

tion of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;²⁵

24. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to the need to give increasingly wide publicity to all matters relating to the social and economic development of Africa, in particular to the critical economic situation facing African countries;

25. *Calls upon* United Nations organs — in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the United Nations Council for Namibia — to continue to associate closely the Organization of African Unity with all their work concerning Africa;

26. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and to expand their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, their assistance to the liberation movements recognized by that organization;

27. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his commendable efforts in alerting and sensitizing the international community to the plight of African countries, in mobilizing additional assistance to Africa and in co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations system in Africa, monitoring the situation and presenting periodic reports thereon;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

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39/9. 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 and 38/6 of 28 October 1983,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,²⁶

Having heard the statement of the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States²⁷ 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 1983,²⁸ 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 strengthening and furtherance 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,

Noting that the Tunis meeting defined the framework of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in certain priority sectors, without determining specific projects that could lend themselves to joint implementation,

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;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts towards the implementation of the recommendations of 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,²⁸ as well as to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system for their substantial contributions to that meeting;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the results achieved at the meeting on food and agriculture in the Arab region, held in Rome on 27 and 28 September 1984, within the framework of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;²⁹

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen co-operation with the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States for the purpose of implementing United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East in order to achieve a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat of the United Nations and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States,

²⁵ A/39/402, annex.

²⁶ A/39/418 and Add.1.

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly: Thirty-ninth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 54th meeting, paras. 43-58.

²⁸ See A/38/299 and Corr.1, sect. V.

²⁹ See A/39/418/Add.1.

within their respective fields of competence, to intensify their co-operation towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the strengthening of international peace and security, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States in order to enhance their capacity to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

7. *Takes note* of the proposals and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and requests him to take the necessary steps to ensure their implementation, including the following measures:

(a) Setting up of joint sectoral inter-agency working groups for follow-up of multilateral projects;

(b) Promotion of contacts and consultations regarding projects of a multilateral nature between the counterpart agencies, programmes and bodies concerned;

(c) Follow-up of the implementation of the approved proposals mentioned in paragraph 8 of the report of the Secretary-General;³⁰

8. *Calls upon* the competent bodies of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To give urgent consideration to the various recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and to inform him not later than 15 May 1985, of the action taken on them;

(b) To promote contacts and consultations regarding projects of a bilateral nature between the counterpart agencies, programmes and bodies concerned;

9. *Reaffirms* its recommendation contained in resolution 38/6 that another sectoral meeting on social development be organized in April 1985, under the aegis of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, in a country member of that organization, to give careful consideration to projects prepared for joint implementation, in conformity with the priorities set forth in paragraphs 61 and 62 of the report of the Secretary-General,³¹ including joint sectoral meetings;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States concerning arrangements for the organization of the above-mentioned meeting and to provide all necessary assistance and facilities to ensure its success;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to convene *ad hoc* meetings between representatives of the Secretariat of the United Nations and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States for consultations on follow-up policies, projects, actions and procedures;

12. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fortieth session, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fortieth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States".

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39/10. International Year of Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/16 of 16 November 1982, in which it declared 1986 to be the International Year of Peace.

Recalling also its resolution 38/56 of 7 December 1983 concerning the preparations and the draft programme for the International Year of Peace,

Aware that peace constitutes one of the principal aspirations of mankind and that the attainment and preservation of peace is a universal responsibility,

Mindful of the paramount objective of the United Nations as enunciated in the Charter, namely, to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Recognizing that the foundation of international peace and security can and must be strengthened within the framework of the United Nations and that this requires a strong commitment by Member States,

Recognizing also that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, at which time the International Year of Peace will be proclaimed, constitutes a unique opportunity for Member States to reaffirm their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the implementation of resolution 38/56, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General,³² and of the updated version of the draft programme for the International Year of Peace contained therein;³³

2. *Invites* all States, United Nations organs, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, educational, scientific, cultural and research organizations and the communication media to make an even greater contribution to promote international peace and security on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations;

3. *Appeals* to Member States to submit proposals on specific activities which can be carried out by the United Nations, as well as those that they decide to execute at the national level, including the establishment of national co-ordination committees or other machinery for the observance of the International Year of Peace;

4. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Voluntary Fund for the Programme of the International Year of Peace and invites all States and interested organizations to contribute to the Fund;

5. *Decides* to convene a pledging conference during the first quarter of 1985 so that all Member States which have not yet announced their voluntary contributions may have an opportunity to do so;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the co-ordination and co-operation established between the preparations for the International Year of Peace and the World Disarmament Campaign, the International Youth Year, the United Nations Decade for Women and the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the contribution of the regional seminars devoted to promoting the objectives of the International Year of Peace, to be organized during 1985;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the final version of the draft programme of the International Year of

³⁰ A/39/418.

³¹ A/38/299 and Corr.1

³² A/39/500 and Add.1.

³³ A/39/500, annex I, and A/39/500/Add.1, annex.