utilize Arab expertise to the extent possible in projects undertaken in the Arab region;

- 13. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to hold periodic consultations, as and when appropriate, between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States on follow-up policies, projects, actions and procedures;
- 14. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;
- 15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fourth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

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## 43/4. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/11 of 28 October 1987, relating to the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, 12

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, inter alia, to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

Bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and whose activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles, and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind resolution AG/RES.880 (XVII-0/87) adopted on 14 November 1987 by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States<sup>13</sup> on co-operation between the two organizations,

Underscoring the need to continue strengthening the cooperation that already exists between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, especially in respect of economic and social development, as well as the initiative by their Secretaries-General regarding cooperation in the peace process in Central America,

Convinced of the need for more efficient and coordinated utilization of available economic and financial resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

- 1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as his efforts to strengthen that co-operation;
- 2. Invites the Secretary-General to continue taking the necessary measures for promoting and expanding cooperation and co-ordination between the United Nations and the Organization of American States in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations for the attainment of their common objectives;
- 3. Recommends that a general meeting should be held between representatives of the Organization of American States and of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, on a date and at a place to be determined, for the purpose of holding consultations on projects, measures and procedures which will facilitate and broaden co-operation between those organizations;
- 4. Recommends that in 1989 local meetings should be promoted between resident representatives of the two organizations, in each country which is a member of both organizations, in consultation with the national authorities of those countries;
- 5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;
- 6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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## 43/5. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/12 of 28 October 1987 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System, <sup>14</sup>

Taking into account decision 282 of 20 September 1988 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System, adopted at the fourteenth regular session of the Latin American Council, in which the conviction was expressed that General Assembly resolution 42/12 represents an important step towards further development of co-operation between the Latin American Economic System and the United Nations system,

Considering that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has developed close ties of cooperation with the Latin American Economic System and that, in the course of the last year, efforts have been successfully made at co-ordinating and mutually strengthening their activities,

Considering also that since 1976 the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System has carried out various programmes with the support of the United Nations Development Programme in areas that are considered of priority for the economic development of the region,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> A/43/552 and Add.1.

<sup>13</sup> Organization of American States, General Assembly, Seventeenth Regular Session, Washington. D.C., November 9-14, 1987, vol. I, Proceedings (OEA/Ser.P/XVII.0.2), p. 37.

<sup>14</sup> A/43/433.

Considering further that the Latin American Economic System is developing joint activities with specialized agencies and other bodies and programmes of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

- 1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;
- 2. Expresses satisfaction with decision 282 of the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System:
- 3. Expresses its gratitude for the constant efforts made by the Latin American Economic System in promoting co-operation among the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and consultation and co-ordination of their positions on subjects of vital importance to the region, as well as in enhancing their economic and social development;
- 4. Welcomes with satisfaction the dialogue which the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Latin American and Caribbean countries are holding on the occasion of the ordinary sessions of the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System;
- 5. Urges the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to broaden and deepen its coordination and mutual support activities with the Latin American Economic System, as well as its participation in common efforts to harmonize action among the various regional and subregional entities in the economic field;
- 6. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen and broaden its support to the programme that the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System is carrying out within the framework of the 1989-1991 work programme approved by the Latin American Council;
- 7. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue to intensify their co-operation with the activities of the Latin American Economic System;
- 8. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to promote, in close collaboration with the Permanent Secretary of the Latin American Economic System, the holding of a meeting in 1989 between their respective secretariats, with the aim of identifying those areas in which it will be possible to broaden co-operation between the United Nations system and the Latin American Economic System;
- 9. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen and intensify co-operation between the United Nations system and the Latin American Economic System, and to inform the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session of the implementation of the present resolution.

43/6. Observer status for the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the desire of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean for co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency,

- 1. Decides to invite the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
- 2. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.

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## 43/7. Emergency assistance to Jamaica

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987 on an international decade for natural disaster reduction,

Deeply distressed by the number of afflicted persons and the destruction wrought by hurricane Gilbert which, on 12 September 1988, struck the island of Jamaica,

Conscious of the efforts of the Government and people of Jamaica to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the hurricane,

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Conscious also of the prompt response being made by Governments, international agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide emergency relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its long-term effects will require, as a complement to the effort being made by the people and Government of Jamaica, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas, as well as to undertake the process of reconstruction,

- 1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Government and people of Jamaica;
- 2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to that country;
- 3. Calls upon all States to contribute generously to the relief and reconstruction efforts in the affected areas;
- 4. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and the bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to assist the Government of Jamaica in identifying the emergency, medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of reconstruction of the country undertaken by the Government.