

**40/2. Credentials of representatives to the fortieth session of the General Assembly****A***The General Assembly**Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>2</sup>**37th plenary meeting  
16 October 1985***B***The General Assembly**Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.<sup>3</sup>**120th plenary meeting  
17 December 1985***40/3. International Year of Peace***The General Assembly,**Recalling resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982, in which it declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace,**Recognizing that the importance of the International Year of Peace, which has been linked with the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, requires that the Year be devoted to concentrate the efforts of the United Nations and its Member States on the promotion and achievement of the ideals of peace by all possible means, which constitutes a fundamental purpose of the Charter of the United Nations,**Considering that efforts and activities to achieve positive results in international co-operation for the promotion of peace must be intensified during the Year and for ever,**1. Approves the Proclamation of the International Year of Peace, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;**2. Invites all States, all organizations of the United Nations system and interested non-governmental organizations, educational, scientific, cultural and research organizations and the communications media to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the International Year of Peace;**3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the widest possible dissemination of this Proclamation.**49th plenary meeting  
24 October 1985***ANNEX****Proclamation of the International Year of Peace***Whereas the General Assembly has decided unanimously to proclaim solemnly the International Year of Peace on 24 October 1985, the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations,**Whereas the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations provides a unique opportunity to reaffirm the support for and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,**Whereas peace constitutes a universal ideal and the promotion of peace is the primary purpose of the United Nations,**Whereas the promotion of international peace and security requires continuing and positive action by States and peoples aimed at the prevention**of war, removal of various threats to peace — including the nuclear threat — respect for the principle of non-use of force, the resolution of conflicts and the peaceful settlement of disputes, confidence-building measures, disarmament, the maintenance of outer space for peaceful uses, development, the promotion and exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms, decolonization in accordance with the principle of self-determination, the elimination of racial discrimination and apartheid, the enhancement of the quality of life, satisfaction of human needs and the protection of the environment,**Whereas peoples must live together in peace and practise tolerance, and it has been recognized that education, information, science and culture can contribute to that end,**Whereas the International Year of Peace provides a timely impetus for initiating renewed thought and action for the promotion of peace,**Whereas the International Year of Peace offers an opportunity to Governments, intergovernmental, non-governmental organizations and others to express in practical terms the common aspiration of all peoples for peace,**Whereas the International Year of Peace is not only a celebration or commemoration, but an opportunity to reflect and act creatively and systematically in fulfilling the purposes of the United Nations,**Now, therefore,**The General Assembly**Solemnly proclaims 1986 to be the International Year of Peace and calls upon all peoples to join with the United Nations in resolute efforts to safeguard peace and the future of humanity.***40/4. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference***The General Assembly,**Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference,<sup>4</sup>**Taking into account the desire of both organizations to co-operate more closely in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order,**Recalling the Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional co-operation for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,**Noting the strengthening of co-operation between the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference,**Noting the convening of the co-ordination meeting of the focal points of the lead agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at Geneva on 30 and 31 July 1985 in compliance with General Assembly resolution 39/7, which afforded an opportunity to evaluate the progress achieved in the five priority areas of co-operation identified by the first annual meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, held at Geneva on 15 July 1983,**Taking note of the encouraging results obtained in the evaluation of the progress achieved in the five priority areas of co-operation as well as in the exchange of views on preparatory work and other details for the second general meeting between the two organizations as provided for in General Assembly resolution 37/4,**Convinced that the strengthening of co-operation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the*

<sup>2</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 3, document A/40/747.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., document A/40/747/Add.1.

<sup>4</sup> A/40/657.

Islamic Conference contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/23 of 9 November 1981, 37/4 of 22 October 1982, 38/4 of 28 October 1983 and 39/7 of 8 November 1984,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Approves* the conclusions and recommendations of the co-ordination meeting of the focal points of the lead agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;<sup>5</sup>
3. *Notes with satisfaction* the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;
4. *Requests* the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to continue co-operation in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order;
5. *Encourages* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue to expand their co-operation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly by negotiating co-operation agreements, and invites them to multiply the contacts and meetings of focal points for co-operation in priority areas of interest to the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;
7. *Recommends* that the second general meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference as provided for in General Assembly resolution 37/4, should be organized in 1986 at a date and place to be determined through consultations with the organizations concerned;
8. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen the mechanisms of co-operation between the two organizations;
9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the state of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;
10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

*50th plenary meeting  
25 October 1985*

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. III.C.

<sup>6</sup> A/40/481 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

<sup>7</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 50th meeting.

## 40/5. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

*The General Assembly.*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, in particular resolutions 36/24 of 9 November 1981, 37/17 of 16 November 1982, 38/6 of 28 October 1983 and 39/9 of 8 November 1984,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,<sup>6</sup>

*Having heard* the statement by the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States of 25 October 1985<sup>7</sup> and having noted the emphasis placed therein on follow-up projects, actions and procedures on the recommendations adopted at the meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Tunis from 28 June to 1 July 1983,<sup>8</sup> as well as on various sectoral activities related to development priorities in the Arab region,

*Recalling* the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional arrangements for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Noting with appreciation* the desire of the League of Arab States to consolidate and develop the existing ties with the United Nations in all areas relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, and to co-operate in every possible way with the United Nations in the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East,

*Aware* of the vital importance for the countries members of the League of Arab States of achieving a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict,

*Realizing* that the strengthening of international peace and security is directly related, *inter alia*, to disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

*Convinced* that the maintenance and further strengthening of co-operation between the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States contribute to the work of the United Nations system and to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Recalling* that at the meeting held at Tunis the framework of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in certain priority sectors was defined, and proposals that could lend themselves to joint implementation were recommended,

*Recognizing* the need for closer co-operation between the United Nations system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations in realizing the goals and objectives set forth in the Strategy for Joint Arab Economic Development adopted by the Eleventh Arab Summit Conference, held at Amman from 25 to 27 November 1980,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;

<sup>8</sup> A/38/299 and Corr.1 sect. V.