

90. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories

At its twenty-first session, in 1966, the General Assembly, following its consideration of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its twenty-second session an item entitled “Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Southern Rhodesia, South West Africa and Territories under Portuguese domination and in all other Territories under colonial domination” (resolution 2189 (XXI)). At its twenty-second, thirty-fifth, forty-fourth and forty-sixth sessions, the Assembly decided to amend further the title of the item (resolution 2288 (XXII), A/35/250, para. 22, and decisions 44/469 and 46/402 D). At its forty-eighth session, the Assembly decided to revise the title of the item to read: “Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination” (decision 48/402 C). The item appeared with that title on the draft agenda of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly (see A/BUR/53/1, paras. 45 and 47). In its first report (A/53/250, para. 47), the General Committee recommended that the item should read: “Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories”, and the Assembly included the item in the agenda with the new wording (see A/53/PV.3).

Since its twenty-second session, the General Assembly has maintained the item on its agenda and at each session has adopted resolutions on the item.

At its fifty-fourth session,¹²⁹ the General Assembly urged the administering Powers concerned to take effective measures to safeguard and guarantee the inalienable right of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to their natural resources and to establish and maintain control over the future development of those resources, and requested the administering Powers to take all necessary steps to protect the property rights of the peoples of those Territories; and requested the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session (resolution 54/84).

At the same session, the General Assembly reaffirmed its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterated its strong views that existing bases and installations, which were impeding the implementation of the Declaration, should be withdrawn; reiterated that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear or other weapons of mass destruction; and requested the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session (decision 54/421).

¹²⁹ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda items 93 and 18):

- (a) Report of the Special Committee: Supplement No. 23 (A/54/23 (Part II), chaps. V and VI and A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII);
- (b) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): A/54/580;
- (c) Resolution 54/84 and decision 54/421;
- (d) Meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): A/C.4/54/SR.3-7;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.71.

Document: Relevant part of the report of the Special Committee, Supplement No. 23 (A/55/23).

91. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

This question has appeared as a separate item on the agenda of the General Assembly since its twenty-second session, in 1967 (resolution 2311 (XXII)).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹³⁰ the General Assembly requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories; requested the administering Powers concerned to facilitate the participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the relevant meetings and conferences of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system so that the Territories might benefit from the related activities of those agencies and organizations; recommended that all Governments intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system of which they were members to accord priority to the question of providing assistance to the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories; and requested the Special Committee to continue to examine the question and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session (resolution 54/85).

Documents:

- (a) Report of the Special Committee, Supplement No. 23 (A/55/23);
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/85), A/55/72 and Corr.1.

92. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

At its ninth session, in 1954, the General Assembly invited Member States to offer facilities to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories not only for study and training at the university level, but also for study at the post-primary level as well as technical and vocational training of an immediate and practical value, and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report for the information of the Assembly, giving details of the offers made and the extent to which they had been taken up (resolution 845 (IX)). A similar

¹³⁰ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda items 94 and 12):

- (a) Report of the Special Committee: Supplement No. 23 (A/54/23 (Part II), chap. VII, and A/54/23 (Part III), chap. XIII);
- (b) Report of the Economic and Social Council: Supplement No. 3 (A/54/3), chap. VII, sect. D;
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/119;
- (d) Report of the Chairman of the Special Committee: A/AC.109/1999/L.16;
- (e) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): A/54/581;
- (f) Resolution 54/85;
- (g) Meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): A/C.4/54/SR.3-7;
- (h) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.71.

invitation has been reiterated by the Assembly at subsequent sessions and, on each occasion, the Secretary-General has been requested to report to the subsequent session on the implementation of the relevant resolution.

At its fifty-fourth session,¹³¹ the General Assembly invited all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that had not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students; urged the administering Powers to take effective measures to ensure the widespread and continuous dissemination in the Territories under their administration of information relating to offers of study and training facilities made by States and to provide all the necessary facilities to enable students to avail themselves of such offers; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 54/86).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/86), A/55/81.

93. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India

This item was included in the agenda of the thirty-fourth session of the General Assembly, in 1979, at the request of Madagascar (A/34/245). At that session, the Assembly reaffirmed the necessity of scrupulously respecting the national entity and territorial integrity of a colonial territory at the time of its accession to independence (resolution 34/91).

At its thirty-fifth session, the General Assembly invited the Government of France to initiate with the Government of Madagascar, as a matter of urgency, the negotiations provided for in resolution 34/91, with a view to settling the question in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter; and requested the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session (resolution 35/123).

At its thirty-sixth to fifty-fourth sessions, the General Assembly decided to include the item in the provisional agenda of its subsequent session (decisions 36/432, 37/424, 38/422, 39/421, 40/429, 41/416, 42/415, 43/419, 44/419, 45/402, 46/402, 47/402, 48/402, 49/402, 50/402, 51/402, 52/402, 53/402 and 54/402).

No advance documentation is expected.

¹³¹ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 95):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/267;
- (b) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): A/54/582;
- (c) Resolution 54/86;
- (d) Meetings of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee): A/C.4/54/SR.3-7;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.71.

94. Macroeconomic policy questions¹

(a) Trade and development

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) was established on 30 December 1964 as an organ of the General Assembly (resolution 1995 (XIX)). The 190 members of the Conference are States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency. The principal functions of the Conference are set out in section II, paragraph 3, of resolution 1995 (XIX). The Conference held its tenth session at Bangkok from 12 to 19 February 2000.

When the Conference is not in session, the 145-member Trade and Development Board carries out the functions that fall within the competence of the Conference. The Board reports to the Conference and also reports annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The Board convened its twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth executive sessions on 15 October 1999, 17 December 1999 and 24 March 2000, respectively. A resumed twenty-fourth executive session was convened on 12 May 2000. The forty-seventh session of the Board is scheduled to be held from 9 to 20 October 2000.

Documents: Reports of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-third and twenty-fourth executive sessions (A/55/15 (Parts I-III)) and on its forty-seventh session (A/55/15 (Part IV)).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹³² the General Assembly reaffirmed the role of UNCTAD as the focal point within the United Nations for the integrated treatment of development and related issues in the areas of trade, finance, technology, investment and sustainable development; considered that the tenth session of the Conference would provide, *inter alia*, an important opportunity for the United Nations system and the international community to engage in a collective reflection on development so as to reach a consensus on development strategies in an increasingly interdependent world; renewed its commitment to uphold and strengthen an open, rule-based, equitable, secure, non-discriminatory, transparent and predictable multilateral trade system; reiterated the importance of continued trade liberalization in developed and developing countries, including in sectors of export interest to developing countries; expressed concern about the proliferation of anti-dumping and countervailing measures; and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the UNCTAD secretariat, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution and the developments in the multilateral trading system (resolution 54/198).

¹³² References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 97 (c)):

- (a) Reports of the Trade and Development Board on its nineteenth to twenty-second executive session (A/54/15 (Parts I to IV)) and on its forty-sixth session (A/54/15 (Part V)): Supplement No. 15 (A/54/15/Rev.1);
- (b) Reports of the Secretary-General: A/54/304 and A/54/486;
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report prepared in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (A/54/529);
- (d) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/585/Add.3 and Corr.1;
- (e) Resolutions 54/198 to 54/200, and decision 54/441;
- (f) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-10, 15, 28, 29, 33, 37, 39-42, 44 and 50;
- (g) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

Document: Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report prepared in conjunction with the secretariat of UNCTAD (resolution 54/198).

Transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

At its fifty-third session,¹³³ the General Assembly took note of the report prepared by UNCTAD on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit neighbours; invited the Secretary-General of UNCTAD and the Governments concerned, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and relevant regional and international organizations and in accordance with approved programme priorities and within existing financial resources, to continue elaborating a programme for improving the efficiency of the current transit environment in the newly independent and developing landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours; and requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD, in close cooperation with the regional commissions, to prepare a report on the implementation of the resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session (resolution 53/171).

Document: Report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (resolution 53/171).

(b) Commodities

The General Assembly considered the question of commodities at its forty-first, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, forty-seventh, forty-ninth and fifty-first sessions (resolutions 41/168, 44/218, 45/200, 47/185, 49/104 and 51/169).

At its fifty-third session,¹³⁴ the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on world commodity trends and prospects (resolution 53/174).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 53/174).

(c) External debt crisis and development

International cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of developing countries

¹³³ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 91 (a)):

- (a) Reports of the Trade and Development Board on the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth executive sessions (Parts I-III) and on its forty-fifth session (Part IV): Supplement No. 15 (A/53/15/Rev.1);
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General: A/53/331;
- (c) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/606/Add.1;
- (d) Resolution 53/171 and decision 54/438;
- (e) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-11, 28-30, 35, 36, 38 and 40-42;
- (f) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹³⁴ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 91 (c)):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General: A/53/319;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/606/Add.3;
- (c) Resolution 53/174;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-11, 15, 28-30, 36 and 42;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

The General Assembly first considered this subject at its fortieth session and has addressed the issue at each subsequent session (resolutions 41/202, 42/198, 43/198, 44/205, 45/214, 46/148, 47/198, 48/182, 49/94, 50/92, 51/164, 52/185, 53/175 and decision 40/474).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹³⁵ the General Assembly recognized that the Cologne debt initiative and the recent decisions of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on the enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative contributed to achieving durable solutions to the debt problems of developing countries; stressed the need for flexibility with regard to the Initiative's eligibility criteria and with regard to strengthening the link between debt relief and poverty eradication; also stressed the urgency of providing new and additional resources for financing debt-relief measures; invited the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to further improve debt sustainability analysis; welcomed the cancellation of bilateral debt by some creditor countries; stressed the need to strengthen the capacity of developing countries in debt management and the need for new financial flows to debtor countries from all sources in addition to debt relief; also stressed the principle that funding of any debt relief should not affect adversely the support for other development activities; called for concerted national and international action, including by private creditors, to address the debt problems of middle-income developing countries; also called for the implementation of commitments, agreements and decisions of major United Nations conferences and summits organized since the beginning of the 1990s on development, as well as of the outcomes of review processes, in particular those related to the debt problem of developing countries; and requested the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session with a report on the implementation of the resolution, including a comprehensive analysis of the external debt and debt-servicing problems of the developing countries (resolution 54/202).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/202).

(d) Science and technology for development

At its fifty-fourth session,¹³⁶ the General Assembly reaffirmed the important role that the United Nations should play in the promotion of cooperation in science and technology; recognized the role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in coordinating the activities of the United Nations system in the area of science and technology for development; emphasized the role of partnership and networking mechanisms for the integration of developing countries and countries with economies in transition into the world economy; reaffirmed that the substantive theme for the work of the Commission during the inter-sessional period 1999-2001 would be "National capacity-building in biotechnology"; invited the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to provide assistance and to promote cooperation in the area of partnership and networking, biotechnology, and information and communication technologies; requested the Secretary-

¹³⁵ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 97 (e)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/370;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/585/Add.5;
- (c) Resolution 54/202;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-10, 15, 28, 29, 33, 37, 39-42 and 48;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

¹³⁶ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 97 (d)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/270 and Corr.1;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/585/Add.4;
- (c) Resolution 54/201;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-10, 15, 28, 29, 33, 37, 39-42 and 44;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, proposals for strengthening the coordination of mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within UNCTAD in order to ensure coordination of the various efforts and activities in the area of new and innovative technologies, with the objective of promoting complementarity of activities within the United Nations system; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution (resolution 54/201).

Document: Reports of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/201), A/55/96-E/2000/84.

(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Towards a stable international financial system, responsive to the challenges of development, especially in the developing countries

The General Assembly considered the issue of global financial flows and their impact on developing countries at its fifty-second session (resolution 52/180), and the issue of the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries, at its fifty-third session (resolution 53/172).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹³⁷ the General Assembly recognized the importance of international financial stability and of strong domestic institutions to promote growth and development, *inter alia*, through sound macroeconomic policies and policies aimed at strengthening the regulatory and supervisory systems of the financial and banking sectors; stressed the need for international cooperation in promoting financial stability and strengthening the international financial system; emphasized the need to develop further modalities to prevent, or take timely action to address, the threat of financial crisis; called for the renewal of national, regional and international efforts to promote greater involvement of the private sector in the prevention and resolution of financial crises; underscored the importance of a more equitable distribution of the cost of adjustments between the public and the private sectors and among debtors, creditors and investors, and requested UNCTAD to provide information to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session about the work it has undertaken on the matter (resolution 54/197).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/197).

95. Sectoral policy questions

(a) Industrial development cooperation

The General Assembly considered the issue of industrial development cooperation at its forty-sixth, forty-ninth and fifty-first sessions (resolutions 46/151, 49/108 and 51/170).

¹³⁷ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 97 (b)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/471;
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General regarding a note by UNCTAD (A/54/512 and Add.1);
- (c) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/585/Add.2;
- (d) Resolution 54/197;
- (e) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-10, 15, 28, 29, 33, 37, 39-42 and 49;
- (f) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

At its fifty-third session,¹³⁸ the General Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), in cooperation with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to continue undertaking in-depth assessment, analysis and dissemination of best practices in the area of industrial policies and strategies and of lessons learned in industrial development, taking into account the financial crisis and the impact of globalization on the industrial structure of the developing countries; requested UNIDO to continue to accord priority to the needs of the least developed countries and countries in the African region; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 53/177).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 53/177).

(b) Business and development

The General Assembly considered this question at its forty-first and forty-fifth to fiftieth sessions (resolutions 41/182, 45/188, 46/166, 47/171, 48/180 and 50/106).

At its fifty-third session,¹³⁹ the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in close consultation with UNCTAD, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on measures taken by Member States and competent international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to further the implementation of the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions and relevant international declarations, and to ratify, where appropriate, existing instruments against corruption (resolution 53/176).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁴⁰ the General Assembly requested the international community to support the efforts of all countries aimed at strengthening institutional capacity for preventing corruption, bribery, money-laundering and the illegal transfer of funds, and requested the Secretary-General to include in the report called for in resolution 53/176, information on progress in the implementation of the resolution and recommendations, *inter alia*, with regard to repatriating illegally transferred funds to their countries of origin (resolution 54/205).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolutions 53/176 and 54/205).

¹³⁸ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 92 (b)):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization entitled "Industrial development policy: concepts and experience": A/53/254;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/607;
- (c) Resolution 53/177;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 11, 17 and 40;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹³⁹ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 92 (a)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/53/384;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/607;
- (c) Resolution 53/176;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 11, 17 and 40;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹⁴⁰ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 98 (b)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/451;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/586;
- (c) Resolutions 54/203 to 54/205;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 31, 32, 39, 42 and 46-48;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

96. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation¹

Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly considered this question at its fiftieth session, in 1995 (resolution 50/130).

At its fifty-first session,¹⁴¹ the General Assembly recognized the importance of addressing the issue of communication for development within the intergovernmental processes of the United Nations system, and the relevance for concerned actors in development at the country level, including policy makers and decision makers at all levels, to attribute increased importance to communication for development, and encouraged them to include it as a component in the development of projects and programmes; reaffirmed the importance of resource mobilization, including financial cooperation, the transfer of technology and capacity-building for communication in development programmes and projects; and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO, to inform the Assembly at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the resolution, in accordance with the periodicity that was agreed upon (resolution 51/172).

At its fifty-third session,¹⁴² the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of UNESCO on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (decision 53/442).

Document: Reports of the Secretary-General (resolution 50/130 and 53/24).

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

At its eighteenth special session, in 1990, the General Assembly adopted the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to resolution S-18/3. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly proclaimed the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, starting on 1 January 1991, and adopted the International Development Strategy for the Decade, as set out in the annex to resolution 45/199. At its forty-sixth to fifty-third sessions, the General Assembly continued its consideration of these questions (resolutions 46/144, 47/152, 48/185, 49/92, 51/173 and 53/178).

¹⁴¹ References for the fifty-first session (agenda item 96):

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General: A/50/126-E/1995/20 and Add.1 and A/51/314;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/51/604/Add.8;
- (c) Resolution 51/172;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/51/SR.3-8, 17, 18 and 20-27;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/51/PV.86.

¹⁴² References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 93 (d)):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General: A/53/296;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/608/Add.4;
- (c) Resolution 53/181 and decision 53/442;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 16-18, 26-28, 30, 31, 38 and 42;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁴³ the General Assembly recognized the efforts made to implement the Declaration and the Strategy in the 1990s; stressed the need to strengthen such actions in collaboration with related efforts of the United Nations pertaining to Africa and the least developed countries; requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with all concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system and other relevant international organizations, to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fifth session an update of the report of the Secretary-General; also requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with all concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the Committee for Development Policy, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a draft text of an international development strategy for the first decade of the new millennium; and requested the President of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session to initiate consultations with all Member States with a view to establishing the modalities for the consideration and conclusion of the proposal of the Secretary-General called for in the resolution at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (resolution 54/206).

Documents:

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/206); A/55/89-E/2000/80;
- (b) Report of the Committee for Development Policy;
- (c) Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The General Assembly considered this question at its forty-seventh to fifty-second sessions (resolutions 47/187, 48/181, 49/106 and 51/175).

At its fifty-third session,¹⁴⁴ the General Assembly welcomed the measures undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system to implement General Assembly resolutions on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy; called upon the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in collaboration with relevant non-United Nations multilateral and regional institutions, to continue to conduct analytical activities and provide policy advice and technical assistance to the Governments of the countries with economies in transition in strengthening the social and political framework for economic and market reforms, thereby creating, in particular, an enabling environment for foreign investment, and in the early identification of nascent crises in order to ensure their economic and financial stability; and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the resolution to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session (resolution 53/179).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 53/179).

¹⁴³ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 99 (a)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/389;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/587/Add.1;
- (c) Resolution 54/206;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 15-17, 22, 23, 26, 27, 31, 38 and 46;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

¹⁴⁴ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 93 (b)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/53/336;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/608/Add.2;
- (c) Resolution 53/179;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 16-18, 27, 28, 30, 31, 38 and 40;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

(c) Cultural development

The General Assembly first considered this question at its forty-first session (resolution 41/187). Subsequently, the question was considered at its forty-fourth to forty-sixth, forty-ninth and fifty-first to fifty-second sessions (resolutions 44/238, 45/189, 46/157, 46/158, 49/105, 51/179 and 52/197).

At its fifty-third session,¹⁴⁵ the General Assembly, *inter alia*, invited all States, intergovernmental bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to implement the recommendations of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development; encouraged UNESCO to pursue its ongoing task of promoting throughout the United Nations system a greater awareness of the crucial relationship between culture and development, taking into account the diversity of cultures and the need to apply the recommendations of the Stockholm Conference; and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of UNESCO, to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 53/184).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 53/184).

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

At its fifty-third session,¹⁴⁶ the General Assembly held the first high-level dialogue on the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications.

At the same session, the General Assembly decided to hold biennially a renewal of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership to provide impetus for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development (resolution 53/181).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁴⁷ the General Assembly decided that the theme of the second high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership would be “Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration

¹⁴⁵ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 93 (g)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/53/321;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/608/Add.7;
- (c) Resolution 53/184;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 16-18, 27, 28, 30, 31, 38 and 40;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹⁴⁶ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 93 (d)):

- (a) Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications: A/53/529;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/608/Add.4;
- (c) Resolution 53/181;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 16-18, 27, 28, 30, 31, 33 and 39;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹⁴⁷ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 99 (g)):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General: A/54/328;
- (b) Reports of the Second Committee: A/54/585/Add.7 and A/54/587/Add.7;
- (c) Resolution 54/213 and decision 54/444;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 15-17, 22-24, 26, 27, 38 and 43;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century”; also decided, without changing the biennial nature of the high-level dialogue, to defer the holding of the second two-day high-level dialogue to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly; requested the President of the General Assembly to begin consultations with Member States so as to arrive at an early decision on the date, modalities, nature of the outcome and focus of the discussion of the second high-level dialogue; requested the Secretary-General, in close consultations with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system, relevant organizations and other development agencies, to make initial preparations for the dialogue; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly a consolidated report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 54/213).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/213).

(e) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)¹

At its thirty-second session,¹⁴⁸ the General Assembly established the Commission on Human Settlements and decided that the report of the work of the Commission should be submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (resolution 32/162).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 47/180, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) was held in Istanbul, Turkey, from 3 to 14 June 1996. Subsequently, in its resolution 51/177, the General Assembly endorsed the decisions of the Conference, including the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements and the Habitat Agenda.

At its fifty-third session,¹⁴⁹ the General Assembly, *inter alia*, decided that a special session of the Assembly to review and appraise the implementation of the Habitat Agenda would be held in June 2001 and that the Commission on Human Settlements would serve as the preparatory committee for the session (resolution 53/180).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵⁰ the General Assembly endorsed the decisions of the Commission on Human Settlements acting as the Preparatory Committee for the special

¹⁴⁸ References for the thirty-second session (agenda item 12):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General: A/C.2/32/L.4;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/32/265/Add.3;
- (c) Resolution 32/162;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/32/SR.51, 52, 56, 57 and 60;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/32/PV.107.

¹⁴⁹ References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 93 (c)):

- (a) Reports of the Secretary-General: A/53/267 and A/53/512;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/608/Add.3;
- (c) Resolution 53/180 and decision 53/441;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 16-18, 27, 28, 30, 31, 36, 40 and 41;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹⁵⁰ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 99 (b)):

- (a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its seventeenth session: Supplement No. 8 (A/54/8);
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/322;
- (c) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/587/Add.2;
- (d) Resolutions 54/207 to 54/209;
- (e) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 15-17, 22, 23, 25-27, 38, 42, 46 and 47;
- (f) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

session, in particular regarding its rules of procedure and the dates, venue and provisional agenda for its first substantive session (resolution 54/207).

Also at its fifty-fourth session, the Assembly took note with appreciation of the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of the seventeenth session, welcomed the progress made by the Acting Executive Director in the revitalization of the Centre, and encouraged the Executive Director to implement fully, as a matter of urgency, all administrative and financial management reforms, as part of the ongoing revitalization process (resolution 54/208).

At the same session, the General Assembly called upon all relevant United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to take initiatives and continue with their specific actions towards the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and to identify specific initiatives and actions to be undertaken in preparation for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; and called upon all Member States to initiate preparations for reporting on in-country implementation of the Habitat Agenda, in line with the recommendations by the Commission on Human Settlements, with a view to contributing fully to the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (resolution 54/209).

Documents:

- (a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) on its first substantive session (8-12 May 2000) (resolution 54/207), A/55/121;
- (b) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its eighteenth session: Supplement No. 8 (A/55/8);
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/208), A/55/83-E/2000/62.

97. Environment and sustainable development

International institutional arrangements related to environment and sustainable development

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵¹ the General Assembly reaffirmed the need, as stipulated in part IV of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, for greater coherence in various intergovernmental organizations and processes by means of better policy coordination at the intergovernmental level, as well as for continued and more

¹⁵¹ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda items 100 and 100 (b)):

- (a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twentieth session: Supplement No. 25 (A/54/25 and Add.1);
- (b) Reports of the Secretary-General: International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon (A/54/135-E/1999/88); International institutional arrangements related to environment and development (A/54/468) and Successor arrangements for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (A/54/497);
- (c) Reports of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.2 and 7;
- (d) Resolutions 54/214 to 54/217 and 54/220 and decision 54/446;
- (e) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 18-22, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 39 and 43-46;
- (f) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

concerted efforts to enhance collaboration among the secretariats of relevant decision-making bodies, and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the executive secretaries of the conventions, to prepare a report on the implementation of the resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session for consideration under the item entitled “Environment and sustainable development” (resolution 54/217).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/217).

International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

The General Assembly considered the question of the El Niño phenomenon at its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions (resolutions 52/200 and 53/185).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵¹ the General Assembly took note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained therein; welcomed the 1999 retrospective report on the El Niño/Southern Oscillation prepared by the World Meteorological Organization; reiterated its invitation to Member States in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 52/200, in relation to the technical and financial assistance needed to strengthen the national capacity of developing countries to support observation and research systems at the global and regional levels to prevent, mitigate and repair the damage caused by the El Niño/Southern Oscillation; called upon the Secretary-General, the relevant United Nations organizations and the international community to take necessary measures, as appropriate, towards the establishment of the international research centre on El Niño at Guayaquil, Ecuador and invited the international community to provide financial, technical and scientific assistance and cooperation for that purpose; and requested the Secretary-General to continue to promote the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 52/200 and 53/185 as an integral part of the agreed arrangements after the conclusion of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (resolution 54/220).

Documents: Reports of the Secretary-General (resolutions 54/214, 54/215 and 54/220), A/55/99-E/2000/86.

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

At its forty-fourth session, in 1989, the General Assembly decided to convene a United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Brazil in June 1992 (resolution 44/228).

At its forty-seventh session, the Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on institutional arrangements for its follow-up, particularly those on the establishment of a high-level Commission on Sustainable Development, as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 47/191).

At its fiftieth session, the General Assembly decided to convene the special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (resolution 50/113).

At its nineteenth special session, in 1997, the Assembly adopted the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (resolution S-19/2, annex).

At its fifty-third session,¹⁵² the General Assembly stressed the importance of high-quality preparations for the ten-year review of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on possible ways and means of ensuring effective preparations for the review (resolution 53/188).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵³ the General Assembly stressed the need to accelerate the full implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21; requested the Secretary-General to submit to the fifty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, an analytical report on the measures taken within the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, including the identification of constraints, and recommendations on how to address those constraints; and invited the Secretary-General, in preparing that report, to take into account the preliminary discussions held by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eighth session and by the Economic and Social Council, and to include proposals for the analytical reports to be prepared for the review process (resolution 54/218).

Also at its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵³ the General Assembly welcomed the Declaration adopted by the Summit of Central African Heads of State on the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests, held at Yaoundé from 12 to 17 March 1999. The Assembly encouraged the countries of Central Africa to implement to the fullest extent possible the undertakings set out in the Declaration, and recognized the efforts made by those countries in that respect; invited the international community to support the countries of Central Africa in those efforts, including through the provision of financial and technical assistance on a regional basis; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 54/214).

Documents:

- (a) Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council concerning the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development (decision 54/450), Supplement No. 3 (A/55/3);
- (b) Report of the sixth special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, Supplement No. 25 (A/55/25);

¹⁵² References for the fifty-third session (agenda item 94 (a)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/53/477;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/53/609/Add.1;
- (c) Resolution 53/188;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/53/SR.3-7, 19, 20, 22-25, 35 and 42;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/53/PV.91.

¹⁵³ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda items 12, 100 and 100 (a)):

- (a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twentieth session: Supplement No. 25 (A/54/25 and Add.1);
- (b) Reports of the Secretary-General: Measures taken in the United Nations system to accelerate progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (A/54/131-E/1999/75);
- (c) Reports of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.1 and 7 and A/54/594;
- (d) Resolutions 54/214, 54/217 and 54/218 and decision 54/447;
- (e) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 18-22, 26, 29, 30, 33, 34, 36, 39, 43-46 and 51;
- (f) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

- (c) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting reports of the Governing Council of UNEP, the Global Environmental Facility, and of the secretariats of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (resolution 54/218), A/55/94;
- (d) Reports of the Secretary-General (resolutions 53/188, 54/214 and 54/218), A/55/78-E/2000/56, A/55/95; A/55/120.

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

The Convention on Biological Diversity was opened for signature at the June 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and entered into force on 29 December 1993. The General Assembly considered this question at its forty-ninth to fifty-third sessions (resolutions 49/117, 50/111, 51/182, 52/201 and 53/190).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵⁴ the General Assembly encouraged those States that had not yet ratified the Convention to do so as soon as possible; welcomed the offer of Spain to host, at Seville the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-Sessional Working Group on article 8 (j) of the Convention regarding traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities; and invited the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to report to the General Assembly on the ongoing work regarding the Convention (resolution 54/221).

Document: Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (resolution 54/221).

(c) Water supply and sanitation

At its fiftieth session,¹⁵⁵ in 1995, the General Assembly reviewed progress made in providing safe water and sanitation for all during the first half of the 1990s; decided to review, at its fifty-fifth session, the situation at the end of the 1990s; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Economic and Social Council, an assessment of the water supply and sanitation situation in developing countries, including proposals for action for the ensuing decade at the national and international levels (resolution 50/126).

Document: Note by the Secretary-General on progress made in providing safe water supply and sanitation for all during the 1990s (resolution 50/126), A/55/65-E/2000/19.

¹⁵⁴ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 100 (c)):

- (a) Note by the Secretary-General: A/54/428;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.3;
- (c) Resolution 54/221;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 18-22, 26, 30, 33 and 44;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

¹⁵⁵ References for the fiftieth session (agenda item 12):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/50/213-E/1995/87;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/50/615/Add.1;
- (c) Resolution 50/126;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/50/SR.3-8, 15, 16, 29, 32, 40 and 42;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/50/PV.96.

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

At its twenty-second special session, in 1999, the General Assembly considered the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (resolution S/22/2).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵⁶ the General Assembly recalled the Declaration and review document adopted at its twenty-second special session; called upon Governments, the regional commissions and organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to support the efforts of the small island developing States, and urged them to take the action necessary for the further implementation of and effective follow-up to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; urged all relevant organizations to finalize the work on the development of a vulnerability index, in particular for the small island developing States; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the resolution (resolution 54/224).

Also at its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly encouraged the further development of the integrated management approach to the Caribbean Sea area in the context of sustainable development; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution, taking into account the views expressed by relevant regional organizations (resolution 54/225).

Documents: Reports of the Secretary-General (resolutions 54/224 and 54/225), A/55/185.

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵⁷ the General Assembly encouraged the conferences of the parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, to examine further appropriate opportunities and measures to strengthen the complementarities and to improve scientific assessments of ecological linkages among the three conventions; also encouraged the secretariats of various environmental and environment-related conventions and other international organizations to strengthen cooperation with a view to facilitating progress in their implementation at the international, regional, subregional and national levels; and requested the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the resolution, as well as on the outcome of the third session of the Conference of the Parties (resolution 54/223).

¹⁵⁶ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 100 (f)):

- (a) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.6;
- (b) Resolutions 54/224 and 54/225;
- (c) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 18-22, 30, 33-35, 44 and 45;
- (d) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

¹⁵⁷ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 100 (e)):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/96;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.5;
- (c) Resolutions 54/218 and 54/223;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 18-22, 30, 33, 34 and 46;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

Document: Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (resolution 54/223).

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

The General Assembly considered this question at its fifty-third session. It endorsed the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 as a contribution to the overall sustainable development agenda and invited all States to contribute to its successful implementation (resolution 53/7).

At its fifty-fourth session,¹⁵⁸ the General Assembly noted the establishment of the Inter-agency Working Group on Energy with a view to ensuring the coordination of the activities of all relevant organizations of the United Nations system in the preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 2001, and to contributing to sustainable development, taking into account the recommendations of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005; requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with UNESCO and in cooperation with UNEP and other relevant organizations, to submit to the fifty-fifth session a report on concrete action being taken for the effective implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005, including promotion for mobilization of resources (resolution 54/215).

Document: Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 54/215), A/55/91.

(g) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The item entitled “Conservation of climate as part of the common heritage of mankind” was included in the agenda of the forty-third session of the General Assembly, in 1988, at the request of Malta (A/43/241). At that session, the Assembly adopted a resolution on the question (resolution 43/53). At its forty-fourth to forty-sixth sessions, the Assembly continued its consideration of the question (resolutions 44/207, 45/212 and 46/169).

At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly welcomed the adoption, on 9 May 1992, of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (resolution 47/195).

At its forty-eighth to fifty-fourth¹⁵⁹ sessions, the General Assembly continued its consideration of the question (resolutions 48/189, 49/120, 50/115, 51/184, 52/199 and 54/222 and decision 53/444).

No advance documentation is expected.

¹⁵⁸ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 100):

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General: A/54/212;
- (b) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.7;
- (c) Resolution 54/215;
- (d) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 21, 29, 36 and 44-46;
- (e) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.

¹⁵⁹ References for the fifty-fourth session (agenda item 100 (d)):

- (a) Report of the Second Committee: A/54/588/Add.4;
- (b) Resolution 54/222;
- (c) Meetings of the Second Committee: A/C.2/54/SR.3-8, 18-22, 29, 30, 33 and 44;
- (d) Plenary meeting: A/54/PV.87.