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DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS BETWEEN STATES

Report of the First Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States: report of the Secretary-General" was included in the provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/101 of 9 December 1981.
2. As its 4th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1982, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the First Committee.
3. The First Committee considered the item at its 46th, 49th to 56th and 59th meetings, held from 29 November to 9 December 1982 (A/C.1/37/PV.46, 49-56 and 59).
4. The Committee had before it the following documents:
 - (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States (A/37/476 of 26 October 1982);
 - (b) Note verbale dated 18 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/70-S/14841);
 - (c) Letter dated 8 February 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/84-S/14863);

(d) Letter dated 16 February 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/89-S/14873);

(e) Note verbale dated 23 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/156-S/14922);

(f) Letter dated 5 April 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/172-S/14957);

(g) Note verbale dated 7 May 1982 from the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/222);

(h) Letter dated 7 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/267);

(i) Note verbale dated 8 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/271-S/15184);

(j) Letter dated 22 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Communiqué and other documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries held at Havana from 31 May to 5 June 1982 (A/37/333-S/15278);

(k) Letter dated 29 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/329);

(l) Letter dated 30 June 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/321-S/15266);

(m) Letter dated 27 August 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/414-S/15380);

(n) Letter dated 3 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/431-S/15389);

(o) Letter dated 10 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/438);

(p) Letter dated 29 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/505);

(q) Letter dated 11 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Communiqué and other documents of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Non-Aligned Countries held in New York from 4 to 9 October 1982 (A/37/540-S/15454);

(r) Letter dated 19 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the resolutions adopted by the 69th Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held in Rome from 12 to 23 September 1982 (A/37/578);

(s) Letter dated 28 October 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/584-S/15471);

(t) Letter dated 1 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/596-S/15479);

(u) Letter dated 12 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/635-S/15497);

(v) Letter dated 19 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/639-S/15498);

(w) Letter dated 24 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/644-S/15501);

(x) Letter dated 2 December 1982 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/689 and Corr.1-S/15506 and Corr.1);

(y) Letter dated 3 December 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/37/696-S/15510).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.1/37/L.77

5. At the 54th meeting, on 6 December 1982, the representative of Romania introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/37/L.77) on behalf of Bangladesh, Burundi, Colombia, the Congo, France, Guinea, Indonesia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Turkey, the United Republic of Cameroon, Uruguay and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Liberia and the Niger.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of Romania revised operative paragraph 4 by adding, after the words "concerning good-neighbourliness", a foot-note with the symbol of the report of the Secretary-General on good-neighbourliness (A/37/476).
7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/37/L.77, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

8. The First Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness
between States

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the determination of the peoples of the United Nations, as expressed in the Charter, to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

Recalling its resolutions 1236 (XII) of 14 December 1957, 1301 (XIII) of 10 December 1958, 2129 (XX) of 21 December 1965, 34/99 of 14 December 1979 and 36/101 of 9 December 1981,

Bearing in mind that, owing to geographic proximity, there are particularly favourable opportunities for co-operation and mutual advantage between neighbouring countries in many fields and various forms and that the development of such co-operation may have a positive influence on international relations as a whole,

Considering that the great changes of a political, economic and social nature as well as the scientific and technological progress which have taken place in the world and led to unprecedented interdependence of nations have given new dimensions to good-neighbourliness in the conduct of States and increased the need to develop and strengthen it,

Recalling its opinion that it is necessary to continue to examine the question of good-neighbourliness in order to strengthen and further develop its content, as well as ways and modalities to enhance its effectiveness, and that the results of this examination could be included, at an appropriate time, in a suitable international document,

1. Reaffirms that good-neighbourliness conforms with the purposes of the United Nations and is founded upon the strict observance of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on Principles of International

Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/ as well as upon the rejection of any acts seeking to establish zones of influence or domination;

2. Calls once again upon all States, in the interest of the maintenance of international peace and security, to develop good-neighbourly relations, acting on the basis of these principles;

3. Reaffirms that the generalization of the long practice and of principles and rules pertaining to good-neighbourliness is likely to strengthen friendly relations and co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter;

4. Deems it appropriate, taking into account the report of the Secretary-General concerning good-neighbourliness 2/ together with other ideas and proposals which may be submitted subsequently by Member States, to clarify the elements of good-neighbourliness as part of a process of elaborating, at an appropriate time, a suitable international document on the subject;

5. Invites once again the Governments and the international organizations that have not communicated to the Secretary-General their views and suggestions on good-neighbourliness, in accordance with resolutions 34/99 and 36/101, to do so as soon as possible, and the Governments that have already communicated such views and suggestions to supplement them if they deem it necessary;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States".

1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

2/ A/37/476.