

49/1. Observer status for the South Pacific Forum in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Noting the desire of the South Pacific Forum for cooperation between the United Nations and the South Pacific Forum,

1. *Decides* to invite the South Pacific Forum 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.

*34th plenary meeting
17 October 1994*

49/2. Observer status for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling the special functions of the member societies of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies which are recognized by their respective Governments as auxiliaries to the public authorities in the humanitarian field on the basis of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949,²

Considering the specific role of the International Federation in international humanitarian relations as further defined by the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent,

Desirous of promoting cooperation between the United Nations and the International Federation,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies 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.

*38th plenary meeting
19 October 1994*

49/3. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2211 (XXI) of 17 December 1966, in response to which a trust fund, subsequently named the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, was established in 1967 by the Secretary-General,

Noting that the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, renamed in 1987 as the United Nations Population Fund, began operations in 1969,

Recalling also its resolutions 3019 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, 31/170 of 21 December 1976, and 34/104 of 14 December 1979, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized the leading role and effectiveness of the Fund in the United Nations system in the population field and affirmed the Fund as a subsidiary body of the General Assembly,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolutions 1763 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1986/7 of 21 May 1986 stating the aims and purposes of the Fund,

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

1. *Congratulates* the United Nations Population Fund on the occasion of its twenty-fifth anniversary;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the positive contributions the Fund and its dedicated staff have made during its first twenty-five years in promoting better understanding and awareness of population and development issues, in improving the quality of human life, and in extending systematic and sustained assistance to developing countries, at their request, to undertake appropriate national programmes to address their population and development needs.

*39th plenary meeting
20 October 1994*

49/4. Credentials of representatives to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the first report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,³

Approves the first report of the Credentials Committee.

*40th plenary meeting
20 October 1994*

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the second report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,⁴

Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee.

*89th plenary meeting
15 December 1994*

49/5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/11 of 29 October 1992 relating to the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 28 September 1994 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States⁵

Taking into account the reports of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace"⁶ and "An Agenda for Development"⁷ and the related consultations within the United Nations and with regional organizations on these subjects,

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, *inter alia*, to achieve international cooperation in solving international

³ A/49/517, para. 10.

⁴ A/49/517/Add.1, para. 10.

⁵ A/49/450.

⁶ A/47/277-S/24111; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1992*, document S/24111.

⁷ A/48/935.

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 and 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,

Noting with satisfaction that the second general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States was held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States on 3 and 4 May 1993, and that a sectoral meeting on natural disasters management in the Americas was held in Barbados on 28 and 29 April 1994,

Welcoming the meeting on peace held at United Nations Headquarters on 1 August 1994 between the Secretary-General and heads of regional organizations,

Bearing in mind the adoption by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, on 8 June 1994, of resolution AG/RES.1289(XXIV-O/94), also on cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 47/20 A, 47/20 B and 48/27 B of 24 November 1992, 20 April 1993 and 8 July 1994, respectively,

Aware that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as of his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his initiative in meeting with heads of regional organizations on 1 August 1994 and recommends that similar meetings be held more frequently;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the close cooperation between the two organizations and, in particular, the joint operations of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, as well as over the work carried out by the former Special Envoy of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of American States in relation to the situation in Haiti;

4. *Welcomes* the offer of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States to the President of the Security Council concerning the readiness of the Organization of American States to cooperate with the United Nations in its efforts to improve measures for the prevention and peaceful solution of regional and international conflicts;

5. *Also expresses its satisfaction* at the close cooperation between the two organizations in the observation and verification of the electoral process, and recognizes the effectiveness of that cooperation when it is requested by national authorities;

6. *Welcomes* the meeting between the Secretary-General and the new Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, soon after the latter took office, as well as regular meetings between their representatives throughout the period under review;

7. *Requests* both Secretaries-General, or their representatives, to resume consultations with a view to signing during 1995 an agreement for cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

8. *Approves* the conclusions and recommendations of the second general meeting between representatives of the two organizations, held in May 1993, as well as the sectoral meeting on natural disasters management in the Americas, held in April 1994, and urges the relevant authorities of both organizations to take the necessary steps to implement those recommendations and promote further cooperation;

9. *Recommends* that a third general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and the Organization of American States be held in 1995 to continue to review and appraise progress, and that sectoral and focal point meetings be held on areas of priority or mutually agreed issues;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen and broaden the mechanism for cooperation between the two organizations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

41st plenary meeting
21 October 1994

49/6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/22 of 22 November 1993 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 14 September 1994 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System,^a

Bearing in mind the Agreement between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System, in which the parties agree to strengthen and expand their cooperation in matters which are of common concern in the field of their respective competence pursuant to their constitutional instruments,

Considering that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has developed ties of cooperation with the Latin American Economic System which have grown stronger in recent years,

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

Considering also that the Latin American Economic System is developing joint activities with the specialized agencies and other organizations 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,

^a A/49/382.