

Recalling also, in particular, section I, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/1 of 9 February 1979, 1979/41 of 10 May 1979 and 1979/69 of 2 August 1979 on control and limitation of documentation and General Assembly resolution 34/50 of 23 November 1979 on the same subject,

1. Decides to maintain on the agenda of its Main Committees during its regular sessions the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" but, in the light of the decision contained in paragraph 5 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41, to consider the chapters of the report of the Council under the relevant items of its agenda;

2. Recommends to the Secretary-General that the items of the agenda which are normally allocated for consideration to the Second Committee should in future be drawn up within the indicative framework outlined in the annex to the present resolution;

3. Recommends also that the Second Committee should organize its programme of work and the substantive debates on the agenda items allocated to it taking into account the regrouping and reorganization of items outlined in the above-mentioned annex;

4. Decides that all introductory statements to be made in the Second Committee on behalf of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should normally be made during the first two weeks of the substantive work of the Committee, in order to facilitate maximum utilization of the remaining time in the manner most convenient for Member States;

5. Decides that the Second Committee, in setting deadlines for submission of proposals, should allow for the possibility of addressing discussions on various items to proposals submitted under those items, as envisaged in paragraph 3 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197;

6. Decides to review at its thirty-fifth session, with a view to minimizing delays in the submission of documentation in all the working languages, the requirements in respect of document symbols, covers and related procedures in respect of reports for different inter-governmental bodies of the United Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to submit recommendations in that regard;

7. Also decides to consider at its thirty-fifth session the possibility or desirability of examining some of the items of its agenda allocated to the Second Committee on a biennial basis, including the possibility of assigning some items to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and final decision;

8. Further decides to review at its thirty-fifth session, in the light of experience, the arrangements outlined in paragraphs 2 to 4 above.

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#### ANNEX

##### Indicative reorganization of agenda items to be allocated to the Second Committee<sup>225</sup>

1. Development and international economic co-operation:
  - (a) International development strategy;

- (b) Round of global negotiations relating to international economic co-operation for development;
- (c) Trade and development;
- (d) Industrialization;
- (e) Science and technology for development;
- (f) Natural resources;
- (g) Food and agriculture;
- (h) Transfer of real resources to developing countries;
- (i) Financial, monetary and related matters;
- (j) Economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;
- (k) Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system;
- (l) Environment;
- (m) Human settlements;
- (n) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development.

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council.

3. Operational activities for development:

- (a) United Nations Development Programme;
  - (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;
  - (c) United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;
  - (d) United Nations Fund for Population Activities;
  - (e) United Nations Volunteers programme;
  - (f) United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries;
  - (g) United Nations Special Fund;
  - (h) United Nations Children's Fund;
  - (i) World Food Programme;
  - (j) Technical co-operation activities undertaken by the Secretary-General.
4. Training and research:
- (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
  - (b) United Nations University;
  - (c) University for Peace;
  - (d) Unified approach to development analysis and planning;
  - (e) Examination of long-term trends in economic development.
5. Special economic and disaster relief assistance.
6. Other matters brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

#### 34/213. Implementation of section V of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, by which it, *inter alia*, established the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System for the purpose of preparing detailed action proposals with a view to initiating the process of restructuring the United Nations system so as to make it more fully capable of dealing with problems of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner, and to make it more responsive to the requirements of the provisions of the Declaration and

<sup>225</sup> The items listed in this annex are based on the agenda of the thirty-fourth session; future changes within the broad framework outlined are not excluded.

the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order as well as those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Recalling also* its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, by which it, *inter alia*, endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 33/202 of 29 January 1979, in which it, *inter alia*, requested certain actions and measures within the framework of the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the *Ad Hoc* Committee,

*Reaffirming* that the process of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system is an integral part of the efforts required to ensure the equitable, full and effective participation of the developing countries in the formulation and application of all decisions within the United Nations system in the field of development and international economic co-operation,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council decision 1979/66 of 3 August 1979, in particular subparagraph (c) thereof,

*Taking note also* of decision 79/30 of 2 July 1979 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>226</sup>

*Having considered* the progress report of the Secretary-General for 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system<sup>227</sup> as well as the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1978/1979,<sup>228</sup>

1. *Regrets* that the major premise underlying the integration measures proposed in section V of the annex to General Assembly resolution 32/197, namely that it would stimulate substantially higher levels of voluntary contributions to operational activities for development, is yet to be fulfilled;

2. *Decides*, therefore, in the context of the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, called for under General Assembly resolution 33/201 of 29 January 1979, to pay special attention to the question of increased levels of voluntary contributions for operational activities for development without prejudice to paragraph 2 of the said resolution;

3. *Takes note* of the text of the proposed standard letter of designation of the resident co-ordinator of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system,<sup>229</sup> to be signed in each case by the Secretary-General, affirms in this context that the resident representative of the United Nations Development Programme would normally be designated as resident co-ordinator and draws attention to the fact that paragraph 2 of the standard letter may not be applicable to those exceptional cases in which the resident co-ordinator is not the resident representative of the Programme;

4. *Reaffirms* the principle that the assistance provided by the United Nations system should be in conformity with the national objectives and priorities of the recipient countries and that, therefore, the co-ordination of various assistance inputs at the national level is the prerogative of the Government concerned, while reaffirming also that over-all responsibility for, and co-

ordination of, operational activities for development of the United Nations system carried out at the country level is entrusted to the resident co-ordinator;

5. *Reaffirms further* that the tasks of the resident co-ordinator should be carried out in conformity with the criteria and priorities established by the competent national authorities and that they, including the reporting arrangements, should pertain exclusively to operational activities of the United Nations system;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, in consultation with the Governments and the executive heads of the organizations concerned, that in the exercise of his functions the resident co-ordinator shall be enabled:

(a) To take adequately into account the objectives set forth in paragraphs 28 (b) to (d) of the annex to resolution 32/197;

(b) To assist Governments in achieving the objectives and priorities set by them by ensuring the coherence of action and effective integration of the various sectoral inputs from the United Nations system, as defined in paragraph 33 of the annex to resolution 32/197;

(c) To assume over-all responsibility for, and co-ordination of, operational activities for development of the United Nations system carried out at the country level, in conformity with paragraph 34 of the annex to resolution 32/197;

(d) To be responsible, in accordance with the policies and priorities of the Government concerned, for evolving at the country level a multidisciplinary dimension in the programming, implementation and evaluation of sectoral development assistance programmes, as set forth in paragraph 34 of the annex to resolution 32/197;

(e) To help in the implementation at the country level of the objective stated in paragraph 32 of the annex to resolution 32/197, namely the achievement of maximum uniformity in administrative, financial, procurement and other procedures;

7. *Decides* that the guidelines set forth in paragraph 6 above do not affect relations between Governments and individual organizations of the United Nations system or the direct lines of authority and communication between the representatives of those organizations at the country level and their own executive heads;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to proceed with the designation of resident co-ordinators, with the consent of the Governments concerned, taking fully into account the provisions of paragraphs 3 to 7 above, and in accordance with Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 on the implementation of paragraph 34 of the annex to resolution 32/197;

9. *Decides*, in the context of progress made in the implementation of section V of the annex to resolution 32/197, to give consideration to the establishment of a single governing body responsible for the management and control, at the intergovernmental level, of United Nations operational activities for development, which would replace the existing governing bodies as envisaged in paragraph 35 of the annex to resolution 32/197, and requests the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 to formulate recommendations to this end and submit them to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

<sup>226</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1)*, chap. XXI, sect. B.

<sup>227</sup> E/1979/81.

<sup>228</sup> E/1979/34 and Add.1/Rev. 1.

<sup>229</sup> E/1979/34, annex.