, to give careful consideration to projects prepared for joint implementation, in conformity with the priorities set forth in paragraphs 61 and 62 of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>31</sup> including joint sectoral meetings;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States concerning arrangements for the organization of the above-mentioned meeting and to provide all necessary assistance and facilities to ensure its success;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to convene *ad hoc* meetings between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States for consultations on follow-up policies, projects, actions and procedures;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

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8 November 1984*

### 39/10. International Year of Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982, in which it declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace,

*Recalling also* its resolution 38/56 of 7 December 1983 concerning the preparations and the draft programme for the International Year of Peace,

*Aware* that peace constitutes one of the principal aspirations of mankind and that the attainment and preservation of peace is a universal responsibility,

*Mindful* of the paramount objective of the United Nations as enunciated in the Charter, namely, to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind,

*Recognizing* that the foundation of international peace and security can and must be strengthened within the framework of the United Nations and that this requires a strong commitment by Member States,

*Recognizing also* that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, at which time the International Year of Peace will be proclaimed, constitutes a unique opportunity for Member States to reaffirm their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the implementation of resolution 38/56, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>32</sup> and of the updated version of the draft programme for the International Year of Peace contained therein;<sup>33</sup>

2. *Invites* all States, United Nations organs, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, educational, scientific, cultural and research organizations and the communication media to make an even greater contribution to promote international peace and security on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Appeals* to Member States to submit proposals on specific activities which can be carried out by the United Nations, as well as those that they decide to execute at the national level, including the establishment of national co-ordination committees or other machinery for the observance of the International Year of Peace;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Voluntary Fund for the Programme of the International Year of Peace and invites all States and interested organizations to contribute to the Fund;

5. *Decides* to convene a pledging conference during the first quarter of 1985 so that all Member States which have not yet announced their voluntary contributions may have an opportunity to do so;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the co-ordination and co-operation established between the preparations for the International Year of Peace and the World Disarmament Campaign, the International Youth Year, the United Nations Decade for Women and the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the contribution of the regional seminars devoted to promoting the objectives of the International Year of Peace, to be organized during 1985;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the final version of the draft programme of the International Year of

<sup>30</sup> A/39/418.

<sup>31</sup> A/38/299 and Corr.1.

<sup>32</sup> A/39/500 and Add.1.

<sup>33</sup> A/39/500, annex I, and A/39/500/Add.1, annex.

Peace, on any new observations made to him and on the arrangements for financing the programme;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "International Year of Peace".

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8 November 1984*

### 39/11. Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the item entitled "Right of peoples to peace",

*Convinced* that a proclamation of the right of peoples to peace would contribute to the efforts aimed at the strengthening of international peace and security,

1. *Approves* the Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the widest dissemination of the Declaration to States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as other appropriate organizations.

*57th plenary meeting  
12 November 1984*

#### ANNEX

##### Declaration on the Right of Peoples to Peace

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* that the principal aim of the United Nations is the maintenance of international peace and security,

*Bearing in mind* the fundamental principles of international law set forth in the Charter of the United Nations,

*Expressing* the will and the aspirations of all peoples to eradicate war from the life of mankind and, above all, to avert a world-wide nuclear catastrophe,

*Convinced* that life without war serves as the primary international prerequisite for the material well-being, development and progress of countries, and for the full implementation of the rights and fundamental human freedoms proclaimed by the United Nations,

*Aware* that in the nuclear age the establishment of a lasting peace on Earth represents the primary condition for the preservation of human civilization and the survival of mankind,

*Recognizing* that the maintenance of a peaceful life for peoples is the sacred duty of each State,

1. *Solemnly proclaims* that the peoples of our planet have a sacred right to peace;

2. *Solemnly declares* that the preservation of the right of peoples to peace and the promotion of its implementation constitute a fundamental obligation of each State;

3. *Emphasizes* that ensuring the exercise of the right of peoples to peace demands that the policies of States be directed towards the elimination of the threat of war, particularly nuclear war, the renunciation of the use of force in international relations and the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Appeals* to all States and international organizations to do their utmost to assist in implementing the right of peoples to peace through the adoption of appropriate measures at both the national and the international level.

<sup>34</sup> International Atomic Energy Agency, *The Annual Report for 1983* (Austria, July 1984) (GC(XXVIII)/713 and Add.1 and 2); transmitted to the members of the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/39/458 and Add.1).

### 39/12. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

*The General Assembly,*

*Having received* the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1983,<sup>34</sup>

*Taking note* of the statement of the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency of 12 November 1984,<sup>35</sup> which provides additional information on the main development of the Agency's activities during 1984,

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of and the relevance for the International Atomic Energy Agency to promote further the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, as envisaged in its statute, and to improve further its technical assistance and promotional programmes for the benefit of developing countries,

*Conscious* of the importance of the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the implementation of the safeguards provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons<sup>36</sup> and other international treaties, conventions and agreements designed to achieve similar objectives, as well as ensuring, as far as it is able, that the assistance provided by the Agency or at its request or under its supervision or control is not used in such a way as to further any military purpose, as stated in article II of its statute,

*Recognizing* the importance of the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency on nuclear safety, which increases public confidence in nuclear power,

*Recalling* that 1984 marked the twentieth anniversary of the establishment by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency of the joint Division of Isotope and Radiation Applications of Atomic Energy for Food and Agricultural Development as well as of the establishment of the International Centre for Theoretical Physics of Trieste, and expressing its satisfaction at the valuable work carried out with the use of nuclear techniques to increase food production and at the development of physical and mathematical sciences in developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* resolutions GC(XXVIII)/RES/423, GC(XXVIII)/RES/424, GC(XXVIII)/RES/425 and GC(XXVIII)/RES/439, as adopted on 28 September 1984 by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency at its twenty-eighth regular session,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency;

2. *Affirms* its confidence in the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the application of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

3. *Urges* all States to strive for effective and harmonious international co-operation in carrying out the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency, pursuant to its statute, in promoting the use of nuclear energy and the application of nuclear science and technology for peaceful purposes; in strengthening technical assistance and co-operation for developing countries; in ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the Agency's safeguards system; and in promoting nuclear safety;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy

<sup>35</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Plenary Meetings, 58th meeting, paras. 2-34.*

<sup>36</sup> Resolution 2373 (XXII), annex.