

**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.