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INTRODUCTION

The Index to Proceedings of the General Assembly is a bibliographic guide to the proceedings and documentation of the General Assembly. This issue covers the fifty-third session of the Assembly including its Main and ad hoc committees. The Index is prepared by the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, Department of Public Information, as one of the products of the United Nations Bibliographic Information System (UNBIS).

ARRANGEMENT OF THE INDEX

**Part I** consists of the following sections:

*Sessional information*, listing officers, and providing information on the rules of procedure and on the republication of the resolutions and decisions;

*Check-list of meetings*, listing the plenary meetings of the Assembly and the meetings of the Main Committees;

*Principal organs and subsidiary bodies to which members were elected or appointed during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly*, listing members and their term of office;

*Agenda*, listing items considered by and brought before the General Assembly together with the subject headings under which they appear in the Subject index;

*Subject index*, providing topical access to General Assembly documentation arranged alphabetically by agenda subjects and listing documents submitted under each agenda item, the meetings at which the items were considered and the action taken on each item;

*List of documents*, listing documents issued in connection with the session and providing information on the republication of provisional documents in the printed Supplements to Official Records;

*Reports of the Main and procedural committees*, providing a listing by subject of the reports on the items discussed in the committees;

*Resolutions adopted during the fifty-third session*, indicating the number and title of each resolution, the meeting number and date, the agenda item number, and the vote where appropriate;

*Voting chart of resolutions adopted by recorded or roll-call vote*, indicating the vote of each Member State.

**Part II (Index to speeches)** is subdivided into three sections: corporate names/countries, speakers and subjects.

DOCUMENTATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The symbols of the documents of the General Assembly begin with A/-, followed by the session number and an indication of the type of document or Main Committee to which they apply. The number following indicates the number of the document issued in that specific series.

For example: A/53/62 is the sixty-second in the series of main documents of the fifty-third session; A/INF/53/3 is the third in the information series; A/C.5/53/L.20 is the twentieth in the series of limited distribution documents of the Fifth Committee.

In the series of main documents of the General Assembly's fifty-third session, the symbols A/53/1 to A/53/49 are the Supplements to the Official Records of the General Assembly for that session.

Meeting records are numbered in a similar way. Thus the verbatim record of the first plenary meeting of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly bears the symbol A/53/PV.1, while the summary record of the fifteenth meeting of the Third Committee bears the symbol A/C.3/53/SR.15.

In accordance with criteria approved by the General Assembly for the provision of meeting records of United Nations bodies, the verbatim records of the plenary meetings and of the First Committee, as well as the summary records of the other Committees are issued in only one form, as Official Records of the General Assembly. Corrections are issued after the end of each session in consolidated corrigenda.

Of the other documents, a few appear as printed Supplements to the Official Records (this is noted in the index).

Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, first issued separately, are collected in a printed Supplement to the Official Records of each session. After their republication in the Official Records, these provisional documents are no longer available.

Some double-symbol documents (issued with both A/- and S/- symbols) are republished only in the Supplements to the Official Records of the Security Council.
HOW TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS

Printed documentation of each session of the General Assembly may be obtained or purchased from authorized sales agents by providing the following information:

*Official Records of the General Assembly fifty-third session:*

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SESSIONAL INFORMATION

The fifty-third session of the General Assembly was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The session was declared open on Wednesday, 9 September 1998, by the Temporary President, Hennadiy Udovenko, Chairman of the delegation of Ukraine. It was declared closed on Monday, 13 September 1999.

A list of members of delegations to the session is contained in documents ST/SG/SER.C/L.599 and Add.1 (to be published as List of delegations (GAOR, 53rd session)).

OFFICERS

President: Didier Opertti (Uruguay) was elected by acclamation at the 1st plenary meeting.

Vice-Presidents: Representatives of the following Member States were elected at the 2nd plenary meeting: Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, China, France, Georgia, Germany, Lesotho, Liberia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States and Yemen.

Credentials Committee
Chairman: Michael Powles (New Zealand) was elected unanimously at the 1st meeting. Members: Representatives of the following Member States were elected at the 1st plenary meeting: China, Fiji, Jamaica, Mali, New Zealand, Russian Federation, United States, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

General Committee
Chairman: Didier Opertti (Uruguay), President of the General Assembly.

Disarmament and International Security Committee (First Committee)
Chairman: Andre Mernier (Belgium) was elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting. Vice-Chairmen: Akmaral Arystanbekova (Kazakhstan), Raimundo Gonzalez (Chile) and Aleg Laptsenak (Belarus) were elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Rapporteur: Moataz Zahran (Egypt) was elected by acclamation at the 7th meeting. Secretary: Kuo-Chung Lin.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
Chairman: Pablo Macedo (Mexico) was elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting. Vice-Chairmen: Chun Hae-jin (Republic of Korea) and Tomas Hrbac (Slovakia) were elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Ferden Carikci (Turkey) was elected by acclamation at the 5th meeting. Rapporteur: Bernard Tanoh-Bouchou (Côte d'Ivoire) was elected by acclamation at the 9th meeting. Secretary: Mohammad Sattar.

Economic and Financial Committee (Second Committee)
Chairman: Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) was elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting. Vice-Chairmen: David Prendergast (Jamaica), Burak Ozugergin (Turkey) and Odyek Agona (Uganda) were elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Rapporteur: Uladzimir Gerus (Belarus) was elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Secretary: Margaret Kelley.

Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (Third Committee)
Chairman: Ali Hachani (Tunisia) was elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting. Vice-Chairmen: Roger Stephen Ball (New Zealand), Luis Fernando Carranza-Cifuentes (Guatemala) and Victoria Sandru (Romania) were elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Rapporteur: Hassan Kassem Najem (Lebanon) was elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Secretary: Kate Starr Newell.

Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee)
Chairman: Movses Abelian (Armenia) was elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting. Vice-Chairmen: Miles Armitage (Australia), Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas) and Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire) were elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Rapporteur: Tamam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic) was elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Secretary: Joseph V. Acakpo-Satchivi.

Legal Committee (Sixth Committee)
Chairman: Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia) was elected by acclamation at the 1st meeting. Vice-Chairmen: Socorro Flores Liera (Mexico) was elected by acclamation at the 2nd meeting. Phakiso Mochochoko (Lesotho) and Hendrikus Verweij (Netherlands) were elected by acclamation at the 3rd meeting. Rapporteur: Rytis Paulauskas (Lithuania) was elected by acclamation at the 3rd meeting. Secretary: Roy S. Lee.
RULES OF PROCEDURE

The rules of procedure of the General Assembly, as amended up to 8 Oct. 1993 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend. 1-2) and further amended by General Assembly resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, were in effect during the fifty-third session.

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

Resolutions and decisions of the fifty-third session are collected in document A/53/49 (GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. No. 49).

Resolutions and decisions are also listed in the Subject index under appropriate headings.
## CHECK-LIST OF MEETINGS

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   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council (rule 145; decision 52/307);
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16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections:
   (a) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) and General Assembly decisions 52/306 A-B)
   See UN. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION--MEMBERS
17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (rule 155; decisions 42/308 A-B);

See UN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS—MEMBERS

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions (rule 158; decisions 42/309 A-B);

See UN COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS—MEMBERS

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors (resolution 74 (I) and decision 52/310);

See UN BOARD OF AUDITORS—MEMBERS

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/53/257).

See UNDP. ADMINISTRATOR

(e) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal (resolution 351 A (IV) and decisions 52/321 A-B);

See UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—MEMBERS

(f) International Civil Service Commission (resolution 3357 (XXIX) and decision 52/312);

See INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION—MEMBERS

See INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION—OFFICERS

(f)(i) Appointment of members of the Commission;

(f)(ii) Designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences (resolution 43/222 B and decision 52/320);

See UN COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES—MEMBERS

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit (resolution 31/192 and decisions 51/320 and 52/322);

See JOINT INSPECTION UNIT—MEMBERS

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (resolution 1995 (XIX) and decision 49/325);

See UNCTAD. SECRETARY-GENERAL

(j) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services (resolution 48/218 B and decision 48/323);

See UN. UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES

(k) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee (A/53/235, para. 2)

See UN STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE—MEMBERS


See UNDP. ADMINISTRATOR


See DECOLONIZATION

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (rule 136).

See UN—MEMBERS

20. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (resolution 52/167):

See HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (resolutions 46/182 and 52/168)

See EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (resolutions 51/8, 51/30 D, F and 52/169 A, B, D-F and I-M)

See ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

(c) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (resolution 52/211 A)

See AFGHANISTAN—RECONSTRUCTION

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian people (resolution 52/170).

See PALESTINIANS—ASSISTANCE
   See OAS--UN

   See ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE--UN

   See CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY--UN

24. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review (resolution 51/32).
   See AFRICA--DEVELOPMENT--AGENDA (1990-1999)

   See LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM--UN

   See ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE--UN

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (resolution 52/5).
   See LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES--UN

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (resolution 52/7).
   See INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION--UN

29. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (resolution 52/10).
   See CUBA--UNITED STATES

   See UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

31. Culture of peace (resolution 52/13).
   See PEACE

32. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (resolution 52/14).
   See ZONES OF PEACE--SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGION

33. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies (resolution 52/18).
   See DEMOCRATIZATION--UN SUPPORT

   See ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION--UN

   See OAU--UN

   See ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE--UN

   See SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1995: COPENHAGEN)--FOLLOW-UP

38. Oceans and the law of the sea (resolutions 49/28, 52/26 and 52/29):
   (a) Law of the sea (resolutions 49/28 and 52/26)
   See LAW OF THE SEA
   (b) Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards and other developments (resolution 52/29).
   See DRIFT-NET FISHING

39. Question of Palestine (resolutions 52/49-52 and 52/250).
   See PALESTINE QUESTION

40. The situation in the Middle East (resolutions 52/53-54)
   See MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

41. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (resolution 52/150).
   See BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION

42. Assistance in mine clearance (resolution 52/173).
   See MINE CLEARANCE

43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (resolution 52/174).
   See HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS
44. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (resolutions 52/175-176).

See CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION

45. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (resolution 52/211 B).

See AFGHANISTAN SITUATION

46. Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (decisions 48/416 and 52/424): (a) Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human rights.

See HUMAN RIGHTS--DECLARATIONS (1948)--ANNIVERSARIES (50TH)


See GENOCIDE--TREATIES (1948)--ANNIVERSARIES (50TH)

47. Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (Security Council resolution 955 (1994) and decision 49/324)

See INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--MEMBERS


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49. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (decision 52/409).

See FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS) QUESTION


See INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--REPORTS

51. Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (decision 52/413).

See ECONOMIC SANCTIONS--INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

52. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (decision 52/430).

See LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA--UNITED STATES

53. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (decision 52/431).

See IRAQ--ISRAEL

54. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (decision 52/432).

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56. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (decision 52/434).

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57. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (decision 52/435).

See COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE


See UN SYSTEM--STRENGTHENING

59. Question of equitable representation and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters (decision 52/459).

See UN SECURITY COUNCIL--MEMBERSHIP

60. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (decision 52/479).

See UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY--WORK PROGRAMME

61. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (decision 52/459).

See UN--ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
62. Question of Cyprus (decision 52/459).
   See CYPRUS QUESTION

63. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (resolution 51/40).
   See SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

64. Maintenance of international security - prevention of the violent disintegration of States (resolution 51/55).
   See INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

65. Reduction of military budgets (resolutions 35/142 B and 52/32):
   (a) Reduction of military budgets (resolution 35/142 B);
      See MILITARY BUDGETS
   (b) Objective information on military matters, i.e., ensuring transparency of military expenditures (resolution 52/32).
      See MILITARY EXPENDITURES

66. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (resolutions 51/39 and 52/33).
   See SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--DISARMAMENT

67. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (resolution 52/34).
   See NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--MIDDLE EAST

68. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (resolution 52/35)
   See NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTH ASIA

69. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (resolution 52/36).
   See NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES--SECURITY

70. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (resolution 52/37).
   See ARMS RACE--OUTER SPACE

71. General and complete disarmament (resolutions 42/38 C, 44/116 O, 46/36 L, 47/52 L, 51/45 P and 52/38 A-J, L, N-
T):
   See DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE

(a) Notification of nuclear tests (resolution 42/38 C);
   See NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS--NOTIFICATION

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof: report of the Secretary-General (resolution 44/116 O);
   See ARMS RACE--SEABED

(c) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol (resolution 51/45 P)
   See CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE--TREATIES (1925)

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (resolution 52/38 A);
   See LANDMINES--TREATIES--SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS

(e) Transparency in armaments (resolutions 46/36 L, 47/52 L and 52/38 B and R);
   See ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY

(f) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them (resolution 52/38 C)
   See SMALL ARMS--ILICIT TRAFFIC

(g) Relationship between disarmament and development (resolution 52/38 D);
   See DISARMAMENT--DEVELOPMENT LINK

(h) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control (resolution 52/38 E);
   See DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS--ENVIRONMENT

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (resolution 52/38 F)
   See DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT : 1999)

(j) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures (resolution 52/38 G);
   See DISARMAMENT--PEACE

(k) Contributions towards banning anti-personnel landmines (resolution 52/38 H);
   See LANDMINES--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
(l) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes (resolution 52/38 I);

See RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

(m) Small arms (resolution 52/38 J);

See SMALL ARMS

(n) Nuclear disarmament (resolution 52/38 L);

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(o) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas (resolution 52/38 N);

See NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons (resolution 52/38 O)

See NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--ICJ OPINION

(q) Regional disarmament (resolution 52/38 P);

See REGIONAL DISARMAMENT

(r) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (resolution 52/38 Q)

See CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL--REGIONAL PROGRAMME

(s) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia (resolution 52/38 S);

See NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--CENTRAL ASIA


See CHEMICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1997)


See DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12TH SPECIAL SESS.: 1982)--FOLLOW-UP

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (51/46 A);

See DISARMAMENT INFORMATION--UN

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship training and advisory services (resolution 51/46 F);

See DISARMAMENT--TRAINING PROGRAMMES

See United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific (resolution 52/39 A);

See PEACE--REGIONAL CENTRE--ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

(d) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (resolution 52/39 B);

See CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

(e) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (resolution 52/39 C).

See NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--TREATIES (DRAFT)

73. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (resolutions 38/183 O, 39/148 H and 52/40 A-C):

See DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (10TH SPECIAL SESS.: 1978)--FOLLOW-UP

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission (resolution 52/40 B);

See UN. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION--REPORTS (1998)

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament (resolution 52/40 A);

See UN. CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT--REPORTS (1998)

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (resolution 38/183 O);

See UN. ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (resolution 39/148 H).

See UN INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

74. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (resolution 52/41).

See NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION--MIDDLE EAST


See CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1980)
76. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (resolution 52/43).
See INTERNATIONAL SECURITY--MEDITERRANEAN REGION

77. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (resolution 52/45).
See NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

78. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (resolution 52/47).
See BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975)

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80. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (decision 52/416).
See UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 1ST COMMITTEE--WORK PROGRAMME

81. Effects of atomic radiation (resolution 52/55).
See RADIATION EFFECTS

82. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (resolution 52/56).
See OUTER SPACE--PEACEFUL USES--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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84. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied territories (resolutions 52/64-68).
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85. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (resolutions 51/137 and 52/69).
See PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

86. Questions relating to information (resolutions 52/70 B).
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See NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--REPORTS

88. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/53/250).
See NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--ECONOMIC INTERESTS

89. 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 (resolution 52/73).
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90. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (resolution 52/74).
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91. Macroeconomic policy questions:
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(a) Trade and development (resolutions 1995 (IX), 51/168 and 52/182);
See INTERNATIONAL TRADE
(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (resolutions 51/165 and 52/179-180)
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(c) Commodities (resolution 51/169);
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(d) External debt crisis and development (resolution 52/185).
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92. Sectoral policy questions:
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(a) Business and development (resolution 51/191);
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(b) Industrial development cooperation (resolution 51/170);
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93. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (resolutions 50/130 and 51/172):

See SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development (resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185, 49/92 and 51/173);

See DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS--IMPLEMENTATION

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

See INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DECLARATIONS (1990)--IMPLEMENTATION


See DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (4th)--IMPLEMENTATION

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (resolutions 48/181, 49/106 and 51/175);

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(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (resolutions 51/177 and 52/190);

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(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (resolution 52/186);

See DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION--PARTNERSHIP

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (resolution 52/187);

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(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (resolution 52/188);

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(g) Cultural development (resolution 52/197).

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94. Environment and sustainable development (resolutions 34/173 and 52/200):

See ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, including the outcome of the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (resolution 47/191 and decisions 52/444-445);

See ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

(b) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (resolutions 50/115 and 51/184 and 52/199);

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(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (resolutions 50/116 and 52/202);

See SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES--CONFERENCES (1994 : BRIDGETOWN)--FOLLOW-UP

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (resolutions 51/182 and 52/201);

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(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (resolution 52/198);

See DESERTIFICATION--TREATIES (1996)

95. Operational activities for development (resolutions 50/120, 51/186, 52/203 and 52/205).

See OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES--UN SYSTEM

96. Training and research:

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(a) United Nations University (resolutions 3081 (XXVIII), 49/124 and 51/187);

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(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research (resolutions 3081 (XXVIII) and 52/206).

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97. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (resolution 52/207 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/67).

See TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES


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99. Commemorative meeting of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (resolution 52/205).

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100. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (resolutions 52/80 and 52/83).

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102. International drug control (resolutions 48/112 and 52/92).

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104. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (resolutions 50/203, 52/100 and 52/231).

See WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT--CONFERENCES (4TH : 1995 : BEIJING)--FOLLOW-UP


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106. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (resolutions 44/25 and 52/107).

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108. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (resolutions 2106 A (XX), 3380 (XXX) and 52/109-111).

See RACIAL DISCRIMINATION


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110. Human rights questions:

See HUMAN RIGHTS

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (resolutions 260 A (III), 2200 A (XXI), 36/151, 39/46, 51/86, 51/88, 52/115, and 52/117-118);

See HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (resolutions 47/138, 51/92, 51/94-95, 51/97, 51/102, 51/105, 51/127, 52/120-122, 52/125-127, 52/131 and 52/134-136; Economic and Social Council decision 1997/276);

See HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (resolutions 52/137-147);

See HUMAN RIGHTS--REPORTS

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (resolutions 48/121 and 52/148);

See HUMAN RIGHTS--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1993)


See UN. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS--REPORTS

111. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (resolutions 52/212 A-B):

(a) United Nations;

See UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

See UNDP--ACCOUNTS (1997)
(c) United Nations Children's Fund;
See UNICEF—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;
See UNRWA—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
See UNITAR—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.
See UNHCR—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;
See UNEP—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(h) United Nations Population Fund;
See UNFPA—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(i) United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation;
See UN HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;
See UN INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMME—ACCOUNTS (1997)
(k) United Nations Office for Project Services.
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114. Programme planning (resolution 51/219).
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115. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/52/PV.82).
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117. Pattern of conferences (resolutions 52/217-
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118. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (resolutions 52/215 A-C).
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119. Human resources management (resolutions 51/226-227, 52/216 and 52/219 and decisions 52/475-476).
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120. United Nations common system (resolutions 48/224, 51/216 and 52/216).
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122. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East (A/52/PV.88):
(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (resolution 52/236);
See UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE—FINANCING
(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (resolution 52/237).
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(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (resolution 52/238);
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(b) Other activities.
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See UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia--FINANCING


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See UN OPERATION IN SOMALIA--FINANCING


See UN OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE--FINANCING


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See UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING


See UN OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA--FINANCING


See UN ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA--FINANCING


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137. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (resolution 52/218).

See INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--FINANCING


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139. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (resolution 52/244).

See UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMIUM--FINANCING


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143. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/52/PV.88):
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Reports
A/53/7 1st report : activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 16 Sept. 1998.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

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At the 93rd meeting, the draft decision in A/53/713 was adopted without vote: decision 53/459.

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General documents
A/53/224 (S/1998/743) Letter, 11 Aug. 1998, from Tajikistan transmitting statement of the same date on the situation in Afghanistan; states that, of particular concern to Tajikistan is the fact that the Afghan conflict is being directly and actively fueled by external forces and represents a genuine threat to the security of the entire Central Asian region.
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Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.66 Draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security and on emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan / Afghanistan, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uzbekistan.


Discussion in plenary


At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.66 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/203 A and B.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/203 Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

A/RES/53/203[B] Urges all Afghan parties to ensure safe and unimpeded access for and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance, in particular the supply of food, medicine, shelter and health care and to prevent the looting of UN premises and food supplies; denounces the continuing discrimination against girls and women and religious minorities and other violations of human rights and international human rights law in Afghanistan, while noting with deep concern their adverse effects on international relief and reconstruction programmes in Afghanistan, and calls upon all parties within Afghanistan to respect fully the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all, regardless of gender, ethnicity or religion, in accordance with international human rights instruments, inter alia, the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; appeals to all States and to the international community to ensure that all humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan integrates a gender perspective and that it actively attempts to promote the participation of both women and men, and that women benefit equally with men from such assistance; expresses concern over the continued laying of landmines and urges all Afghan parties to put a complete halt to the use of landmines, which continues to take a heavy toll on civilians and seriously impedes the delivery of humanitarian assistance (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

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Corrects text.

General documents
A/53/175 Letter, 10 July 1998, from Afghanistan transmitting letter of 9 July from the Minister for Foreign Affairs; replies to the remarks made by the Pakistani Minister for Foreign Affairs, Gohar Ayub Khan, in an interview in the Egyptian paper Al-Ahram, 30 June.
A/53/204 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan transmitting Joint Declaration signed by their respective Presidents on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the 2 countries, 5 May 1998, Bishkek.
A/53/224 (S/1998/743) Letter, 11 Aug. 1998, from Tajikistan transmitting statement of the same date on the situation in Afghanistan; states that, of particular concern to Tajikistan is the fact that the Afghan conflict is being directly and actively fuelled by external forces and represents a genuine threat to the security of the entire Central Asian region.

A/53/391 (S/1998/860) Identical letters, 16 Sept. 1998, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, transmitting note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; reports that on 12 and 13 Sept., following months of a food blockade, the city of Bamyan came under carpet bombing by Pakistani warplanes and, that, following this action, the city was taken over by a joint Pakistani military and Taliban mercenary force. Reiterates the request that UN send a fact-finding mission to Afghanistan.
A/53/397 (S/1998/904) Identical letters, 11 Sept. 1998, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, transmitting 2 documents: paragraphs 245-251 of the final document issued by the Heads of State or Government at the 12th Summit of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Durban, South Africa, 29 Aug.-3 Sept., and report of Amnesty International, 3 Sept.; requests that the Secretary-General expedite the sending of an investigation team to inquire into the massacre of civilians and other forms of mass persecution in north Afghanistan.
A/53/403 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on relations between Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, issued 11 Sept. 1998 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union; condemns the killing of Iranian diplomats during recent fighting at Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan and calls for an urgent investigation into these crimes and a consequent indictment of those responsible.
AFGHANISTAN SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 45)
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A/53/446 (S/1998/905) Letter, 28 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on the situation in Afghanistan, issued 23 Sept. by the Presidency of the European Union; expresses concern over reports of massacres of innocent civilians, mass executions of prisoners, air and rocket attacks on residential areas and of the killing of Iranian diplomats, and calls upon the Taliban to provide security guarantees to permit an international investigation of these crimes.


A/53/468 (S/1998/929) Identical letters, 7 Oct. 1998, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the situation in Afghanistan; contains information collected by the intelligence services of Afghanistan on the presence of Pakistani military personnel in Afghanistan.


A/53/697 (S/1998/1111) Identical letters, 23 Nov. 1998, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council concerning the armed conflict in northern Afghanistan; appeals to the UNHCR, the Commission on Human Rights, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Security Council to send a fact-finding mission to visit and report to the Security Council on the detention centres allegedly established by the Taliban.

A/53/704 (S/1998/1121) Identical letters, 25 Nov. 1998, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council concerning the armed conflict in northern Afghanistan; reports the use of landmines along the front lines in northern Afghanistan by the Taliban.


AFGHANISTAN SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 45) (cont.)


A/53/906 (S/1999/409) Identical letters, 12 Apr. 1999, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council; transmits letter of the same date from the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs reporting military activity of the Taliban after the 1st round of the intra-Afghan dialogue in Ashgabat, 12-14 Mar.

A/53/1027 (S/1999/824) Identical letters, 26 July 1999, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, transmitting letter of 24 July from the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs including 2 texts concerning the situation in Afghanistan; concerns the activities of the Taliban and armed Pakistani groups and expresses its support of the Tashkent Declaration which calls for a peaceful settlement of the conflict in Afghanistan.

A/53/1038 (S/1999/884) Identical letters, 17 Aug. 1999, from Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, transmitting letter of 24 July from the President concerning the situation in Afghanistan; reports attacks on provinces of Parwan and Kapisa by Taliban troops and allegedly Pakistani military personnel.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.66 Draft resolution on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security and on emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan / Afghanistan, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uzbekistan.


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.66 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/203 A and B.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/203 Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan and the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security. The resolution is divided into 2 separate parts. A/RES/53/203 A and B; 203A: AFGHANISTAN SITUATION; 203B: AFGHANISTAN—RECONSTRUCTION.
AFGHANISTAN SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 45)
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Endorses the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish a separate civil affairs unit by adding a new monitoring function to the UN Special Mission to Afghanistan, with the primary objective of deterring grave violations of human rights and promoting respect for minimum humanitarian standards in the future, and to send an assessment mission to Afghanistan, as soon as security conditions permit, in order to determine the exact mandate, composition and location of the civilian monitors; calls upon the Taliban to provide security guarantees to enable an investigation to be carried out under the auspices of UNHCR on the reports of massacres of innocent civilians and of mass executions of prisoners of war as well as on reports of killings in Mazar-e-Sharif and Bamian; urges the Taliban to proceed with the immediate and thorough investigation of the death, serious injury or disappearance of international or national staff members and other persons employed by the UN; strongly condemns the killing of the diplomatic and consular staff of the Consulate-General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Mazar-e-Sharif and the correspondent of the Islamic Republic News Agency, which the Taliban has accepted as having been perpetrated by its militia (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 1998).

AFRICA
See:
DESERIFICATION--TREATIES (1996)
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--REFUGEE-RECEIVING COUNTRIES--CENTRAL AFRICA
OAU-UN REFUGEES

AFRICA--DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 164)

General documents
A/53/668 Letter, 6 Nov. 1998, from Austria and South Africa, on behalf of the European Union and South Africa Development Community, transmitting joint communiqué on the Ministerial Conference of the European Union and the Southern African Development Community held in Vienna, 3-4 Nov.


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.40 Draft resolution on causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa / Sudan.
A/53/L.40/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa
A/53/L.40/Rev.1/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: addendum.
Additional sponsors: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

Discussion in plenary

At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.40/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/92.
Africa—Development (AGENDA ITEM 164) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/92 The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa. Strongly underlines the importance of an enabling environment for investment, in particular, foreign direct investment, market access, good governance, increase in the volume and effectiveness of official development assistance, tackling unsustainable debt burdens, including through debt conversion measures, flexibility in the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative and support for regional cooperation and integration as priority areas that need to be addressed in order to achieve sustainable development in all African countries and to encourage the participation of all African countries in the global economy, as recommended in the report of the Secretary-General: supports the recommendation to harmonize current international and bilateral initiatives on Africa contained in the report of the Secretary-General, and invites African countries and their partners during the coordination segment of the 1999 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council to identify and rank priorities in partnership, to define respective responsibilities and to agree on realistic and measurable targets in priority areas; requests the President of the General Assembly, in preparation for the discussion at the 54th session of the General Assembly, to establish an open-ended ad hoc working group of the General Assembly to monitor the implementation of the present resolution and, in particular, the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council and the General Assembly on the causes of conflicts and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa; in this regard, the Working Group shall determine its mandate and modalities, taking into account the outcome of the deliberations of the Economic and Social Council on this matter (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

Africa—Development—Agenda (1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 24)

Reports
A/53/390 Progress report on implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review / Secretary-General. Issued: 15 Sept. 1998.


General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.39: Draft resolution on implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s / Sudan.
AFRICA--DEVELOPMENT--AGENDA (1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 24) (cont.)

A/53/L.39/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s / Senegal.
A/53/L.39/Rev.1/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s: addendum.

Additional sponsors: India, Indonesia and Japan.

Discussion in plenary

At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.39/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/90.

Resolutions
Takes note with appreciation of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s; expresses concern at the overall declining trend of resource flows to Africa; emphasizes the need to focus on priority areas identified by African countries themselves; reiterates the importance of effective monitoring and evaluation mechanisms and other follow-up mechanisms for the implementation of the New Agenda at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, requests the Secretary-General to propose a set of performance indicators to measure the progress made in the implementation of the New Agenda; urges all States, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds and programmes of the UN system as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to take concrete and effective measures in order to implement fully the recommendations contained in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Mid-term Review of the Implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s; requests the Secretary-General to ensure the effective and timely implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s; also requests the Secretary-General, pending the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda in the year 2002, to submit to the General Assembly at its 55th session a progress report on the implementation of resolution 51/32 (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

AGEING PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 100)

See also: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Reports
A/53/294 Report on preparations for the International Year of Older Persons / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/52/L.6 Draft resolution on the International Year of Older Persons, 1999 / Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zambia.

Additional sponsors: Cameroon, Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, India, Israel, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sudan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and United States (A/53/615).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/615 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 85th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/615 (originally A/C.3/52/L.6) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/109.
AGEING PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 100) (cont.)

Resolution
Encourages States that have not yet done so to establish a national focal point or broad-based committee for the Year, and re-emphasizes that activities for the Year should be initiated primarily at the national level; recommends that the Commission for Social Development should mainstream the issue of older persons into the work of the Commission and the preparatory work for the special session of the General Assembly to review the World Summit for Social Development in the year 2000; calls upon States, UN agencies and bodies and institutions of civil society to avoid age and gender bias in their treatment of older women so as to ensure that all older women have equal access to the private sector and to social services and to ensure their full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms; urges that the issue of older persons be mainstreamed into the work of the UN and national socio-economic programmes and plans; invites DPI of the Secretariat to continue its information campaign, intensifying its activities in Jan. 1999 in support of countries that were unable to launch observances of the Year on 1 Oct. 1998; recommends that research agendas for the next decades address the socio-economic adjustments required to move towards a society for all ages, focusing essentially on the lifelong and society-wide immediate and long-term implications of individual and population ageing within varied national contexts; requests States to participate in the 4 plenary meetings which, in resolution 52/80 of 12 Dec. 1997, it decided to devote at its 54th session to the Year and its follow-up (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).


See:
UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--AGENDA

AGENDA 21

See:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

ANGOLA

See:
UN ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION--FINANCING
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA--FINANCING
ANGUILLA QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/53/23 (Part VI) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 23) Report, 1998. Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24.
A/AC.109/2106 Working paper on Anguilla / Secretariat.
Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.
Resolutions
A/RES/53/67 (B-II) Anguilla.
Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; calls upon the administering Power and all States, organizations and UN agencies to continue to assist the Territory in social and economic development (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

ANTI-PERSONNEL LANDMINES

See:
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1980)
DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE
LANDMINES--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
LANDMINES--TREATIES--SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS
MINE CLEARANCE

ARMS RACE--OUTER SPACE (AGENDA ITEM 70)

See also:
OUTER SPACE--PEACEFUL USES--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

General documents
A/53/123 Letter, 12 May 1998, from the Russian Federation transmitting the texts of 3 statements from the Assistant Head of the Office of the President, the Director of the Federal Security Service and the Minister of Defence issued 5, 6 and 7 May respectively; concerns the export control of military and dual-use technologies and the problems of monitoring the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.40 Draft resolution on prevention of an arms race in outer space / Chile, China, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Sudan.
Additional sponsors: Algeria, Brunei Darussalam, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Fiji, Monaco and Pakistan (A/C.1/53/INF/2).
Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/583 Report / 1st Committee.
Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/583 (originally A/C.1/53/L.40) was adopted (165-0-4): resolution 53/76.
ARMS RACE--OUTER SPACE (AGENDA ITEM 70) (cont.)

**Resolutions**

A/RES/53/76 Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
Reaffirms the importance and urgency of preventing an arms race in outer space, and the readiness of all States to contribute to that common objective; calls upon all States, in particular those with major space capabilities, to contribute actively to the objective of the peaceful use of outer space and of the prevention of an arms race in outer space and to refrain from actions contrary to that objective and to the relevant existing treaties in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and promoting international cooperation; reiterates that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum, has the primary role in the negotiation of a multilateral agreement or agreements, as appropriate, on the prevention of an arms race in outer space in all its aspects; invites the Conference on Disarmament to finalize the examination of the mandate contained in its decision of 13 Feb. 1992, with a view to updating it as appropriate, thus providing for the reestablishment of the Ad Hoc Committee during the 1999 session of the Conference on Disarmament; recognizes, in this respect, the growing convergence of views on the elaboration of measures designated to strengthen transparency, confidence and security in the peaceful uses of outer space; urges States conducting activities in outer space, as well as States interested in conducting such activities, to keep the Conference on Disarmament informed of the progress of bilateral and multilateral negotiations on the matter, if any, so as to facilitate its work (adopted 165-0-4, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/53/160/Add.1 Report on further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof, Addendum / Secretary-General.

ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY (AGENDA ITEM 71E)

**Reports**

A/53/334 Report on the UN Register of Conventional Arms / Secretary-General.
A/53/334/Add.2 Report on the UN Register of Conventional Arms : addendum / Secretary-General.
Issued: 17 Feb. 1999 - Transmits information received from Governments.
Corrects text.
Corrects text.

**General documents**

A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

**Draft resolutions/decisions**

Additional sponsor: Fiji and Saudi Arabia (A/53/584).
ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY (AGENDA ITEM 71E) (cont.)

A/C.1/53/L.43 Draft resolution on transparency in armaments / Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Additional sponsors: Argentina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dominica, Republic, Guyana, Marshall Islands, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, South Africa and Thailand (A/53/L.54).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 79th meeting, action on the draft resolutions in A/53/L.43 was as follows: draft resolution S (originally A/C.1/53/L.39/Rev.1), adopted (104-46-17); resolution 53/77 S; draft resolution V (originally A/C.1/53/L.43), adopted (159-0-12); resolution 53/77 V.

Resolutions


Recognizes the importance of achieving greater progress in the further development of the UN Register of Conventional Arms in order that it may truly enhance confidence-building and security among States and accelerate efforts towards attainment of the goal of general and complete disarmament, and that to that end urges Member States to submit their view to the Secretary-General concerning the following matters with a view to their consideration by the Group of Governmental Experts, which is to be convened in 2000: (a) the early expansion of the scope of the Register; (b) the elaboration of practical means for the further development of the Register in order to increase transparency related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, and to transfers of equipment and technology directly related to the development and manufacture of such weapons (adopted 104-46-17, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).


Calls upon Member States, with a view to achieving universal participation, to provide the Secretary-General by 31 May annually with the requested data and information for the Register, including nil reports if appropriate, on the basis of resolutions 46/36 L and 47/52 L and the recommendations contained in paragraph 64 of the 1997 report of the Secretary-General on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development; reaffirms its decision, with a view to further development of the Register, to keep the scope of and participation in the Register under review, and, to that end, recalls: (a) its request to Member States to provide the Secretary-General with their views on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development and on transparency measures related to weapons of mass destruction; (b) its request to the Secretary-General, with the assistance of a group of governmental experts to be convened in 2000, on the basis of equitable geographical representation, to prepare a report on the continuing operation of the Register and its further development with a view to a decision at its 55th session; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient resources are made available for the Secretariat to operate and maintain the Register (adopted 159-0-12, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE--UN (AGENDA ITEM 22)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.9 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee / Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kenya, Myanmar, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Sudan.

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306); notes with satisfaction the continuing efforts of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee towards strengthening the role of the UN and its various organs, including ICJ through programmes and initiatives undertaken by the Consultative Committee; also notes with satisfaction the commendable progress achieved towards enhancing cooperation between the UN and the Consultative Committee in wider areas; notes with appreciation the decision of the Consultative Committee to participate actively in the programmes of the UN Decade of International Law and programmes on environment and sustainable development, as well as in the UN Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its 55th session a report on cooperation between the UN and the Consultative Committee (adopted without vote, 48th meeting, 29 Oct. 1998).

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES--OBSERVER STATUS (AGENDA ITEM 159)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.3 Draft resolution on observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly / Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.
A/53/L.3/Add.1 Draft resolution on observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly: addendum. Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Canada, India, Italy and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.38 (15 Oct. 1998). At the 38th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.3 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/5.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/5 Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly.
Decides to invite the Association of Caribbean States to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer; requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution (adopted without vote, 38th meeting, 15 Oct. 1998).

ATOMIC RADIATION
See: RADIATION EFFECTS

ATTACK AGAINST IRAQ'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES
See: IRAQ--ISRAEL

BACTERIOLOGICAL WEAPONS
See: BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975)

BANGLADESH--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
See: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--BANGLADESH

BARANJA
See: UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMIUM--FINANCING
BEIJING DECLARATION (1995)

See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT--CONFERENCES (4TH : 1995 : BEIJING)--FOLLOW-UP

BERMUDA QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24.

Discussion
in plenary
At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/S94 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

Resolutions
Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspiration of the people regarding their future political status; calls upon the administering Power to continue its programmes for the socio-economic development of the Territory; requests the administering Power to elaborate, in consultation with the territorial Government, programmes specifically intended to alleviate the economic, social and environmental consequences of the closure of the military bases and installations of the United States in the Territory (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

BETHLEHEM 2000 (AGENDA ITEM 157)

Draft resolutions/decisions
Additional sponsors: Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Belarus, Benin, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Greece, Guyana, Ireland, Italy, Niger, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain and Vanuatu.

Discussion in plenary
At the 61st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.37, as orally revised, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/27.

Resolutions
Welcomes the impending arrival of this global, historic celebration in Bethlehem of the birth of Jesus Christ and the onset of the 3rd millennium as a symbol of the shared hope for peace among all peoples of the world; expresses support for the Bethlehem 2000 project and commends the efforts undertaken by the Palestinian Authority in this regard; notes with appreciation the assistance given by the international community in support of the Bethlehem 2000 project, and calls for increased assistance and engagement by the international community as whole, including private sector participation, to ensure the success of the Bethlehem 2000 project and the fruition of this monumental commemoration; requests the Secretary-General to mobilize the pertinent organizations and agencies of the UN system to increase their efforts to ensure the success of the Bethlehem 2000 project; decides to include in the provisional agenda of its 54th session the item entitled “Bethlehem 2000” (adopted without vote, 61st meeting, 18 Nov. 1998).

BILATERAL NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS

See:
DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE

BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY--TREATY IMPLEMENTATION (AGENDA ITEM 94D)

See also:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Reports
A/53/451 Note transmitting report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the 4th meeting of the Conference of Parties, Bratislava, 4-16 May 1998 / Secretary-General.

General documents
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY--TREATY IMPLEMENTATION
(AGENDA ITEM 940) (cont.)


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.29 Draft resolution on the Convention of Biological Diversity / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.54 (A/53/609/Add.4).

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/609 Report / 2nd Committee.
A/53/609/Add.4 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/609/Add.4 (originally A/C.2/53/L.54) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/190.

Resolutions
Welcomes the results of the 4th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held at Bratislava from 4-15 May 1998; also welcomes decision IV/16, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 4th meeting; calls upon Governments to use science-based analysis to study and monitor closely the evolution of new technologies to prevent possible adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity; recognizes the importance of the adoption of a protocol on biosafety at the extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 1999; welcomes decision IV/15, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 4th meeting; reaffirms paragraph 10 of decision IV/15, in which the Conference of the Parties emphasized that further work is required to help develop a common appreciation of the relationship between intellectual property rights and the relevant provisions of the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and the Convention on Biological Diversity; recognizes the importance of the implementation of the Convention at all levels; welcomes decision IV/8, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its 4th meeting; recognizes the importance of national action to conserve biological diversity in many habitats; recognizes the utility of information exchange, and encourages the development of biodiversity information networks at the national, regional and international levels; invites all funding institutions and bilateral and multilateral donors to cooperate with the secretariat of the Convention in the implementation of the programme of work (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975) (AGENDA ITEM 78)

See also:
DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE
General documents
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BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975) (AGENDA ITEM 78) (cont.)


A/53/766 Letter, 22 Dec. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement of the same date by the Presidency of the European on the negotiations on a protocol to the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention.


A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions


A/C.1/53/L.6/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction / Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

A/53/691 Report / 1st Committee.


A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).


At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/591 (originally A/C.1/53/L.6/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/84.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/84 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

Welcomes the information and data provided to date, and reiterates its call upon all States parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction to participate in the exchange of information and data agreed to in the Final Declaration of the 3rd Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention; welcomes the progress achieved so far in the negotiation of a protocol to strengthen the Convention, and reaffirms the decision of the 4th Review Conference urging the conclusion of the negotiations by the Ad Hoc Group as soon as possible before the commencement of the 5th Review Conference and urging it to submit its report, which shall be adopted by consensus, to the States parties to be considered at a special conference; calls upon all States parties, in this context, to accelerate the negotiations and to redouble their efforts within the Ad Hoc Group to formulate an efficient, cost-effective and practical regime and seek early resolution of the outstanding issues through renewed flexibility in order to complete the protocol on the basis of consensus at the earliest possible date; requests the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention and to provide such services as may be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conferences, as well as the decisions contained in the final report of the Special Conference, including all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Group (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

See also:

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 41)

HUMAN RIGHTS--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--REPORTS
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BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 41) (cont.)

UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA--FINANCING
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

General documents


A/53/702 (S/1998/1118) Letter, 24 Nov. 1998, from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia transmitting 2 agreements between the 2 countries signed on 22 Nov. : Agreement on the Establishment of Special Relations between the Republic of Croatia and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, signed by the President of Croatia and the President and Vice-President of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Agreement on Free Transit through the Territory of Croatia and from the port of Place to and from the Territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina at Neum, signed by their respective Presidents.

A/53/746 (S/1998/1165) Letter, 14 Dec. 1998, from the Islamic Republic of Iran in its capacity as Chairman of the OIC Contact Group for Bosnia and Herzegovina, concerning the issue of Brcko arbitration; states that it would be unjust if Brcko were awarded to the Republika Srpska and requests the prompt action of the Secretary-General on this issue, in the light of the fact that the final decision of the Arbitral Tribunal for the Dispute over the Inter-Entity Boundary in the Brcko Area should be reached early in 1999.


A/53/861 (S/1999/270) Letter, 11 Mar. 1999, from Yugoslavia transmitting letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs; conveys disagreement with the decision of the President of the Arbitral Tribunal to declare Brcko a district under the sovereignty of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the decision of the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina to dismiss the President of Republika Srpska; states that these decisions are contrary to the Dayton/Paris Agreement and calls upon members of the Steering Board to convene an emergency session of the Peace Implementation Council to consider them.


A/53/1033 (S/1999/858) Letter, 6 Aug. 1999, from Yugoslavia concerning the status of Yugoslavia in the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971) (Ramsar Convention), adopted by the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (A/53/975-S/1999/615); states that Yugoslavia is a full-fledged Party to the Convention and that the Contracting Parties are not authorized to make a decision on Yugoslavia's status; refers to articles 34-35 of the Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties that regulates the participation of States in international treaties of predecessor States.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.55 Draft resolution on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina / Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Turkey and United States.

A/53/L.55/Add.1 Draft resolution on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina: addendum. Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Germany, Netherlands, Singapore, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Tunisia.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.1/2 (30 Nov. 1998). At the 72nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.55, as orally revised, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/35.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/35 Situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Underlines that the assistance provided by the international community remains strictly conditional upon compliance with the Peace Agreement and subsequent obligations, including, in particular, cooperation with the International Tribunal and facilitation of the return of refugees and displaced persons; underlines the importance of establishing, strengthening and expanding throughout all of Bosnia and Herzegovina free and pluralistic media; insists upon the need to surrender all indictees to the International Tribunal for trial, notes that the Tribunal has the authority to address individual responsibility for the perpetration of the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international humanitarian law, including in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and demands that all the parties fulfill their obligations to hand over to the Tribunal all indicted persons in territories under their control and otherwise to comply fully with the orders of the Tribunal and to cooperate with the work of the Tribunal, including with exhumations and other investigative acts; requests the Secretary-General to provide, by 1 Sept. 1999, a comprehensive report, including an assessment, on the events dating from the establishment of the safe area of Srebrenica on 16 Apr. 1993 under Security Council resolution 819 (1993) of 16 Apr. 1993, which was followed by the establishment of other safe areas, until the endorsement of the Peace Agreement by the Security Council under resolution 1031 (1995) of 15 Dec. 1995; urges the adoption and effective implementation of new non-discriminatory property and housing legislation in both entities in order to enable refugees and displaced persons to return to their pre-war homes (adopted without vote, 72nd meeting, 30 Nov. 1998).

BRETTON WOODS INSTITUTIONS

See:
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

BRIbery--COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

See:
BUSINESS--DEVELOPMENT
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

Resolutions
Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; requests the administering Power, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system and all financial institutions to continue to provide assistance to the Territory for socio-economic development and the development of human resources, bearing in mind the vulnerability of the Territory to external factors (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

BUDGET--UN

See:
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)

UN--BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

BURUNDI

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--BURUNDI

BUSINESS--DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 92A)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.7 Draft resolution on action against corruption and bribery / Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Mexico, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela and the United States.
A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions / Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, South Africa, Thailand, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, draft resolution I in A/53/607 (originally A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/176.
Resolutions

A/RES/53/176  Action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions.
Welcomes recent multilateral initiatives to combat corruption; takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Promotion and maintenance of the rule of law: action against corruption and bribery"; commends the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention of the Secretariat in combating corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions, including the convening of an open-ended meeting of governmental experts; calls upon Member States to take all possible measures to further the implementation of the UN Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions and relevant international declarations and to ratify, where appropriate, existing instruments against corruption; requests the UNCTAD and other competent bodies of the UN system to assist Member States, at their request, in implementing national programmes to strengthen accountability and transparency and in implementing relevant conventions, declarations and instruments to combat corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions, and in that context, welcomes the valuable work done by UNDP in the field of governance; requests the Secretary-General, in close consultation with UNCTAD, to report to the General Assembly at its 55th session on measures taken by Member States and competent international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to implement the present resolution (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY--UN (AGENDA ITEM 23)

Reports

A/53/275  Report on the cooperation between the UN and the Caribbean Community / Secretary-General.
Issued: 18 Aug. 1998. - Transmits information supplied from departments, heads of agencies, and programmes of the UN system.
A/53/275/Add.1  Report on the cooperation between UN and the Caribbean Community: addendum / Secretary-General.
Issued: 16 Sept. 1998. - Transmits information received from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.15  Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Caribbean Community / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Vanuatu and Venezuela.
A/53/L.15/Add.1  Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Caribbean Community: addendum.
Additional sponsors: Algeria, Bahrain, Belgium, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom and United States.
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CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY--UN (AGENDA ITEM 23)
(cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 49th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.15 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/17.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/17 Cooperation between the UN and the Caribbean Community.

Notes that the 3rd meeting between the UN and regional organizations in the field of conflict prevention, was held on 28 and 29 July 1998, and welcomes the fact that the follow-up meeting in the area of early warning and conflict prevention will be convened shortly; urges the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the UN system to cooperate with the Secretary-General of the UN and the Secretary-General of the Caribbean Community in order to initiate, maintain and increase consultations and programmes with the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions in the attainment of their objectives, with special attention to the areas and issues identified in the meeting on 27 and 28 May 1997, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General; recommends that the 2nd general meeting between representatives of the Caribbean Community and its associated institutions and of the UN system be hosted in 1999 in the Caribbean region in order to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the agreed areas and issues and to hold consultations on additional measures and procedures as may be required to facilitate and strengthen cooperation between the 2 organizations (adopted without vote, 49th meeting, 29 Oct. 1998).

CASPIAN SEA--MINERAL RESOURCES

See:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LAW OF THE SEA

CAYMAN ISLANDS QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/53/23(Part VI) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 23) Report, 1998. Ch. 10. American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24. Issued: 17 Sept. 1998.

A/AC.109/2102 Working paper on Cayman Islands / Secretariat.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/67 Resolution on the situation in the Cayman Islands.

Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; requests the administering Power, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to continue to provide the territorial Government with all required expertise to enable it to achieve its socio-economic aims; calls upon the administering Power and the territorial Government to continue to cooperate to counter problems related to money laundering, smuggling of funds and other related crimes, as well as drug trafficking; requests the administering Power, in consultation with the territorial Government, to continue to facilitate the expansion of the current programme of securing employment for the local population, in particular at the decision-making level (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

CENTRAL AFRICA--REFUGEE-RECEIVING COUNTRIES--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--REFUGEE-RECEIVING COUNTRIES--CENTRAL AFRICA

CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 44)

See also:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--CENTRAL AMERICA UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA. MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING

Reports
CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 44) (cont.)


General documents

A/53/541 Letter, 22 Oct. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement of the same date by the Presidency of the European Union; congratulates the Guatemalans on their efforts to implement the Peace Accords and expresses concern about unresolved cases of violent crimes and human rights violations.

A/53/648 Letter, 9 Nov. 1998, from Mexico transmitting letter from the President; concerns the need to organize an international operation to assist the populations affected by Hurricane Mitch, in accordance with the appeal made by the Presidents of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

A/53/656 Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Honduras transmitting joint declaration regarding the disasters caused by Hurricane Mitch in the Central American region adopted by the Extraordinary Meeting of the Central American Presidents, Comalapa, El Salvador, 9 Nov.

A/53/685 Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Nicaragua referring to paragraph 14 of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central America (A/53/315); states that the waters of the San Juan River do not constitute a border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and that there is no dispute between the 2 countries involving territorial sovereignty in relation to navigation on the river.

A/53/795 Letter, 13 Jan. 1999, from Costa Rica referring to the para. (b) of the letter from Nicaragua concerning Costa Rica’s request for permission “to transport armed Costa Rican soldiers on its vessels along the waters of the river” (A/53/685); demands that the Jérez-Cañas Treaty, the Cleveland Award and the Judgement of 30 Sept. 1916 of the Central American Court of Justice, which stipulates that Costa Rica has a real, perpetual and immutable right of use in relation to navigation on the San Juan River, be respected.

A/53/882 Letter, 25 Mar. 1999, from Nicaragua referring to letter from Costa Rica (A/53/795); reiterates that both Nicaraguan sovereignty over the San Juan River and Costa Rica’s right to freedom of navigation for purposes of trade along a stretch of the river are clearly established in the Jérez-Cañas Treaty of 1858 and the Cleveland decision of 1888.

A/53/905 Letter, 9 Apr. 1999, from Costa Rica referring to the letter from Nicaragua (A/53/882); explains the concept of armed authorities and states that its right to freedom of navigation on the San Juan River established in the Jérez-Cañas Treaty of 1858 and the Cleveland decision of 1888 includes the deployment of its civilian police forces for control purposes.


A/53/928 Letter, 23 Apr. 1999, from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting executive summary, conclusions and recommendations of the report entitled “Guatemala: memory of silence” submitted by the Commission for Historical Clarification; contains findings of the investigations carried out by the Commission on human rights violations and acts of violence that caused the Guatemalan population to suffer, in connection with the armed conflict.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.20 Draft resolution on UN Verification Mission in Guatemala / Colombia, Mexico, Norway, Spain, United States and Venezuela.

A/53/L.20/Add.1 Draft resolution on UN Verification Mission in Guatemala: addendum. Additional sponsors: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Nigeria, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sweden and United Kingdom.
CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 44)
(cont.)

A/53/L.22 Draft resolution on the situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development / Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Spain, United States, Venezuela.

A/53/L.22/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development / Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Spain, United States and Venezuela.

A/53/L.22/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on the situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development / Austria, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

A/53/L.22/Rev.2/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on the situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: addendum. Additional sponsors: Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Haiti, Jamaica, Japan, Nigeria, Paraguay, Peru and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 44)  
(cont.)

A/RES/53/94 The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.  
Emphasizes the importance of the global frame of reference and the establishment of national and regional development priorities as the basis for promoting the effective, consistent and sustainable progress of the Central American peoples, and for providing international cooperation in accordance with the new circumstances in and outside the region; recognizes the importance of the Central American Integration System as the body set up to coordinate and harmonize efforts to achieve integration, a process aimed at establishing, gradually and progressively, the Central American Union; recognizes the need for emergency aid for the Central American countries, as a result of the disaster caused by hurricane Mitch; requests the Secretary-General to continue to lend his full support to the initiatives and activities of the Central American Governments, particularly their efforts to consolidate peace and democracy through the implementation of a new, comprehensive sustainable development programme and the initiative to establish the Central American Union, emphasizing, inter alia, the potential repercussions of natural disasters, in particular of hurricane Mitch, for the peace processes and the vulnerable economies of the region, and to report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the implementation of the present resolution (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

CHARTER OF UN

See:

UN--CHARTER

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE--TREATIES (1925) (AGENDA ITEM 71C)

General documents

A/53/303 Note on measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol / Secretary-General.  
Concerns withdrawal of reservations to the Protocol by States parties.  
A/C.1/53/INF/3 Information note: consolidated coorlgendum for draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.  
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.28 Draft resolution on measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol / South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement).  

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.  
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary

At the 79th meeting, draft resolution L in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.28) was adopted (168-0-5): resolution 53/77 L.

Resolutions

Renews its previous call to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions, and calls on those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw those reservations (adopted 168-0-5, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

CHEMICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 71T)

General documents

A/C.1/53/INF/3 Information note: consolidated coorlgendum for draft resolutions/decisions.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.38 Draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction / Canada and Poland.  
A/C.1/53/L.38/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction / Canada and Poland.  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 71:) (cont.)

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution R in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.38/Rev. 1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/77 R.

Resolutions
Stresses the importance of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in verifying compliance with the provisions of the Convention as well as in promoting the timely and efficient accomplishment of all its objectives; stresses also the vital importance of full and effective implementation of, and compliance with, all provisions of the Convention; urges all States parties to the Convention to meet in full and on time their obligations under the Convention and to support the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in its implementation activities; stresses the importance to the Convention that all possessors of chemical weapons, chemical weapons production facilities or chemical weapons development facilities, including previously declared possessor States, should be among the States parties to the Convention, and welcomes the emerging cooperation between the UN and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and efforts towards the prompt conclusion of a relationship agreement between the UN and the Organization, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

CLIMATE (AGENDA ITEM 94B)

See also:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

Reports
A/53/487 Report on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Nino phenomenon / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/53/449 Note on the outcome of the 3rd session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change / Secretary-General.
Transmits note by the Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change entitled "Protection of global climate change for present and future generations of mankind".

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/609 Report / 2nd Committee.
A/53/609/Add.2 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/609/Add.2, entitled "Report of the Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change" was adopted without vote: decision 53/446.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
See:
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

CHILD PROSTITUTION
See:
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT
See:
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

COLONIAL COUNTRIES
See:
DECOLONIZATION

COMMODITIES (AGENDA ITEM 91C)

Reports
A/53/319 Note transmitting report prepared by UNCTAD on world commodity trends and prospects / Secretary-General.
COMMODITIES (AGENDA ITEM 91C) (cont.)

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.5 Draft resolution on commodities / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.51 (A/53/606/Add.3).

A/C.2/53/L.51 Draft resolution on commodities (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.5) / Odiek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/606/Add.3 (originally A/C.2/53/L.51) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/174.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/174 Commodities.
Notes the need of the developing countries for stable and more predictable commodity prices; expresses the urgent need for supportive international policies to improve the functioning of commodity markets through efficient and transparent price formation mechanisms; urges developed countries to continue to support the commodity diversification and liberalization efforts of developing countries; reiterates the importance of maximizing the contribution of the commodity sector to economic growth and sustainable development; encourages the Common Fund for Commodities to direct its commodity development programmes more towards commodity sector diversification projects, as well as to promote commodity market development in developing countries; invites UNCTAD to provide assistance to developing countries in the financing of commodity diversification; also invites UNCTAD to consider issues related to commodities in the preparation for its 10th session, to be held in Thailand in the year 2000 (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

COMORIAN ISLAND OF MAYOTTE (AGENDA ITEM 57)

General documents

Discussion in plenary
At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/490.

COMOROS--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--COMOROS

COMPUTER SYSTEMS--YEAR 2000 DATE CONVERSION
See:
YEAR 2000 DATE CONVERSION

CONFERENCE AND MEETING SERVICES

General documents
A/C.1/53/7 Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences drawing the attention of the Chairman of the 1st Committee to the Committee's underutilization of conference facilities and services during the 52nd session of the General Assembly, and requesting that appropriate action be taken to improve the utilization of conference resources.
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES -- REGIONAL ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 720)

See also:
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT
Reports

General documents

Draft resolution/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.4 Draft resolution on regional confidence-building measures : activities of the UN Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa / Gabon (on behalf of the UN Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/S88 Report / 1st Committee.


Resolutions
Reaffirms its support for efforts aimed at creating the establishment of a subregional centre for human rights and democracy in Central Africa; also requests the Secretary-General to provide the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee with the necessary support in making operational the early warning mechanism that they have just established; appeals to Member States and to governmental and non-governmental organizations to make additional voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the UN Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
CONSULAR MISSIONS--SECURITY
See:
DIPLOMATS' SECURITY

CONTROL OF DOCUMENTATION--UN
See:
UN--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (1998-1999)

CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (1992)
See:
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY--TREATY
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (1992)
See:
CLIMATE

CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS
ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS
(1980)
See:
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1980)

CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS
OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (1979)
See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT--CONFERENCES (4TH: 1995: BEIJING)--FOLLOW-UP

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE
DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF
BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) AND TOXIN
WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION (1972)
See:
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975)

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE,
STOCKPILING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSFER OF
ANTIPERSONNEL MINES AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION
See:
LANDMINES--TREATIES--SIGNATURES,
ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (1989)
See:
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

CONVENTION ON PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS
ON THE USE OF CERTAIN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS
WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY
INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS
(1980)

RESOLUTIONS
A/RES/53/77[P] Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels.
Decides to give urgent consideration to the issues involved in conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels; requests the Conference on Disarmament, as a first step, to consider the formulation of principles that can serve as a framework for regional agreements on conventional arms control, and looks forward to a report of the Conference on this subject (adopted 164-1-2, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL--REGIONAL
PROGRAMMES (AGENDA ITEM 71R)

Reports
A/53/159 Report on the Convention on
the Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional
Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects and its

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.3 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1980)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.20 Draft resolution on the Conventions on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. Additional sponsors: Fiji, Kazakhstan and Monaco (A/C.1/53/INF/2).

A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev. 1 Revised draft resolution on the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. Additional sponsor: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Fiji, Kazakhstan and Monaco (A/53/588).


Discussion in plenary


At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/588 (originally A/C.1/53/L.20/Rev. 1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/81.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/81 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects. Expresses satisfaction that the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV) entered into force on 30 July 1998, commends it to all States, with a view to achieving the widest possible adherence to this instrument at an early date, and calls, in particular, on all States parties to the Convention that have not yet done so to express their consent to be bound by the Protocol; welcomes the adherence to the amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II) by 21 States and its entry into force on 3 Dec. 1998, and calls, in particular, on all States parties to the Convention that have not yet done so to express their consent to be bound by the Protocol; requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of amended Protocol II, to convene in 1999 the first annual conference of States parties to the Protocol, in accordance with article 13 of amended Protocol II; urgently calls upon all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to become parties as soon as possible, to the Convention and the Protocols thereto, and particularly to amended Protocol II and calls upon successor States to take appropriate measures so that ultimately adherence to these instruments will be universal; calls upon the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, to continue to inform it periodically of ratifications and acceptances of and accessions to the Convention and the Protocols (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

CORRUPT PRACTICES--COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

See:

BUSINESS--DEVELOPMENT

CRIME PREVENTION (AGENDA ITEM 101)

See also:

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
CRIME PREVENTION (AGENDA ITEM 101) (cont.)

Reports


General Documents


A/53/658 (S/1998/1058) Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community referring to the statements made by Cyprus in the 3rd Committee.


A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.; concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.

Draft Resolutions/Decisions


A/C.3/53/L.3 Note transmitting draft resolution entitled "Transnational organized crime", recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly / Secretariat.

A/C.3/53/L.4 Note transmitting draft resolution entitled "Mutual assistance and international cooperation in criminal matters", recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly / Secretariat.

A/C.3/53/L.9 Draft resolution on strengthening the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity / Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Lithuania, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Additional sponsors: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guyana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mongolia, Panama, Poland, Solomon Islands, Togo and Trinidad and Tobago (A/53/616).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary


Resolutions

Accepts with gratitude the invitation of the Government of Austria to host the 10th UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders at Vienna; approves the provisional agenda for the 10th Congress; decides that the theme of the 10th Congress should be "Crime and justice: meeting the challenges of the 21st century"; emphasizes the importance of the workshops, and invites Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to support financially, organizationally and technically the preparations for the workshops; welcomes the offer of the institutes constituting the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network to assist in the preparations for the workshops; invites donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure their full participation in the workshops; encourages Governments to undertake preparations for the 10th Congress at an early stage by all appropriate means; decides to streamline and minimize the costs of the preparation and servicing of the regional preparatory meetings by shortening their duration and limiting their documentation; requests the 10th Congress to elaborate a single declaration containing its recommendations on the various substantive items of its agenda with a view to submitting that declaration to the Commission for consideration at its 9th session (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
CRIME PREVENTION (AGENDA ITEM 101) (cont.)

A/RES/53/111 Transnational organized crime.
Requests the Secretary-General to continue his work on the elaboration of training manuals for law enforcement and judicial personnel on action against transnational organized crime; also requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to identify and allocate, within the overall budget of the UN, adequate resources for strengthening the capacity of the Centre for International Crime Prevention and to continue to provide Member States with technical cooperation, advisory services and other forms of assistance upon request in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, including in the area of prevention and control of transnational organized crime; decides to establish an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee and accepts the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to elect Luigi Lauriola (Italy) as the Chairman of the committee; invites donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure their full participation in the work of the intergovernmental ad hoc committee (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/112 Mutual assistance and international cooperation in criminal matters.
Decides that the Model Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters should be complemented by the provisions set forth in annex I to the present resolution; requests the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, for submission to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, model legislation on mutual assistance in criminal matters, in order to enhance effective cooperation between States, taking into account the elements recommended by the Intergovernmental Expert Group for inclusion; reiterates its invitation to Member States to provide to the Secretary-General copies of relevant laws and information on practices related to international cooperation in criminal matters; requests the Secretary-General: (a) to update and disseminate regularly the information mentioned to prepare a directory of central authorities responsible for mutual legal assistance; (b) to continue to provide advisory and technical cooperation services to Member States requesting assistance; (c) to provide, in cooperation with interested Member States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, training in mutual assistance law and practices for personnel in appropriate governmental agencies and for central authorities of requesting Member States (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
CRIME PREVENTION (AGENDA ITEM 101) (cont.)

A/RES/53/113  Strengthening the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity.

- Calls upon States to review funding policies for development assistance so as to include crime prevention and criminal justice in such assistance;
- calls upon all relevant programmes funds and organizations of the UN system, in particular UNDP, the World Bank and other international, regional and national funding agencies, to support technical operational activities in this field; requests the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention to continue to strengthen cooperation between the UN International Drug Control Programme and the Centre for International Crime Prevention, in particular in the areas of transnational organized crime and money-laundering; requests the Secretary-General to make all necessary measures to assist the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in performing its activities, including cooperation and coordination with other relevant bodies, such as the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on the Status of Women; calls upon the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc committee to devote attention to the drafting of the main text of the convention (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

CRIMINAL COURT (PROPOSED)

See:
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

CUBA

See:
CUBA--UNITED STATES
HUMAN RIGHTS--CUBA

CUBA--UNITED STATES (AGENDA ITEM 29)

Reports
A/53/320  Report on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba / Secretary-General.

Issued: 3 Sept. 1998. - Contains replies received from Governments and from organs and agencies of the UN.

A/53/320/Add.1  Report on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba: addendum / Secretary-General.

Issued: 25 Sept. 1998. - Contains replies received from Governments.
CUTA--UNITED STATES (AGENDA ITEM 29) (cont.)

A/53/320/Add.2 Report on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba: addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 1 Oct. 1998. Contains replies received from organs and agencies of the UN system.


General documents

A/53/76 Letter, 24 Feb. 1996, from the United Kingdom transmitting statement by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union; welcomes the release of prisoners in Cuba as a positive step in the development of religious freedom in that country.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.6 Draft resolution on the necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba. Cuba.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.37 (14 Oct. 1998). At the 37th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.6 was adopted (157-2-12); resolution 53/4.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/4 Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 52/10; reiterates its call on all States to refrain from promulgating and applying laws and measures of the kind referred to in the preamble to the present resolution in conformity with their obligations under the Charter of the UN and international law, which, inter alia, reaffirmed the freedom of trade and navigation; urges States that have and continue to apply such laws and measures to take the necessary steps to repeal or invalidate them as soon as possible in accordance with their legal regime (adopted 157-2-12, 37th meeting, 14 Oct. 1998).

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 93G)

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.35 Draft resolution on cultural development / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


A/53/608/Add.7 Report / 2nd Committee.


Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.91 (15 Dec. 1998). At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/608/Add.7 (originally A/C.2/53/L.35) was adopted without vote; resolution 53/184.
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 93G) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/184 Cultural development.
Invites all States, intergovernmental bodies and organizations on the UN system and non-governmental organizations: (a) to implement the recommendations of the Action Plan on Cultural Policies for Development adopted by the Intergovernmental Conference on Cultural Policies for Development; (b) to cooperate with Unesco for the purpose of ensuring effective follow-up to the Action Plan; (c) to intensify their efforts to integrate cultural factors into their development programmes and projects so as to ensure sustainable development that fully respects cultural diversity; taking into account their cultural values and identity; encourages Unesco to pursue its ongoing task of promoting throughout the UN 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 (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

CULTURE OF PEACE

See:
PEACE

CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL -- OBSERVER STATUS (AGENDA ITEM 169)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.75 Draft resolution on observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Chile, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

A/53/L.75/Add.1 Draft resolution on Observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly : addendum.
Additional sponsors: Canada, Costa Rica, Japan, Thailand and United States.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.95 (23 Mar. 1999).
At the 95th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.75 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/216.

Resolutions
Decides to invite the Customs Cooperation Council to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer; requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution (adopted without vote, 95th meeting, 23 Mar. 1999).

CYPRUS QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 62)

See also:
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS -- FINANCING

General documents


A/53/399 (S/1998/864) Letter, 16 Sept. 1998, from Cyprus concerning the plundering of the religious and cultural identity of the northern part of Cyprus; lists incidents of destruction and desecration of religious institutions.

CYPRUS QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 62) (cont.)


A/53/519 (S/1998/973) Letter, 16 Oct. 1998, from Turkey denying allegations concerning the destruction of the cultural property of northern Cyprus by Turkish forces; transmits a list of 103 mosques and Islamic shrines allegedly destroyed or damaged by the Greek Cypriots until 20 July 1974.


A/53/558 (S/1998/1013) Letter, 29 Oct. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Ayıtu Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, in response to the statement of the Cyprus Representative in the general debate of the General Assembly; rejects the allegations that the presence of Turkey in northern Cyprus is an invasion and an occupation of the area.


A/53/640 (S/1998/1037) Letter, 3 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter of 2 Nov. from Ayıtu Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, rejecting allegations made in the statement of the Representatives of Cyprus at the meeting of the 6th Committee under agenda item 153 on 22 Oct.


A/53/658 (S/1998/1056) Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Ayıtu Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community referring to the statements made by Cyprus in the 3rd Committee.


A/53/705 (S/1998/1122) Letter, 24 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter of the same date from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, rejecting allegations made in the statement of the Representative of Cyprus to the UN at the meeting of the 4th Committee under agenda item 85 on 2 Nov. 1998.


A/53/725 (S/1998/1148) Letter, 3 Dec. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, which refers to the statements under agenda items on human rights questions made by the representatives of Greece and the Greek Cypriot community at a meeting of the 3rd Committee on 10 Nov. 1998.


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CYPRUS QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 62) (cont.)


A/53/852 (S/1999/234) Letter, 3 Mar. 1999, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, in response to letter from the Representative of Cyprus to the UN (A/53/836-S/1999/178); denies allegations concerning the destruction of the cultural property of northern Cyprus.


A/53/903 (S/1999/385) Letter, 5 Apr. 1999, from Turkey transmitting letter of 1 Apr. from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot Community in response to the letter from the Representative of Cyprus to the UN (A/53/863-S/1999/282); concerns the issue of compulsory population transfer and the implantation of settlers.


A/53/1007 (S/1999/744) Letter, 30 Jun. 1999, from Cyprus reporting violations of its airspace and of the flight information region of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, 21 May-27 June 1999; reports also the violations of the territorial waters of Cyprus by Turkish military vessels, 14 June 1999.


Discussion in plenary


At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/493.

DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS

See: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

DEBTOR COUNTRIES

See: EXTERNAL DEBT

DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (3RD : 1998-2002)

See: RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

DECLARATION ON A CULTURE OF PEACE (1999)

See: PEACE

DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR THE BENEFIT AND IN THE INTEREST OF ALL STATES, TAKING INTO PARTICULAR ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (1996)

See: OUTER SPACE--PEACEFUL USES--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (1990)

See: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DECLARATIONS (1990)--IMPLEMENTATION

DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGION OR BELIEF (1981)

See: RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES (1960)

See: DECOLONIZATION
DECOLONIZATION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

See also:
AMERICAN SAMOA QUESTION
ANGUILLA QUESTION
BERMUDA QUESTION
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS QUESTION
CAYMAN ISLANDS QUESTION
DECOLONIZATION—UN SYSTEM
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Ch. 3, Dissemination of information on decolonization. Ch. 4, Question of sending visiting missions to Territories / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 5, Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. Ch. 6, Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 7, 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 UN / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 9, East Timor, Gibraltar, New Caledonia and Western Sahara / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 11, Tokelau / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 12, Guam / Special Committee of 24.
Ch. 13, Falkland Islands (Malvinas) / Special Committee of 24.
A/53/130 Report on the 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 UN / Secretary-General. Issued: 29 May 1998.
A/53/130/Corr.1 Report on the 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 UN / Corrigendum / Secretary-General.
Corrects text.
General documents
Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.58 Draft resolution on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and peoples / Antigua and Barbuda, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Fiji, Grenada, Indonesia, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Sierra Leone, Syrian Arab Republic and Trinidad and Tobago.
Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/694 Report, Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
DECOLONIZATION (AGENDA ITEM 18) (cont.)

A/53/602 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
Discussion in plenary


Resolutions
A/RES/53/61 Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.
Reaffirms its concern about any activities aimed at the exploitation of the natural resources that are the heritage of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, including the indigenous populations, in the Caribbean, the Pacific and other regions, as well as their human resources, to the detriment of their interests, and in such a way as to deprive them of their right to dispose of those resources; calls once again upon all Governments that have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that operate enterprises in the Non-Self-Governing Territories that are detrimental to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories, in order to put an end to such enterprises; reiterates that the damaging exploitation and plundering of the marine and other natural resources of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, in violation of the relevant resolutions of the UN, is a threat to the integrity and prosperity of those Territories; urges 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 requests the administering Powers to take all necessary steps to protect the property rights of the peoples of those Territories (adopted 154-2-5, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/67 Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands.
A/RES/53/67[A]

Reaffirms the inalienable right of the peoples of the Territories to self-determination, independence; reaffirms also that it is ultimately for the peoples of the Territories themselves to determine freely their future political status and in that connection calls upon the administering Powers, in cooperation with the territorial Governments, to facilitate programmes of political education in the Territories in order to foster an awareness among the people of their right to self-determination in conformity with legitimate political status options; reaffirms that UN visiting missions to the Territories at an appropriate time and in consultation with the administering Powers are an effective means of ascertaining the situation in the Territories, and requests the administering Powers and the elected representatives of the peoples of the Territories to assist the Special Committee to this regard; requests the administering Powers, in consultation with the peoples of the Territories, to take all necessary measures to protect and conserve the environment of the Territories under their administration against any environmental degradation, and requests the specialized agencies concerned to continue to monitor environmental conditions in those Territories; calls upon the administering Powers, in cooperation with the respective territorial Government, to continue to take all necessary measures to counter problems related to drug trafficking, money laundering and other offences (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/68

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

Approves 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 covering its work during 1998, including the programme of work envisaged for 1999 (A/53/24 (Part I), chap. I, sect. J); requests the Special Committee to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration and to carry out those actions approved by the General Assembly regarding the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism in all Territories that have not yet exercised their right to self-determination, including independence, and in particular: (a) to formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism; (b) to continue the implementation by Member States of resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization; (c) to continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of regular visiting missions, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence; (d) to take all necessary steps to enlist worldwide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the UN; requests the Secretary-General to provide the Special Committee with the facilities and services required for the implementation of the present resolution (adopted 144-2-18, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).
DECOLONIZATION (AGENDA ITEM 18) (cont.)

A/RES/53/69 Dissemination of information on decolonization.
Approves the activities in the field of dissemination of information on decolonization undertaken by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat; requests the Department of Political Affairs and DPI to take into account the suggestions of the Special Committee to continue their efforts to take measures through all the media available, including publications, radio and television, as well as the Internet, to give publicity to the work of the UN in the field of decolonization and, inter alia: (a) to continue to collect, prepare and disseminate, particularly to the Territories basic material on the issue of self-determination of the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories; (b) to seek the full cooperation of the administering Powers in the discharge of the tasks referred to above; (c) to maintain a working relationship with the appropriate regional and intergovernmental organizations, particularly in the Pacific and Caribbean regions, by holding periodic consultations and exchanging information; (d) to encourage the involvement of non-governmental organizations in the dissemination of information on decolonization; (e) to report to the Special Committee on measures taken in the implementation of the present resolution; requests all States, including the administering Powers, to continue to extend their cooperation in the dissemination of information referred to in paragraph 2 above (adopted 156-3-3, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 89)

See also:
DECOLONIZATION
Reports
Ch. 7, 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 UN. Ch. 7, information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Art. 73 e of the Charter of UN / Special Committee of 24.

A/53/130 Report on the 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 UN / Secretary-General.
A/53/130/Corr.1 Report on the 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 UN : corrigendum / Secretary-General.
Corrects text.

General documents
A/53/59 Letter, 21 Jan. 1998, from Papua New Guinea, on behalf of the Special Committee of 24, requesting that appropriate action be taken to assign the Secretary of the Special Committee and his assistant to the Decolonization Unit established as a stand-alone unit in the Department of Political Affairs, in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly and as agreed to in both the 4th Committee and the 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/603 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/603 was adopted (112-0-51): resolution 53/62.
DECOLONIZATION—UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 89)

(cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/62 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 UN.

Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and other relevant resolutions of the UN; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of the Territories; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to strengthen existing measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandate, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system concerned to provide information on: (a) environmental problems facing the Non-Self-Governing Territories; (b) the impact of natural disasters and other environmental problems on those Territories; (c) ways and means to assist the Territories in fighting drug trafficking, money laundering and other illegal and criminal activities; (d) the illegal exploitation of the marine resources of the Territories and the need to utilize those resources for the benefit of the peoples of the Territories (adopted 120-0-51, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE—DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
HUMAN RIGHTS—DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 167)

General documents

A/53/1048 Note verbale, 7 Sept. 1999, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo requesting that agenda item 167 of the 53rd session of the General Assembly regarding the Democratic Republic of the Congo situation be kept on the agenda of the 54th session and it be debated in plenary session without being referred to a Main Committee.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.95 (23 Mar. 1999).

At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/488.

DEMOCRATIZATION—UN SUPPORT (AGENDA ITEM 33)

Reports

A/53/554 Report on support by the UN system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies /Secretary-General. Issued: 29 Oct. 1998.
A/53/554/Corr.1 Report on support by the UN system of efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies /Secretary-General. Corrects text.

General documents

A/53/60 Letter, 26 Jan. 1998, from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan transmitting joint statement issued by their respective Heads of State, at Ashgabat, 6 Jan. 1998; concerns the development and strengthening of economic ties and cooperation between the 2 States.
A/53/92 (S/1998/789) Letter, 31 Mar. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting statement issued 31 Mar. by the Serbian authorities concerning the outcome of their meeting of 31 Mar., at which the situation in Kosovo and Metohija was discussed.


A/53/155 Letter, 23 June 1998, from Turkey and Ukraine transmitting the Ukrainian-Turkish joint communiqué, signed 21 May 1998, Kiev, by the Presidents of the 2 countries, during the official visit of President of Turkey to Ukraine.

A/53/204 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan transmitting Joint Declaration signed by their respective Presidents on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the 2 countries, Tashkent.

A/53/411 Letter, 17 Sept. 1998, from Georgia and Romania transmitting joint statement on ways to further expand the relationship between the 2 countries, on recent regional developments and global issues of mutual interest, signed by the Presidents of the 2 countries on the occasion of the official visit of President Constantinescu to Tbilisi, 1 July 1998.

A/53/412 Letter, 17 Sept. 1998, from Armenia and Romania transmitting joint declaration signed by their Presidents, at Yerevan, 3 July: concerns partnership and cooperation between the 2 countries.

A/53/447 Letter, 30 Sept. 1998, from Kazakhstan transmitting message from the President to the people of Kazakhstan, entitled "Democratization of society and economic and political reform in the new century".


A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.; concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.38 Draft resolution on support by the UN system to the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies / Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, the Former Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Zambia.
DEMONOCRATIZATION--UN SUPPORT (AGENDA ITEM 33) (cont.)

A/53/L.38/Add.1 Draft resolution on support by the UN system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: addendum.

Additional sponsors: Albania, Angola, Australia, Belarus, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Haiti, Iceland, India, Lithuania, Monaco and Turkmenistan.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.67 (23 Nov. 1998).

At the 67th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.38 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/31.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/31 Support by the UN system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies.

Invites the Secretary-General, Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the UN system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute actively to the follow-up process of the 3rd International Conference of New or Restored Democracies on Democracy and Development; welcomes the measures taken within the organizations of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for coordinating their work carried out in the field of democratization; welcomes also the work carried out by the follow-up mechanism to the 3rd International Conference of New or Restored Democracies on Democracy and Development; stresses that the activities undertaken by the Organization must be in accordance with the Charter of the UN (adopted without vote, 67th meeting, 23 Nov. 1998).

DESERTIFICATION--TREATIES (1996) (AGENDA ITEM 94E)

See also:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

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Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.16 Draft resolution on implementation of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.52 (A/53/609/Add.5).

A/C.2/53/L.52 Draft resolution on the implementation of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.16) / David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/609 Report / 2nd Committee.
A/53/609/Add.5 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/609/Add.5 (originally A/C.2/53/L.52) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/191.
DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION--PARTNERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 930)

See also:
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
ECONOMIC COOPERATION--NEGOTIATIONS
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION

General documents
A/53/85 Letter, 3 Mar. 1998, from Japan and Senegal, transmitting the Co-Chairmen's summary report of the 1st Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 2nd Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II), which was organized by the Government of Japan, UN and the Global Coalition for Africa, and held at Dakar, 2-3 Mar. 1998.
A/53/529 Summary of the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications / President, General Assembly.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.14 Draft resolution on globalization and liberalization of the world economy - prevention of the marginalization of weak or vulnerable economies / Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Fiji, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Senegal and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors (A/53/608/Add.4).
A/C.2/53/L.36 Draft resolution on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.49 (A/55/608/Add.4).
DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION--PARTNERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 93D) (cont.)

A/C.2/53/L.49 Draft resolution on renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.36) / Burak Özçüergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/181 Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership.

Decides to hold biennially a renewal of the high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership; also decides that, building on the experience of the high-level dialogue held on 17 and 18 Sept. 1998, the theme and the modalities of the 2nd high-level dialogue will be decided through the intergovernmental process at the 54th session of the General Assembly; requests the Secretary-General, in close consultation with Governments, all relevant parts of the UN system and relevant international organizations, to propose themes for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development for the 2nd high-level dialogue for consideration by the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS--IMPLEMENTATION (AGENDA ITEM 93A)

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At the meeting, the President of the General Assembly announced that beginning on that day, there would be a 2-day high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, and that there would be 2 ministerial round tables and 2 informal panels in conjunction with the high-level plenary meetings. Helmut Schafer, Minister of State of Germany and Ali Alatas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia were appointed as Chairmen of the 1st and 2nd round tables, respectively; Percy Metsing (Lesotho) and Janis Priedkalns (Latvia) were appointed Rapporteurs, respectively.


At the 6th meeting, the high-level dialogue on the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications was ended.


At the 91st meeting, action on the draft resolution and draft decision in A/53/608/Add.4 was as follows: draft resolution (originally A/C.2/53/L.49), adopted without vote: resolution 53/181; draft decision entitled "Documents relating to renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership", adopted without vote: decision 53/442.

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A/RES/53/17B 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 4th UN Development Decade.

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the 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 the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the 4th UN Development Decade; recognizes the need to strengthen the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy in the remaining years of the 1990s, in close collaboration with, inter alia, efforts undertaken in the context of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and its implementing arm, the UN System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all concerned organs and organizations of the UN system to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its 54th session an analytical report containing a thorough evaluation of the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and of the implementation of the Strategy, including the progress made and the constraints encountered therein (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE

See:

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

DEVELOPMENT AND DISARMAMENT

See:

DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK

DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION

See:

POPULATION--DEVELOPMENT--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1994)
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE (AGENDA ITEM 91B)

See also:
- DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK
- EXTERNAL DEBT
- LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1990-1999)
- POVERTY--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1997-2006)
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Reports

A/53/228 Report on the financing of development, including the net transfer of resources between developing countries and developed countries / Secretary-General. Issued: 12 Aug. 1998.


General documents


A/53/470 Note on high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development : recurring themes and key elements / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.4 Draft resolution on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.55 (A/53/606/Add.2).

A/C.2/53/L.28 Draft resolution on high-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development / Chairman, 2nd Committee.

A/C.2/53/L.55 Draft resolution on the financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft Resolution A/C.2/53/L.4) / Odyek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


A/53/606/Add.2 Report / 2nd Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 91st meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/606/Add.2 was as follows:


Resolutions

A/RES/53/172 The financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries.

Stresses the importance of having an enabling international environment and a strong cooperative effort by all countries and institutions to support crisis-hit countries and to prevent further contagion, and calls on all countries to adopt and pursue policies conducive to economic growth and to promote a favourable external economic environment for the recovery of the affected countries and countries in a critical economic situation; also stresses the importance at the national level of sound macroeconomic policies and policies aimed at strengthening institutional capacities and regulatory frameworks; emphasizes that the international financial institutions should ensure that they are sensitive to the specific circumstances of the concerned countries and to the special needs of developing countries; stresses the importance of the open high-level dialogue between the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions; recognizes the need to improve the capacities and modalities of the international financial institutions; stresses the importance of strengthened collaboration between the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund; stresses the need to endow the International Monetary Fund with adequate resources to provide emergency financing to countries affected by financial crises; also stresses the need to strengthen national, regional and international surveillance of both the public and private sectors (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/173 High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development.

Recalls its decision in resolution 52/179 to establish an ad hoc open-ended working group of the General Assembly to undertake an in-depth examination of all inputs requested in the resolution to be convened not later than the year 2000; requests the ad hoc working group to consider appropriate modalities that will ensure the completion of its work and the submission of specific recommendations to the General Assembly at its 54th session; requests the President of the General Assembly at its 53rd session to serve as ex officio chairman of the ad hoc working group and to convene an organizational meeting of the ad hoc working group not later than Jan. 1999 to decide on the modalities referred to in paragraph 2 of the present resolution and to develop arrangements for the effective direction and functioning of the ad hoc working group; also requests the President of the General Assembly at its 53rd session to designate 2 vice-chairpersons for the ad hoc working group; requests the Bureau of the 2nd Committee at the 53rd session of the General Assembly, with the assistance of the Secretariat, to organize briefings or panel discussions on important topics or significant trends and events that may enrich the deliberations of the ad hoc working group (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.12 Draft resolution on 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 4th UN Development Decade / Indonesia (on behalf of Group 77 and China).

The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40 (A/53/608/Add.1).

A/C.2/53/L.40 Draft resolution on 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 4th UN Development Decade (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12) / Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

Discussion in plenary

At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/608/Add.1 (originally A/C.2/53/L.40) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/178.

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (4TH)--IMPLEMENTATION (AGENDA ITEM 93AII)

Reports

A/53/301 Report on implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the 4th UN Development Decade / Secretary-General.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/178 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 4th UN Development Decade.

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the 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 the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the 4th UN Development Decade;

recognizes the need to strengthen the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy in the remaining years of the 1990s, in close collaboration with, inter alia, efforts undertaken in the context of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and its implementing arm, the UN System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s; requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with all concerned organs and organizations of the UN system to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its 54th session an analytical report containing a thorough evaluation of the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and of the implementation of the Strategy, including the progress made and the constraints encountered therein (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

A/53/L.23/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the UN Year of Dialogue among Civilizations / Afghanistan, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Egypt, Fiji, Greece, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Yemen.

A/53/L.23/Rev.1/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on the UN Year of Dialogue among civilizations: addendum. Additional sponsors: Belarus, Benin, Democratic People's of Korea, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom.

Discussion in plenary


At the 53rd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.23/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/22.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/22 UN Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Decides to proclaim the year 2001 as the UN Year of Dialogue among Civilizations; invites Governments, the UN system, including Unesco, and other relevant international and non-governmental organizations to plan and implement appropriate cultural, educational and social programmes to promote the concept of dialogue among civilizations, including through organizing conferences and seminars and disseminating information and scholarly material on the subject, and to inform the Secretary-General of their activities; requests the Secretary-General to present a provisional report on activities in this regard to the General Assembly at its 54th session, and a final report to the General Assembly at its 55th session (adopted without vote, 53rd meeting, 4 Nov. 1998).

DIPLOMATIC INDEBTEDNESS

See:

UN--HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS--JERUSALEM

See:

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
DIPLOMATS’ SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 147)

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A/53/317 (S/1998/831) Letter, 2 Sept. 1998, from the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning reports coming from Afghanistan and the region on the fate of the staff of its Consulate-General in Mazar-e-Sharif and of the correspondent of the Islamic Republic News Agency who were abducted on 8 Aug.; reports that there is significant reception in the region for a UN fact-finding mission to determine the fate of the persons concerned.
A/53/353 Letter, 18 Aug. 1998, from the Islamic Republic of Iran welcoming the statement of the President of the Security Council on 13 Aug. and reporting that in addition to the 11 Iranians killed by the Taliban, 36 Iranian relief workers have also been detained by Taliban forces. Transmits a list of the Iranians who were killed and of those who have been detained.
A/53/360 (S/1998/846) Identical letters, 10 Sept. 1998, from the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council reporting that Taliban leaders have confirmed that the Iranian diplomatic personnel in Mazar-e-Sharif have been killed by Taliban forces, and that their bodies have been recovered and urging that the Security Council take urgent and necessary measures.

A/53/403 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on relations between Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, issued 11 Sept. 1998 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union; condemns the killing of Iranian diplomats during recent fighting at Mazar-i-Sharif in northern Afghanistan and calls for an urgent investigation into these crimes and a consequent indictment of those responsible.
A/53/405 Letter, 16 Sept. 1998, from the Islamic Republic of Iran reporting that Taliban forces attacked, occupied and looted the Iranian Consulate and Cultural House in the city of Bamyan and that a local staff member of the Cultural House was killed. States that the reported mass killing of civilians on ethnic and religious grounds has continued since 8 Aug. and has now taken on a tragic dimension in Bamyan, a city largely populated by Shiite Muslims.
A/53/446 (S/1998/905) Letter, 28 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on the situation in Afghanistan, issued 23 Sept. by the Presidency of the European Union: expresses concern over reports of massacres of innocent civilians, mass executions of prisoners, air and rocket attacks on residential areas and of the killing of Iranian diplomats, and calls upon the Taliban to provide security guarantees to permit an international investigation of these crimes.
A/53/952 (S/1999/535) Letter, 10 May 1999, from China transmitting statement concerning the NATO attack on the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, issued by the Government, 7 May; states that the action is a violation of Chinese sovereignty and the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations; reports that 3 people were killed and 20 injured as a result of the bombing.
DIPLOMATS’ SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 147) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.6/53/L.11 Draft resolution on consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives / Argentina, Austria, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Lesotho, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uruguay and Zimbabwe. Additional sponsors: Bulgaria and Italy (A/53/628).

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/628 (originally A/C.6/53/L.11 ) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/97.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/97 Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. Strongly condemns acts of violence against diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as well as against missions and representatives of international intergovernmental organizations and officials of such organizations, and emphasizes that such acts can never be justified; strongly condemns the recent acts of violence against such missions, representatives and officials; urges States to strictly observe, implement and enforce the principles and rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations and, in particular, to ensure the protection, security and safety of the missions, representatives and officials officially present in territories under their jurisdiction; recommends that States cooperate closely through, inter alia, contacts between the diplomatic and consular missions and the receiving State with regard to practical measures designed to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives and with regard to the exchange of information on the circumstances of all serious violations thereof; urges States to take all appropriate measures in accordance with international law to prevent any abuse of diplomatic or consular privileges and immunities, in particular serious abuses, including those involving acts of violence (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

DISABLED PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 100)

General documents


Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.46 Draft resolution on question of enforced or involuntary disappearances / Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States. Additional sponsors: Benin, Comoros, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Niger, Romania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, draft resolution XI in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.46) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/150.

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DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS (AGENDA ITEM 110B)
(cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/150  Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances.
Reaffirms that any act of enforced disappearance is an affront to human dignity and a grave and flagrant violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms; reiterates its invitation to all Governments to take appropriate legislative or other steps to prevent and suppress the practice of enforced disappearances; calls upon Governments to take steps to ensure that, when a state of emergency is introduced, the protection of human rights is ensured; reminds Governments of the need to ensure that their competent authorities conduct prompt and impartial inquiries in all circumstances, whenever there is a reason to believe that an enforced disappearance has occurred in territory under their jurisdiction; once again urges the Governments concerned to take steps to protect the families of disappeared persons against any intimidation or ill-treatment; requests all States to consider the possibility of disseminating the text of the Declaration in their respective national languages and to facilitate its dissemination in local languages; expresses its appreciation to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances of the Commission on Human Rights for its humanitarian work; requests the Working Group to take into account the provisions of the Declaration and to modify its working methods; recalls the importance of the Working Group, the primary role of which to act as a channel of communication between the families of disappeared persons and the Governments concerned (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

DISARMAMENT

See also:

ARMS RACE--OUTER SPACE
BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975)
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--REGIONAL ACTIVITIES
CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL--REGIONAL PROGRAMMES
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1980)
DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12TH SPECIAL SESS. : 1992)--FOLLOW-UP
DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK
MILITARY EXPENDITURES
NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES--SECURITY
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--MIDDLE EAST
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTH ASIA
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT
UN. ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS
UN. CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT--REPORTS (1998)
UN. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION--REPORTS (1998)
UN INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH
ZONES OF PEACE--SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGION

DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE (AGENDA ITEM 71)

See also:

ARMS RACE--SEABED
CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL--REGIONAL PROGRAMMES
DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT : 1999)
DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS--ENVIRONMENT
DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS--NOTIFICATION
NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--ICJ OPINION
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT

General documents

A/53/162 Letter, 30 June 1998, from India: refers to letter from Brazil, Egypt, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand, Slovenia, South Africa and Sweden (A/53/138) transmitting joint declaration on nuclear disarmament and transmits letter from the Minister of State for External Affairs addressed to the 8 Foreign Ministers stating India's position on the issue of nuclear disarmament.
A/53/273 Letter, 18 Aug. 1998, from India transmitting paper entitled "Evolution of India's nuclear policy", which was presented by the Prime Minister to the Indian Parliament, 27 May 1998.


A/53/396 Letter, 1st Sept. 1998, from Kyrgyzstan transmitting document entitled "Diplomacy of the Silk Road, (a foreign policy doctrine), the past and present of the Great Silk Road"; states the ideas in the document represent the foreign-policy conceptual basis of the doctrine of the President Akayev who is a strong proponent of the building of friendship and cooperation between all the countries within the Great Silk Road region.


A/C.1/53/S Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.3 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.4 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.5 Information note: consolidated corrigendum for draft resolutions/decisions.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.10 Draft resolution on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status / Mongolia.

A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status / Mongolia.

A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2 Draft resolution on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status / Mongolia.


A/C.1/53/L.10/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status / Mongolia.


A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on reducing nuclear danger / India.

A/C.1/53/L.16/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on reducing nuclear danger / India.


A/C.1/53/L.24 Draft resolution on prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices / Canada.

A/C.1/53/L.24/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the Conference on Disarmament decision to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices / Canada. Additional sponsors: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.41 Draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms / Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Togo, United States and Uruguay.

A/C.1/53/L.41/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay. Additional sponsors: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Congo, Guinea, Italy, Liechtenstein, Mali and Malta (A/53/584). Text corrected by A/C.1/53/INF/3.

A/C.1/53/L.48 Draft resolution on towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda / Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ireland, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru, Samoa, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay and Venezuela. Additional sponsors: Congo, Fiji, Panama and Zambia (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.48/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda / Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Ireland, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Peru, Samoa, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Uruguay and Venezuela and Zambia. Additional sponsor: Uny (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.3); Slovenia withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.51 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.24 / Pakistan. Additional sponsor: Cuba (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.4). The amendments were withdrawn by the sponsor (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.52 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 / Sri Lanka (on behalf of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation).

A/C.1/53/L.55 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 on nuclear testing / India. The amendment was withdrawn by the sponsor (A/53/584).
A/C.1/53/L.56 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 on nuclear testing / Pakistan. The 1st Committee took no action on the amendment (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.57 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 on nuclear testing / India. The amendment was withdrawn by the sponsor (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.58 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 on nuclear testing / India. The 1st Committee took no action on the amendment (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.59 Amendments to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 on nuclear testing / Pakistan and India. The amendments were withdrawn by the sponsors (A/53/584).

A/C.1/53/L.60 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.22 / Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The 1st Committee took no action on the amendment (A/53/584).


Resolutions A/RES/53/77 General and complete disarmament. The resolution is divided into separate parts: A/RES/53/77 A-Z and A/RES/53/77 AA-77A. NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--CENTRAL ASIA; 77B: SMALL ARMS--ILICIT TRAFFIC; 77C: RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT; 77D: DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE; 77E: SMALL ARMS; 77F, 77G: DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE; 77H: REGIONAL DISARMAMENT; 77I: DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE; 77J: DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS--ENVIRONMENT; 77K: DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK; 77L: CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WARFARE--TREATIES (1925); 77M: DISARMAMENT--PEACE; 77N: LAND MINES--TREATIES--SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS; 77O: REGIONAL DISARMAMENT; 77P: CONVENTIONAL ARMS--REGIONAL PROGRAMMES; 77Q: NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE; 77R: CHEMICAL WEAPONS--TREATIES (1997); 77S: ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY; 77T: DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE; 77U: NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT; 77V: ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY; 77W: NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--ICJ OPINION; 77X: NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT; 77Y: DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE; 77Z: NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT; 77AA: DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT: 1999)--FOLLOW-UP.

A/RES/53/77[1] Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status. Endorses and supports Mongolia's good-neighbourly and balanced relationship with its neighbours as an important element of strengthening regional peace and stability; invites Member States, including the 5 nuclear-weapon States, to cooperate with Mongolia in taking the necessary measures to consolidate and strengthen Mongolia's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, the inviolability of its borders, its economic security, its ecological balance and its nuclear-weapon-free status, as well as its independent foreign policy; appeals to the member States of the Asia and Pacific region to support Mongolia's efforts to join the relevant regional security and economic arrangements; requests the Secretary-General and relevant UN bodies to provide the necessary assistance to Mongolia, within existing resources, to take the necessary measures mentioned above (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/77[F] Reducing nuclear danger. Calls for a review of nuclear doctrines and in this context, immediate and urgent steps to reduce the risks of unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons; requests the 5 nuclear-weapon States to undertake measures towards the implementation of the above; calls upon Member States to take the necessary measures to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons in all its aspects and to promote nuclear disarmament, with the ultimate objective of eliminating nuclear weapons (adopted 108-45-17, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/77[G] Nuclear testing. Expresses grave concern over and strongly deplores the recent nuclear tests conducted in South Asia; notes that the States concerned have declared moratoriums on further testing and have said that they are willing to enter into legal commitments not to conduct any further nuclear tests, and reiterates the need for such legal commitments to be expressed in legal form by signing and ratifying the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (adopted 118-9-33, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/77[I] The Conference on Disarmament decision to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. Notes with satisfaction that this ad hoc committee has already engaged in the first step in the substantive negotiations; encourages the Conference on Disarmament to re-establish its ad hoc committee at the beginning of its 1999 session (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/77[T] Illicit traffic in small arms. Requests the Secretary-General to hold broad-based consultations, within available financial resources and with any other assistance provided by Member States, taking into account the ongoing work of the Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms, with all Member States, interested regional and subregional organizations, international agencies, and experts in the field on: (a) the magnitude and scope of the phenomenon of illicit trafficking in small arms; (b) possible measures to combat illicit trafficking in and illicit circulation of small arms, including those suited to indigenous regional approaches; (c) the role of the UN in collecting, collating, sharing and disseminating information on illicit trafficking in small arms; also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the outcome of his consultations; invites Member States in a position to do so to provide the necessary assistance in support of the implementation of measures associated with combating illicit trafficking in and illicit circulation of small arms (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
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A/RES/53/77(Y) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda.

Calls upon the nuclear-weapon States to demonstrate an unequivocal commitment to the speedy and total elimination of their respective nuclear weapons and, without delay, to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to the elimination of these weapons; calls upon those States that have not yet done so to adhere unconditionally and without delay to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; also calls upon those States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify, unconditionally and without delay, the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty and, pending the entry into force of the Treaty, to observe a moratorium on nuclear tests; calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to pursue its negotiations in the Ad Hoc Committee established under item 1 of its agenda entitled “Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament”, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator and the mandate contained therein; also calls upon the Conference on Disarmament to establish an appropriate subsidiary body to deal with nuclear disarmament and, to that end, to pursue as a matter of priority its intensive consultations on appropriate methods and approaches with a view to reaching such a decision without delay (adopted 114-18-38, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/C.1/53/6 Letter, 22 Oct. 1998, from the Republic of Moldova transmitting statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the conclusion of the Moldovan-Russian agreement of 21 Oct. 1998 on the status, modalities and the terms of the withdrawal of the military units of the Russian Federation; states that the agreement has not been fulfilled and that there is presently no schedule for the complete withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions/Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/L.31 Draft resolution on consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures / Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Monaco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Additional sponsors: Israel and Liberia (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee).

A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.
DISARMAMENT--PEACE (AGENDA ITEM 71J) (cont.)


Discussion in plenary

At the 79th meeting, draft resolution M in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.31/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/77 M.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/77[M] Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures.

Stresses the particular relevance of the deliberations in the 1998 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission on guidelines on conventional arms control/limitation and disarmament, with particular emphasis on consolidation of peace in the context of General Assembly resolution 51/45 N, as a useful basis for further deliberations, and encourages the Disarmament Commission to continue its efforts aimed at the adoption of such guidelines in 1999; invites the group of interested States that was formed in New York in Mar. 1998 to continue to analyse lessons learned from previous disarmament and peace-building projects, as well as to promote new practical disarmament measures to consolidate peace, especially as undertaken or designed by affected States themselves; encourages Member States, including the group of interested States, to lend their support to the Secretary-General in responding to requests by Member States to collect and destroy small arms and light weapons in post-conflict situations (adopted without vote. 79th meeting. 4 Dec. 1998).

DISARMAMENT--REGIONAL COOPERATION--UN CENTRES

See:
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT

DISARMAMENT--TRAINING PROGRAMMES (AGENDA ITEM 72B)

Reports

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.29 Draft resolution on the UN disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services / Algeria, Benin, Brazil, China, Cuba, Egypt, Germany, Indonesia, Iraq (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan and South Africa.

Additional sponsors: Argentina, Ecuador, Greece, Mali, New Zealand, Romania, Togo and United States (A/C.1/53/INF/2).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary

At the 79th meeting, draft resolution G in A/53/585 (originally A/C.1/53/L.29) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/78 G.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/78[G] UN disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services.

Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of Germany and Japan for inviting the 1997 and 1998 fellows to study selected activities in the field of disarmament, thereby contributing to the fulfillment of the overall objectives of the programme; commends the Secretary-General for the diligence with which the programme has continued to be carried out; requests the Secretary-General to continue to implement annually the Geneva-based programme within existing resources and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 55th session (adopted without vote. 79th meeting. 4 Dec. 1998).

DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT : 1999) (AGENDA ITEM 71I)

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.50 Draft resolution on the convening of the 4th special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament / South Africa (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries).

Additional sponsor: Fiji (A/C.1/53/INF/2).
A/C.1/53/L.50/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the convening of the 4th special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament / South Africa (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Movement).
Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/C.1/53/PV.26 (9 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution AA in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/S3/L.50/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/77 AA.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/77(AA) Convening of the 4th special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.
Decides, subject to the emergence of a consensus on its objectives and agenda, to convene the 4th special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament; endorses the report of the Disarmament Commission on its 1998 substantive session, and recommends that an item entitled "Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" be included in the agenda of the Commission at its 1999 session, which should promote agreement on the agenda and timing of the special session: decides to include in the provisional agenda of its 54th session the item entitled "Convening of the 4th special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament" and, subject to the outcome of the deliberations at the 1999 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission, to set an exact date for and to decide on organizational matters relating to the convening of the special session (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (10TH SPECIAL SESS. : 1978)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 73)

See also:
- UN. ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS
- UN. CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT--REPORTS (1998)
- UN. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION--REPORTS (1998)
- UN INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

General documents


Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Resolutions

DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12TH SPECIAL SESS. : 1982)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 72)

See also:
- CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reports

A/53/73 (S/1998/163) Letter, 25 Feb. 1998, from Ecuador transmitting the following documents: the Brasilia Declaration; the timetable of activities for the implementation of the proposals contained in the Declaration; and paragraph 1 (a) of the document "Bases for an understanding between the parties", signed by representatives of Ecuador and Peru at the end of the 2nd phase of the substantive talks between the 2 countries, Brasilia, 24 Nov. 1997.
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/3 Information note: consolidated coorigendum for draft resolutions/decisions.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.8 Draft resolution on the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa / Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States).

Additional sponsor: Mali (A/C.1/53/INF/2).

A/C.1/53/L.25 Draft resolution on the UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament / South Africa (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Movement).


Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

A/53/585 Report / 1st Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 79th meeting, action on the draft resolutions in A/53/585 was as follows: draft resolution C (originally A/C.1/53/L.8), adopted without vote; resolution 53/78 C; draft resolution F (originally A/C.1/53/L.25), adopted without vote: resolution 53/78 F.

Resolutions


The resolution is divided into separate parts, A/RES/53/78 A-G; 78A: CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--REGIONAL PROGRAMMES; 78B: PEACE--REGIONAL CENTRE--ASIA AND THE PACIFIC; 78C and 78D: DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12TH SPECIAL SESS. : 1982)--FOLLOW-UP; 78D: NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--TREATIES (DRAFT); 78E: DISARMAMENT INFORMATION--UN; 78G: DISARMAMENT--TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

A/RES/53/78[C] UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

Reaffirms that there is need to revitalize the Regional Centre and provide it with resources to enable it to strengthen its activities and programmes, and welcomes the steps taken to this end by the Secretary-General, including the appointment of a Director of the Regional Centre; appeals urgently to Member States, mainly to African States, as well as to international governmental organizations and foundations to make voluntary contributions in order to revitalize the Regional Centre, strengthen its programmes of activities and facilitate the implementation of such programmes; requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide all necessary support, within existing resources, to the Regional Centre for better achievement and results; also requests the Secretary-General to assist the new Director of the Regional Centre in his task of stabilizing the financial situation and revitalizing the activities of the Regional Centre (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/78[F] UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament.

Reaffirms that, in order to achieve positive results, it is useful for the three regional centres to carry out dissemination and educational programmes that foster regional peace and security aimed at changing basic attitudes with respect to peace and security and disarmament so as to support the achievement of the principles and purposes of the UN; appeals to Member States in each region and those that are able to do so, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions to the regional centres in their respective regions to strengthen their programmes of activities and implementation; requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support, within existing resources, to the regional centres in carrying out their programmes of activities (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS--ENVIRONMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71H)

Reports
A/53/158/Add.1 Report on observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control / addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 28 July 1998. - Information from the Government of the Republic of Cuba on measures taken in fulfilment of the objectives of resolution 52/38E.
A/53/158/Add.2 Report on observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control / addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 4 Sept. 1998. - Transmits replies received from Mexico and Vietnam pursuant to resolution 52/38E.

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.79 (4 Dec. 1998). At the 79th meeting, draft resolution J in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.26) was adopted (170-0-4): resolution 53/77 J.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/77(J) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control. Reaffirms that international disarmament forums should take fully into account the relevant environmental norms in negotiating treaties and agreements on disarmament and arms limitation and that all States, through their actions, should fully contribute to ensuring compliance with the aforementioned norms in the implementation of treaties and conventions to which they are parties; calls upon States to adopt unilateral, bilateral, regional and multilateral measures so as to contribute to ensuring the application of scientific and technological progress in the framework of international security disarmament and other related spheres, without detriment to the environment or to its effective contribution to attaining sustainable development; invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General information on the measures they have adopted to promote the objectives envisaged in the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report containing this information to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted 170-0-4, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1993).

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

See:
UN. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION--REPORTS (1998)

DISARMAMENT INFORMATION--UN (AGENDA ITEM 72A)

Reports

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
DISARMAMENT INFORMATION--UN (AGENDA ITEM 72A) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.18 Draft resolution on the UN Disarmament Information Programme / Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Nicaragua, Peru and South Africa.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/585 Report / 1st Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution E in A/53/585 (originally A/C.1/53/L.18) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/78 E.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/78(E) UN Disarmament Information Programme.
Recommend the Programme focus its efforts: (a) to inform, to educate and to generate public understanding of the importance of multilateral action and support for it, including action by the UN and the Conference on Disarmament, in the field of arms limitation and disarmament, particularly through the publication in all official languages of the UN Disarmament Yearbook and updates of the Status of Multilateral Arms Regulation and Disarmament Agreements, and ad hoc publications, and through the Home Page on the Internet of the Department for Disarmament Affairs and other outreach activities, such as the film entitled Messenger of Peace; (b) to facilitate unimpeded access to and an exchange of information on ideas between the public sector and public interest groups and organizations, and to provide an independent source of balanced and factual information that takes into account a range of views to help further an informed debate on arms limitation, disarmament and security; (c) to organize meeting to facilitate exchange of views and information between governmental and non-governmental sectors and between governmental and other experts in order to facilitate the search for common ground; invites the Secretary-General to continue to support and cooperate with educational institutions and non-governmental organizations engaged in such efforts, without cost to the regular budget of the UN; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its 55th session a report covering both the implementation of the activities of the Programme by the UN system during the previous 2 years and the activities of the Programme contemplated by the system for the following 2 years (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

See:
UN. ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS
UN INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK (AGENDA ITEM 71G)

See also:
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Reports
A/53/206 Report on relationship between disarmament and development / Secretary-General.
DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK (AGENDA ITEM 71G) (cont.)

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions/Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution K in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.27) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/77 K.

Resolutions
Urges the international community to devote part of the resources made available by the implementation of disarmament and arms limitation agreements to economic and social development, with a view to reducing the ever widening gap between developed and developing countries; invites all Member States to communicate to the Secretary-General, by 15 Apr. 1999, their view and proposals for the implementation of the action programme adopted at the International Conference on the Relationship between Disarmament and Development, as well as any other views and proposals with a view to achieving the goals of the action programme, within the framework of current international relations; requests the Secretary-General to continue to take action, through appropriate organs and within available resources, for the implementation of the action programme adopted at the International Conference (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

DISASTER RELIEF
See:
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

DISARMAMENT-DEVELOPMENT LINK (AGENDA ITEM 71G) (cont.)

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

DJIBOUTI--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--DJIBOUTI

See:
UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--DOCUMENTS

DRIFT-NET FISHING (AGENDA ITEM 38B)
See also:
LAW OF THE SEA

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.45 Draft resolution on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing; unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments / Australia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Namibia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa and United States.
DRIFT-NET FISHING (AGENDA ITEM 38B) (cont.)

A/53/L.45/Add.1 Draft resolution on large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing; unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments: addendum.

Additional sponsors: Canada, Philippines and Vanuatu.

Discussion in plenary


At the 69th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.45 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/33.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/7 Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments.

Reaffirms the importance it attaches to sustainable management and conservation of the marine living resources of the world's oceans and seas and the obligations of States to cooperate to this end; requests all participants to work for the adoption of the outcomes of the technical consultation of FAO, held in Rome from 26-30 Oct.; urges all authorities of members of the international community that have not done so to take greater enforcement responsibility to ensure full implementation of the global moratorium on all large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing on the high seas; calls upon States that have not done so to take measures to ensure that fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags do not fish in areas under the national jurisdiction of other States unless duly authorized by the authorities of the State concerned; urges States, relevant international organizations and regional and subregional fisheries management to take action to reduce by-catch, fish discards and post-harvest losses consistent with international law and relevant international instruments; reiterates its call on organizations with development assistance programmes to make it a high priority to support the efforts of developing coastal States to improve the monitoring and control of fishing activities and the enforcement of fishing regulations; requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all members of the international community, and to invite them to provide the Secretary-General with information relevant to the implementation of the present resolution; also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that reporting on all major fisheries-related activities and instruments is effectively coordinated; further requests the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its 55th session a report on further developments relating to the implementation of resolution 52/29 (adopted without vote, 69th meeting, 24 Nov. 1998).

DROUGHT

See:

DESERIFICATION--TREATIES (1996)
DRUG ABUSE

See: NARCOTIC DRUGS

EAST TIMOR QUESTION

Reports

General documents
A/53/135 Note verbale, 2 June 1998, from Portugal referring to its note verbale on East Timor (A/52/152); states that since the Government of Portugal continues to be de facto deprived of the exercise of its responsibilities for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of East Timor, it remains unable to provide the information concerning that territory required by Article 73 e of the Charters and offers its views on the human rights situation in the Territory citing different sources.
A/53/227 Letter, 12 Aug. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement issued by the Presidency of the European Union on the question of East Timor; concerns recent developments in the efforts to find an internationally acceptable solution to the problem.
A/53/278 Letter, 20 Aug. 1998, from Indonesia transmitting note verbale in response to communication of 2 June from Portugal concerning East Timor (A/53/135); states, inter alia, that Portugal abdicated its responsibility for the territory when, in 1975, the Portuguese colonial authorities in Dili simply packed up and left East Timor thereby forfeiting the right as the administering power.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.76 Draft resolution on the question of East Timor (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/485/Add.3 Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/485/Add.5 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.100 (25 May 1999).

At the 100th meeting, the draft decision in A/53/485/Add.3 entitled "Question of East Timor" was adopted without vote: decision 53/472.
A/53/PV.103 (29 June 1999).

At the 103rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/485/Add.5 (originally A/C.5/53/L.76) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/240.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/240 Question of East Timor. Decides to appropriate an amount of US$52,531,100 for the Mission, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission; decides also that the amount to be assessed will be determined after the review of the report which the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly at its 54th session, taking into account voluntary contributions received; decides further that such assessments as will be necessary shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set (adopted without vote, 103rd meeting, 29 June 1999).

EASTERN SLAVONIA

See: UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMium--FINANCING

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

See also:
AFGHANISTAN--RECONSTRUCTION
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
PALESTINIANS--ASSISTANCE

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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 2JB) (cont.)

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.2 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Samoa.

A/53/L.2/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa and Trinidad and Tobago.

A/53/L.2/Rev.1/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis: addendum.

A/53/L.17 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama / Belize, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel and Nicaragua.

A/53/L.17/Add.1 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama: addendum.

A/53/PV.50 (2 Nov. 1998) At the 50th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.17, as orally revised, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 C.


A/RES/53/1 Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the UN, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

The resolution is divided into separate parts: A/RES/53/1 A and B. 1 A: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--BANGLADESH; 1 B: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
A/RES/53/1(B) Emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis.

Urges all States of the international community, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries and to provide financing for the national and regional relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts being undertaken by the affected countries using their own and pooled human resources; requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the International Financial Institutions and bodies and agencies of the UN system, to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis in identifying their medium- and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected countries undertaken by their respective Governments; requests the relevant organizations and bodies of the UN system and other multilateral organizations to provide support and assistance to the affected countries in the short, medium and long term; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council at the next humanitarian questions segment of its substantive session (adopted without vote, 50th meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).

A/RES/53/1C Emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

Expresses its solidarity and support to the Government and the peoples of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; appeals to all Member States and all organs and bodies of the UN system, as well as International Financial Institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy support to the relief, rehabilitation and assistance effort for the affected countries; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, under Agenda Item 20 through the Economic and Social Council at the next humanitarian questions segment of its substantive session (adopted without vote, 50th meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).

A/RES/53/1D to I Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the UN, including Special Economic Assistance to Individual countries or regions.

The resolution is divided into separate parts: A/RES/53/1 D-I.

1 D: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NICARAGUA, 1 E: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NIGER, 1 F: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--COMOROS, 1 G: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--MOZAMBIQUE, 1 H: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--KAZAKHSTAN, 1 I: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--LIBERIA.
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20B) (cont.)

A/RES/53/1-J-O Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the UN, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.


ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--BANGLADESH (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.1 Draft resolution on assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating floods / Indonesia.
A/53/L.1/Add.1 Draft resolution on assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating floods: addendum.

Additional sponsors: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Portugal, Samoa, Senegal, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

Discussion in plenary

At the 23rd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 A.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[A] Assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating floods. Appeals to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the UN system, as well as international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, to respond urgently and generously in order to assist Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the unprecedented calamity; requests the relevant organizations and bodies of the UN system and other multilateral organizations to take all necessary measures to provide support and assistance to Bangladesh in order to strengthen its capacity for disaster preparedness and prevention programmes and to implement its plans and programmes for seeking a long-term and effective solution to the problems caused by floods and other natural disasters (adopted without vote, 23rd meeting, 1 Oct. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--CENTRAL AMERICA (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.17 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.
A/53/L.17/Add.1 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama: addendum.

Additional sponsors: Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Greece, Guyana, Honduras, India, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Senegal, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Discussion in plenary

At the 50th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.17, as orally revised, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 C.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1C Emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

Expresses its solidarity and support to the Government and the peoples of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; appeals to all Member States and all organs and bodies of the UN system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy support to the relief, rehabilitation and assistance effort for the affected countries; requests the Secretary-General and all organs and bodies of the UN system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to assist Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama in assessing their needs and to help to ensure the rehabilitation and recovery of the economy and the affected population in the short, medium and long term; requests the relevant organs and organizations of the UN system and other multilateral organizations to increase their support and assistance for strengthening the disaster-preparedness capacity of the countries concerned; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, through the Economic and Social Council at the next humanitarian questions segment of its substantive session (adopted without vote, 50th meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--COMOROS (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.29 Draft resolution on special emergency assistance to the Comoros / Benin, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen. A/53/L.29/Add.1 Draft resolution on special emergency assistance to the Comoros : addendum. Additional sponsors: Chile, Cuba, Eritrea, France, India and Italy.

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[F] Special emergency economic assistance to the Comoros. Urges the international community to respond generously to the needs for urgent assistance identified in annexes I and II to the report of the Secretary-General, and to grant to the Government of the Comoros all necessary assistance in order to enable it to cope with its budget deficits, including gifts in cash and in kind and debt forgiveness; stresses that the financial resources available remain nonetheless insufficient vis-à-vis the basic needs to ensure the recovery of the country; requests all Member States and donor bodies, as well as the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system, to grant to the Comoros all necessary financial, economic and technical assistance, in order to enable it to achieve national reconstruction and sustainable development (adopted without vote, 59th meeting, 16 Nov. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--DJIBOUTI (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.33 Draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti / Secretary-General / Burkina Faso, China, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Senegal, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Yemen.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.81 (7 Dec. 1998). At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.33 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 L.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[L] Special assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Calls for a peaceful solution to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including an immediate ceasefire, the withdrawal of all foreign forces, the initiation of a peace process; encourages the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to pursue sound macroeconomic policies and to promote good governance and the rule of the law; renews its invitation to the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to cooperate with the UN, its specialized agencies and other organizations in addressing the need for rehabilitation and reconstruction; renews its urgent appeal to the executive boards of the UN funds and programmes to keep under consideration the special needs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo: requests the Secretary-General: (a) to continue to consult urgently with regional leaders of DAU, about ways to bring about a peaceful and durable solution to the conflict; (b) to keep under review the economic situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a view to promoting participation in and support for a programme of financial and material assistance to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--DJIBOUTI (AGENDA ITEM 20d) (cont.)

A/53/L.33/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti / Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Gabon, India, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Senegal, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Yemen.

A/53/L.33/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti / Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Gabon, India, Italy, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Senegal, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Viet Nam and Yemen.

A/53/L.33/Rev.2/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti: addendum. Additional sponsors: Bangladesh and Greece.

Discussion in plenary


At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.33/Rev.2 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 J.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/1(J) Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti.

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; declares its solidarity with the Government and the people of Djibouti; notes the implementation by the Government of Djibouti of the structural adjustment programme and in that context appeals to all Governments, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies of UN and non-governmental organizations to respond adequately to the financial and material needs of the country; considers that the process of demobilization and the reintegration and employment of demobilized soldiers is essential not only for national rehabilitation, but also for the success of the agreements with the international financial institutions and for the consolidation of peace; also expresses its gratitude to the intergovernmental organizations for their contributions to the national rehabilitation of Djibouti; expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties faced by Djibouti; requests the Secretary-General to continue, in close cooperation with the Government of Djibouti, his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--HAITI (AGENDA ITEM 20b)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.2 Draft resolution on emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Samoa.
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--HAITI (AGENDA ITEM 208)
(cont.)

A/53/L.2/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa and Trinidad and Tobago.

Discussion in plenary
At the 28th meeting, the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.2/Rev.1: resolution 53/1 B.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[B] Emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis. Urges all States of the international community, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries and to provide financing for the national and regional relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts being undertaken by the affected countries using their own and pooled human resources; requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and bodies and agencies of the UN system, to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and St. Kitts and Nevis in identifying their medium- and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected countries undertaken by their respective Governments; requests the relevant organizations and bodies of the UN system and other multilateral organizations to provide support and assistance in the strengthening of the disaster preparedness and prevention capacities of the countries of the region; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, through the Economic and Social Council at the next humanitarian questions segment of its substantive session, on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above and on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of the affected countries (adopted without vote, 28th meeting, 5 Oct. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--KAZAKHSTAN (AGENDA ITEM 208)

Reports
A/53/424 Report on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.32 Draft resolution on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan / Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Panama, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan.
A/53/L.32/Add.1 Draft resolution on international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan: addendum.
Additional sponsors: Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Germany, India, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Norway, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).
At the 59th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.32 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 H.
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--KAZAKHSTAN (AGENDA ITEM 20B) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1(H) International cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan. Urges the international community to provide assistance in the formulation and implementation of special programmes and projects of treatment and care for the affected population in the Semipalatinsk region; invites all States, relevant multilateral financial organizations and other entities of the international community, including non-governmental organizations, to share their knowledge and experience in order to contribute to the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region; invites the Secretary-General to pursue a consultative process, with the participation of interested States and relevant UN agencies, on modalities for mobilizing the necessary support to seek appropriate solutions to the problems and needs of the Semipalatinsk region, including those prioritized in the report of the Secretary-General (adopted without vote, 59th meeting, 16 Nov. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--LEBANON (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--LIBERIA (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.36 Draft resolution on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia / India and Sudan.

Discussions in plenary
A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).
At the 59th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.36 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 I.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1(H) Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia. Calls upon all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organization to provide assistance to Liberia in order to facilitate the implementation of its National Reconstruction Programme submitted at the Donors' Conference; urges the Government of Liberia to provide an enabling environment for the promotion of socio-economic development and a culture of sustained peace in the country, including a commitment to uphold the rule of law, national reconciliation and human rights; requests the Secretary-General: (a) to continue his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the UN system to help the Government of Liberia in its reconstruction and development, including the return and reintegration of refugees, displaced persons and demobilized soldiers; (b) to continue his collaboration with the Government of Liberia with the objective of holding, in due course, the 2nd round-table conference of donors to consider the funding of the 2nd phase of the National Reconstruction Programme, depending on progress in the fields of human rights, national reconciliation and the strengthening of the rule of law (adopted without vote, 59th meeting, 16 Nov. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--MONTSERRAT (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--MOZAMBIQUE (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports
Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.30 Draft resolution on assistance to Mozambique / Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Comoros, Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

A/53/L.30/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on assistance to Mozambique / Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, India, Italy, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

A/53/L.30/Rev.1/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on assistance to Mozambique : addendum.

Additional sponsors: Brazil, Djibouti, Eritrea, Myanmar, New Zealand, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Yemen.

Discussion in plenary


A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).

At the 59th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.30/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 G.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Commends all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have contributed to mine action in Mozambique, and urges those that have the capacity to do so to continue to provide the needed assistance with a view to enabling the Government of Mozambique to develop its national mine-action capacity within the framework of the ongoing mine-action programme; requests the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the Government of Mozambique: (a) to continue his efforts to mobilize international assistance for the national reconstruction and development of Mozambique; (b) to continue to coordinate the work of the UN system for adequate response to the development needs of Mozambique (adopted without vote, 59th meeting, 16 Nov. 1998).
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NICARAGUA (AGENDA ITEM 20B) (cont.)

A/53/L.28/Rev.2/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on international assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters: addendum.
Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Brazil, Denmark, Eritrea, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Sweden, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

Discussion in plenary
At the 50th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.17, as orally revised, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 C.

A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).
At the 59th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.26/Rev.2 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 D.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[D] International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters.
Stresses the need for the International community to continue its cooperation with Nicaragua in order to supplement its national efforts and provide it with the necessary financial resources consistently and under favourable conditions, with a view to the effective promotion of its economic growth and development, the conservation of its natural resources and the strengthening of its democracy, invites creditor countries and funding institutions to continue to support Nicaragua in negotiations in order to come to an effective and equitable solution to the external debt problem and to support the country so that it may join the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative as soon as possible (adopted without vote, 59th meeting, 16 Nov. 1998).

A/RES/53/1C Emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.
Expresses its solidarity and support to the Government and the peoples of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama; appeals to all Member States and all organs and bodies of the UN system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy support to the relief, rehabilitation and assistance effort for the affected countries; requests the Secretary-General and all organs and bodies of the UN system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to assist Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama in assessing their needs and to help to ensure the rehabilitation and recovery of the economy and the affected population in the short, medium and long term; requests the relevant organs and organizations of the UN system and other multilateral organizations to increase their support and assistance for strengthening the disaster-preparedness capacity of the countries concerned; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, under agenda item 20, through the Economic and Social Council at the next humanitarian questions segment of its substantive session (adopted without vote, 50th meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NIGER (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.27 Draft resolution on assistance to Niger, which is severely affected by floods / Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ireland, Italy, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, United Kingdom and Vanuatu.
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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--NIGER (AGENDA ITEM 206)
(cont.)

A/53/L.27/Add.1 Draft resolution on assistance to Niger, which is severely affected by floods: addendum.
Additional sponsors: Comoros, Egypt, Eritrea, India, Kuwait, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Zimbabwe.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).
At the 59th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.27 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 E.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[E] Assistance to the Niger, following the severe floods:
Calls upon General the Member States, the specialized agencies and the other organizations of the UN system, as well as the financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, to extend generous assistance to the Niger in support of the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction operations and programmes it is undertaking with a view to dealing with the disastrous consequences of the floods; requests the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements for the mobilization and coordination of the humanitarian assistance of the international institutions and the specialized agencies of the UN system in order to support the endeavours of the Government of the Niger (adopted without vote, 59th meeting, 16 Nov. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--PALESTINIANS

See:
PALESTINIANS--ASSISTANCE

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--REFUGEE-RECEIVING COUNTRIES--CENTRAL AFRICA (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.64 Draft resolution on special assistance to Central and East African countries receiving refugees, returnees and displaced persons / India, Senegal and United States.

Discussion in plenary
At the 82nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.64 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 N.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[N] Special assistance to Central and East African countries receiving refugees, returnees and displaced persons.
Again congratulates the Secretary-General for the efforts he has made to draw the attention of the international community to the situation of refugees in Central and East African countries; again expresses its gratitude to all States, organizations and bodies of the UN and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have done so for the financial, technical and material assistance they have been delivering to those countries that have been receiving refugees; appeals to the international community to assist in the search for durable solutions for African refugees; calls upon Governments, relevant UN bodies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international community as a whole to strengthen the emergency response capacity of the UN system; again urges the Governments of the region and all concerned parties to provide protection as well as safe and unhindered access for UN and other humanitarian personnel to the populations in need in all areas of the region; calls upon the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief, voluntary repatriation, rehabilitation and resettlement of refugees, returnees and displaced persons (adopted without vote, 82nd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--SOMALIA (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in plenary
At the 82nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.31 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 M.
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--SOMALIA (AGENDA ITEM 20B) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1[M] Assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic and social rehabilitation of Somalia. Expresses its gratitude to all States and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and others by extending assistance to Somalia; expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continuing and tireless efforts to mobilize assistance to the Somali people; welcomes the ongoing efforts of UN, OAU, the League of Arab States, the European Union, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the countries of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and others to resolve the situation in Somalia; also welcomes the strategy of UN focusing on the implementation of community-based interventions aimed at rebuilding local infrastructures and increasing the self-reliance of the local population; emphasizes the principle that the Somali people have the primary responsibility for their own development and for the sustainability of rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance programmes; urges all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to continue the further implementation of its resolution 47/160; appeals to all the Somali parties concerned to seek peaceful means for resolving differences and to redouble their efforts to achieve national reconciliation; calls upon all parties, movements and factions in Somalia to respect fully the security and safety of personnel of UN and its specialized agencies and of non-governmental organizations; calls upon the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize international humanitarian, rehabilitation and reconstruction assistance for Somalia; calls upon the international community to provide continuing and increased assistance in response to the UN Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeal for Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Assistance for Somalia covering the period from Oct. 1998–Dec. 1999 (adopted without vote, 82nd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--SUDAN (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

General documents
A/53/270 Letter, 17 Aug. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the Sudan; expresses support for the negotiations between the Government of Sudan and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement, and calls on all parties to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those in need and to provide, where requested, international humanitarian agencies with all possible assistance and to ensure full respect for international humanitarian law.

A/53/484 Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the Sudan; strongly appeals to both parties to extend the ceasefire in Bahr el Ghazal beyond 15 Oct. 1998 and to meet urgently, at a high level of representation, in the technical committee on humanitarian assistance, under the chairmanship of the UN, in order to consider appropriate ways to enable relief supplies to reach all areas in need.


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.72 Draft resolution on the emergency assistance to the Sudan/ Senegal.

Discussion in plenary
At the 92nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.72 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/10.
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--SUDAN (AGENDA ITEM 20B)
(cont.)

Resolutions:
A/RES/53/1(O) Emergency assistance to the Sudan.
Acknowledges with appreciation the cooperation by the Government of the Sudan with the UN, including the agreements and arrangements achieved to facilitate relief operations with a view to improving UN assistance to affected areas, and encourages the continuation of that cooperation; expresses its appreciation to the donor community, UN agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations for the contributions so far made to the humanitarian needs of the Sudan; stresses the need for the Operation Lifeline Sudan to be operated and managed with a view to ensuring its efficiency, transparency and effectiveness; calls upon the international community to continue to contribute generously to the emergency needs, recovery and development of the country; urges the international community to give assistance for the rehabilitation of transportation means and infrastructure vital for the provision of relief supplies in the Sudan and their cost-effectiveness; calls upon the donor community and the organizations of the UN system to provide financial, technical and medical assistance; stresses the imperative of ensuring the safety of humanitarian personnel, as well as safe and unhindered access for providing relief assistance to all affected populations (adopted without vote, 92nd meeting, 17 Dec. 1998).

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--TAJIKISTAN (AGENDA ITEM 20B)

Reports

General documents
A/53/116 Letter, 1 May 1998, from Tajikistan transmitting statement of 30 Apr. by the Government concerning the critical situation in many regions of Tajikistan due to the natural disasters during the period from Feb. through Apr. of 1998; appeals to the Governments of friendly foreign countries and public and international organizations for all possible assistance.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.44 Draft resolution on emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation in Tajikistan / Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, China, Georgia, Greece, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United States and Uzbekistan.
A/53/L.44/Add.1 Draft resolution on emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation in Tajikistan: addendum. Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan and Republic of Moldova.

Discussion in plenary
At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.44 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/1 K.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/1(K) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation in Tajikistan. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; welcomes the efforts aimed at achieving peace and national reconciliation in Tajikistan; welcomes with appreciation the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General in drawing the attention of the international community to the acute humanitarian problems of Tajikistan; welcomes the appointment by the Secretary-General of the UN Resident Coordinator as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Tajikistan; welcomes the pledges made at the donor conference convened by the Secretary-General at Vienna on 24 and 25 Nov. 1998 to obtain international support dedicated to the implementation of the General Agreement; encourages Member States and others concerned to continue assistance to alleviate the urgent humanitarian needs of Tajikistan; welcomes the intention of the Secretary-General to continue the UN humanitarian programme in Tajikistan; strongly condemns the murder of 4 members of the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan; recognizes that comprehensive international support remains essential for the intensification of the peace process in Tajikistan; requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in Tajikistan (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).
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ECONOMIC COOPERATION--NEGOTIATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 56)

See also:
EXTERNAL DEBT
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION

General documents
A/53/396 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Kyrgyzstan transmitting document entitled "Diplomacy of the Silk Road, (a foreign policy doctrine), the past and present of the Great Silk Road"; states the ideas in the document represent the foreign-policy conceptual basis of the doctrine of the President Akayev who is a strong proponent of the building of friendship and cooperation between all the countries within the Great Silk Road region.


Discussion in plenary
At the 82nd meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/429.

ECONOMIC COOPERATION--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

See:
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION

ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION--UN (AGENDA ITEM 34)

Reports

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.14 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Economic Cooperation Organization / Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
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ECONOMIC SANCTIONS -- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
(AGENDA ITEM 51)

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.7 Draft resolution on elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion / Libya Arab Jamahiriya.
A/53/L.7/Rev.1 Draft resolution on elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion / Libya Arab Jamahiriya.

Discussion in plenary
At the 43rd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted (80-2-67): resolution 53/10.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/10 Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion. Reaffirms the inalienable right of every State to economic and social development and to choose the political, economic and social system that it deems to be most appropriate for the welfare of its people, in accordance with its national plans and policies; expresses its deep concern at the negative impact of unilaterally imposed extraterritorial coercive economic measures on trade and financial and economic cooperation, including at the regional level, as well as the serious obstacles posed to the freedom of trade and the free flow of capital at the regional and international levels; reiterates its call for the repeal of unilateral extraterritorial laws that impose sanctions on corporations and nationals of other States; again calls upon all States not to recognize or apply extraterritorial coercive economic measures or legislative enactments unilaterally imposed by any State (adopted 80-2-67, 43rd meeting, 26 Oct. 1998).

ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION (AGENDA ITEM 93B)

Reports

General documents
A/53/174 Note verbale, 10 July 1998, from Turkmenistan transmitting article by the President of Turkmenistan entitled "Turkmenistan meets the twenty-first century with hope and faith in itself and mankind".
ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION (AGENDA ITEM 93B)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.13 Draft resolution on integration of the economies in transition into the world economy / Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States. Additional sponsors: Estonia, Monaco and San Marino (A/53/60B/Add.2).

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/608/Add.2 (originally A/C.2/53/L.13) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/179.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/179 Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General; welcomes the measures undertaken by the organizations of the UN system to implement General Assembly resolutions on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy; calls upon the organizations of the UN system 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 crisis in order to ensure their economic and financial stability (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

EDUCATION

See:

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20A)

See also:

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
REFUGEES

Reports


General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.59 Draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the UN / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

A/53/L.59/Add.1 Draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the UN / Secretary-General. Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Greece and Guatemala.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).

At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.59 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/88.
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20A) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/88 Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the UN. Welcomes the 1st humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council held during its substantive session of 1998 and agreed conclusions 1998/1 adopted at that session; calls upon relevant organizations of the UN system, Governments and NGOs to cooperate with the Secretary-General and the Emergency Relief Coordinator to ensure timely implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1998/1; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, through the 1999 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of UN, including the implementation of and follow-up to agreed conclusions 1998/1; invites the Economic and Social Council to consider ways to enhance further the humanitarian segment of future sessions of the Economic and Social Council, as outlined in agreed conclusions 1998/1 (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

EMERGING DEMOCRACIES--UN SUPPORT
See: DEMOCRATIZATION--UN SUPPORT

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
See: BUSINESS--DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENT--DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS
See: DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS--ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 94)

See also:
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY--TREATY IMPLEMENTATION
CLIMATE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Reports

General documents
A/53/941 Letter, 4 May 1999, from Yugoslavia transmitting letter from the Minister for Agriculture addressed to Ministers of Agriculture and to specialized governmental agencies in the field of agriculture concerning the effects of NATO bombing on the agriculture of Yugoslavia; calls for the cessation of the bombing in order to stop further human, economic and ecological damages.


A/C.2/53/L.10 Draft resolution on implementation of the UN conventions on environment and development / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Mexico, Norway and United States. The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors (A/53/609/Add.6).

A/C.2/53/L.11 Draft resolution on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon / Australia, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Mexico, Norway and United States. The draft resolution was issued originally under agenda item 94b (A/C.2/53/L.11/Corr.1). - The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.30 (A/53/609/Add.6).

A/C.2/53/L.11/Corr.1 Draft resolution on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon: corrigendum / Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Norway and United States. Changes the agenda item listed on document A/C.2/53/L.11 from 94b to 94. - The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.30 (A/53/609/Add.8).
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Expresses its appreciation for the cooperation provided by the UN system to the countries affected in their efforts to reduce the impact of the El Niño; takes note with satisfaction of the outcome of the International Conference on Early Warning Systems for the Reduction of Natural Disasters; expresses its satisfaction at the organization of the 1st Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on El Niño, held at Guayaquil, Ecuador, from 9-13 Nov. 1998; decides that the report on the outcome of that Meeting will be considered under appropriate agenda items at the 7th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, at the substantive session of 1999 of the Economic and Social Council and at the special session of the General Assembly; also decides to consider the La Niña phenomenon in the context of the implementation of its resolution 52/200: welcomes the convening in 1999, of an intergovernmental meeting of experts on the El Niño phenomenon, to be held at Lima, requests the Secretary-General to submit recommendations to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999, on how the UN system can deal with natural disaster reduction (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998). | 


At the 91st meeting, the Assembly took note of the report of the 2nd Committee (A/53/609): decision 53/444: at the same meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/609/Add. 6 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally A/C.2/53/L.30), adopted without vote: resolution 53/185; draft resolution II (originally A/C.2/53/L.59), adopted without vote: resolution 53/186; draft resolution III (originally A/C.2/53/L.58), adopted without vote: resolution 53/187; draft decision entitled “Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment”, adopted without vote: decision 53/445. |

Recognizes, in particular, the Governing Council decision on the revitalization, reform and strengthening of UNEP; welcomes the adoption by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries, at Rotterdam, Netherlands, on 11 Sept. 1998, of the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, and takes note of the fact that the functions of the secretariat of the Convention are jointly performed by FAO of UN and UNEP as an interim arrangement pending the final decision to be taken by the parties to the Convention on the location of the secretariat; also welcomes the holding of the 1st session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants, which took place at Montreal, Canada, from 29 June-3 July 1998; emphasizes that UNEP has been and must continue to be the principal UN body in the field of environment and that its role is to be the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda; welcomes the Governing Council decision, as well as the decisions taken by the Assembly of the Global Environment Facility at its meeting held at New Delhi from 1-3 Apr. 1998 and by the Global Environment Facility at its meeting held in Washington, D.C., 14-16 Oct. 1998, regarding the role of UNEP in the Facility; encourages the Executive Director of UNEP to continue with the ongoing reform of the Programme; also encourages the Executive Director of UNEP to intensify his efforts to mobilize additional financial resources from other donor sources (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 94A)
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 94A) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/188 Implementation of and follow-up to the outcome of the UN Conference on Environment and Development and the 19th special session of the General Assembly.

Stresses the need to accelerate the full implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21; recognizes that the Commission on Sustainable Development will continue to provide the central forum for reviewing progress and for urging further implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and other commitments made at the UN Conference on Environment and Development; calls upon the Commission on Sustainable Development to play its role in assessing the challenges of globalization as they relate to sustainable development and to perform its functions in coordination with other subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and with related organizations and institutions; emphasizes that the achievement of more substantive results by the next review of the implementation of Agenda 21 in 2002 will require concerted efforts at all levels, including by Governments, calls upon all countries to fulfill their commitments to Agenda 21; underscores the importance of the continued active and collaborative involvement of all relevant bodies of the UN system in the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration at future sessions, through the Economic and Social Council in view of its coordination function, an analytical report on the measures taken within the UN system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

ERITREA--ETHIOPIA

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
REFUGEES

EXTERNAL DEBT (AGENDA ITEM 910)

See also:
INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Reports

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.2 Draft resolution on enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries / China. The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.47 (A/53/606/Add.4).
EXTERNAL DEBT (AGENDA ITEM 91D) (cont.)

A/C.2/53/L.47 Draft resolution on enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.2) / Odyek Agora (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/606/Add.4 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/606/Add.4 (originally A/C.2/53/L.47), as orally corrected, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/175.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/175 Enhancing international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problem of developing countries.
Recognizes that solutions to the external debt and debt-servicing contribute substantially to the strengthening of the global economy; notes the adverse impact of the volatility of short-term capital flows on exchange rates, interest rates and the debt situation of developing countries; stresses the urgent need to endow IMF with adequate resources to provide emergency financing to countries affected by financial crises; also stresses the need for the Bretton Woods Institutions to consider fully the special economic situations of indebted developing countries affected by natural disasters; welcomes the decisions announced by various creditor countries to cancel, partially or totally, the official bilateral debt of the countries of Central America; stresses the need for IMF and the World Bank to address expeditiously the special needs of poor post-conflict countries; also stresses the urgent need for effective mobilization of additional financial resources for the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative; stresses the importance of implementing the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative flexibly; also stresses the importance of increased flexibility with regard to Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative eligibility criteria; underlines the importance of the transparency in any review and analysis that is conducted during the adjustment period; welcomes the decision of the Boards of IMF and the World Bank that the comprehensive review of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Debt Initiative should be undertaken as early as 1999 (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

EXTRADITION

See:
CRIME PREVENTION

FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS) QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 49)

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FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS) QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 49) (cont.)

General documents

A/53/121 Letter, 8 May 1998, from Argentina transmitting note of 30 Apr. from the Government addressed to the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Buenos Aires; protests against drilling operations being carried out to the north of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands and reiterates the rights of the Argentine Government over the Islands and the surrounding maritime zones.

A/53/126 Letter, 19 May 1998, from the United Kingdom transmitting note of 12 May from its Embassy in Buenos Aires addressed to the Government of Argentina in response to the note of 30 Apr. from the Argentine Government (A/53/121); states that the Government of the United Kingdom rejects the assertion of the Argentine Government of sovereign rights and jurisdiction over the maritime areas surrounding the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

Discussion in plenary

At the 50th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/414.

FAMILY (AGENDA ITEM 100)

See also:
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

FAMILY REUNIFICATION--FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

See:
FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT--FAMILY REUNIFICATION

FIELD ASSETS CONTROL SYSTEM

See:
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

FIELD ASSETS CONTROL SYSTEM--PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

See:
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

FINANCIAL FLOWS

See:
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

FINANCIAL SITUATION--UN
See:
UN--FINANCING

FISHERY CONSERVATION
See:
DRIFT-NET FISHING

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

See:
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION
HUMAN RIGHTS--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--REPORTS
UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA--FINANCING
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING
UN PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE--FINANCING
UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMUIUM--FINANCING

FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--LEGAL STATUS
See:
UN--MEMBERS

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT

See:
DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT : 1999)

FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN (1995 : BEIJING)

See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT--CONFERENCES (4TH: 1995 : BEIJING)--FOLLOW-UP

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT--FAMILY REUNIFICATION
(AGENDA ITEM 110B)

See also:
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT
Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.36 Draft resolution on the respect for the rights to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification / Cuba.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.2 Report / 3rd Committee.

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FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT--FAMILY REUNIFICATION (AGENDA ITEM 110B) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

At the 85th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.36) was adopted (103-2-66): resolution 53/143.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/143 Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification.

Once again calls upon all States to guarantee the universally recognized freedom of travel to all foreign nationals legally residing in their territory; reaffirms that all Governments, in particular those of receiving countries, must recognize the vital importance of family reunification and promote its incorporation into national legislation in order to ensure protection of the unity of families of documented migrants; calls upon all States to allow, in conformity with international legislations, the free flow of financial remittances by foreign nationals residing in their territory to their relatives in the country of origin; also calls upon all States to refrain from enacting, and to repeal if it already exists, legislation intended as a coercive measure that discriminates against legal migrants, whether individuals or groups, by adversely affecting family reunification and the right to send financial remittances to relatives in the country of origin (adopted 103-2-66, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

GENOCIDE--TREATIES (1948)--ANNIVERSARIES (50TH) (AGENDA ITEM 46B)

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.47 Draft resolution on the 50th anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide / Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Haiti, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

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GENOCIDE--TREATIES (1948)--ANNIVERSARIES
(50TH) (AGENDA ITEM 46B) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 77th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.47 was adopted
without vote: resolution 53/43.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/43 50th anniversary of the
Convention on the Prevention and
Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.
Reaffirms the significance of the
Convention on the Prevention and
Punishment of the Crime of Genocide as
an effective international instrument
for the punishment of the crime of
genocide; calls upon all States to
increase and intensify their
activities aimed at the full
implementation of the provisions of
the Convention; invites Governments
and the international community to
to continue to review and assess the
progress made in the implementation of
the Convention since its adoption, and
to identify obstacles and the way in
which they can be overcome. both
through measures on the national level
and through enhanced international
cooperation; invites Governments, the
Secretariat, relevant organs and
agencies of the UN system within their
respective mandates, other
international organizations and
non-governmental organizations to
disseminate the Convention widely
together with other international
instruments in the field of human
rights, with a view to ensuring its
universality and full and
comprehensive implementation (adopted
without vote, 77th meeting, 2 Dec.
1998).

GEORGIA SITUATION

See:
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA--FINANCING

GIBRALTAR QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 19)

Reports
A/53/23(Part V) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd
Ch. 9, East Timor, Gibraltor, New
Caledonia and Western Sahara / Special Committee of 24.
A/AC.109/2112 Working paper on
Gibraltar / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.4/53/L.2 Draft decision on the
question of Gibraltar / Chairman, Special Political and Decolonization
Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in the Special Political and
Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political
and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

GUAM QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/53/23(Part VIII) (Reissued as GAOR,
53rd sess., Suppl. no. 23) Report,
1998. Ch. 12, Guam / Special
Committee of 24.
A/AC.109/2113 Working paper on
Guam / Secretariat.

Hearings requested
Chris Perez Howard, Organization of
People for Indigenous Rights, requesting a hearing on the question
of Guam.
1998, from Paul McDonald, Mayor's
Council of Guam, requesting a hearing
on the question of Guam.
GUAM QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18) (cont.)


Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

Resolutions


Requests the administering Power to work with Guam's Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of Chamorro Self-Determination with a view to facilitating Guam's decolonization and to keep the Secretary-General informed of the progress to that end; requests the administering Power to continue to assist the elected territorial Government in achieving its political, economic and social goals; also requests the administering Power, in cooperation with the territorial Government, to continue to transfer land to the people of the Territory; further requests the administering Power to continue to recognize and respect the political rights and the cultural and ethnic identity of the Chamorro people of Guam, and to take all necessary measures to respond to the concerns of the territorial Government with regard to the immigration issue; requests the administering Power to cooperate in establishing programmes specifically intended to promote the sustainable development activities and enterprises, noting the special role of the Chamorro people in Guam's development; also requests the administering Power to continue to support appropriate measures by the territorial Government aimed at promoting growth in commercial fishing and agricultural and other viable activities (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA.

MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING

HABITAT II

See:

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS--CONFERENCES (1996: ISTANBUL)--PULL-OVER

HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS (AGENDA ITEM 43)

See also:

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--HAITI

HUMAN RIGHTS--HAITI

UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING

UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING

Reports


General documents

A/53/683 Letter, 17 Nov. 1998, from Haiti transmitting letter of 6 Nov. from the President; states that the Government wishes the International Civilian Mission to Haiti to continue its activities until 31 Dec. 1999 and that the mandate of the Mission be adapted to the current need to strengthen institutions by focusing its activities on technical assistance to all components of the judicial system.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.57 Draft resolution on the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti / Argentina, Canada, Chile, France, United States and Venezuela.

GUATEMALA SITUATION

See:

CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION

UN MISSION IN GUATEMALA.

MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING
HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS (AGENDA ITEM 43)

Additional sponsors: Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 82nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.57 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/95.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/95 The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti. Decides to authorize the renewal of the mandate of the UN component of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti until 31 Dec. 1999, according to the terms of reference and modalities under which the Mission is operating; urges the authorities and political leaders to continue their efforts to find a compromise that will bring an end to the political crisis; calls upon the Haitian authorities to mobilize political will for the pursuit of the reform and strengthening of the system of justice of Haiti, including the improvement of the country's prisons; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly 2 reports on the implementation of the present resolution and, in the case of the 1st report, to be submitted no later than 15 May 1999, on the ways in which the international community can continue to assist in the tasks set out; reaffirms once again the commitment of the international community to continue its technical, economic and financial cooperation with Haiti in support of its economic and social development efforts; requests the Secretary-General to continue to coordinate the efforts of the UN system in providing humanitarian aid and contributing to the development of Haiti (adopted without vote, 82nd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS

See:
LAW OF THE SEA

HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS--UN

See:
UN--HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS

HOUSING

See:
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS--CONFERENCES (1996: ISTANBUL)--FOLLOW-UP

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT--UN

See:
UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

HUMAN RIGHTS (AGENDA ITEM 110)

See also:
HUMAN RIGHTS--PROGRAMME OF ACTION (1993)
HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT
POVERTY--HUMAN RIGHTS
POVERTY--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1997-2006)
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
RULE OF LAW--HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT
SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT

Reports

General documents
A/53/80 Letter, 9 Mar. 1998, from Georgia reporting on a decree issued by the President regarding arrangements for celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
A/53/99 (S/1998/344) Letter, 22 Apr. 1998, from Armenia transmitting statement of 20 Apr. by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; alleges that Azerbaijan has launched a campaign of false accusations against Armenia, which is preventing the process of the peaceful settlement of the Karabakh conflict.
HUMAN RIGHTS (AGENDA ITEM 110) (cont.)


A/53/203 Note verbale, 28 July 1998, from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea transmitting communiqué sent to the Member States of the UN; concerns the dispute with regard to Japan's actions against Koreans during its occupation of Korea.


A/53/774 (S/1998/1234) Letter, 29 Dec. 1998, from Eritrea transmitting press release of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; reports death of 2 Eritreans in detention in Ethiopia and calls for an independent investigation into the causes of, and circumstances surrounding their death; calls also for the immediate release of all Eritrean civilians from detention in Ethiopia.


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HUMAN RIGHTS (AGENDA ITEM 110) (cont.)


A/53/862 Letter, 12 Mar. 1999, from the Secretary-General requesting the President of the General Assembly to reopen agenda item 110 entitled "Human rights questions", in order to consider the report of the Group of Experts for Cambodia.


A/53/1013 (S/1999/756) Letter, 6 July 1999, from Eritrea transmitting press release of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; concerns the deportation of Eritreans and Ethiopians of Eritrean origin from Ethiopia.


A/C.3/53/7 Note informing that the letter from Iraq dated 27 June 1998 (A/53/165-S/1998/601) is circulated under agenda 110 at the request of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to UN.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft decision in A/53/625, entitled "Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of human rights" was adopted without vote: decision 53/433.

HUMAN RIGHTS--AFGHANISTAN (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.3 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution X in A/53/625/Add.3 (originally A/C.3/53/L.63) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/165.
HUMAN RIGHTS--AFGHANISTAN (AGENDA ITEM 110C)
(cont.)

Resolutions
Strongly condemns the mass killings and systematic human rights violations against civilians and prisoners of war, and notes with alarm the escalating cycle of mass killings; expresses its gravest concern at numerous reports of mass killings in the areas of Mazar-e Sharif and Bamian by the Taliban; condemns also the killing of Iranian diplomats and the correspondent of the Islamic Republic News Agency by Taliban combatants, as well as the attacks on and the killing of the UN personnel in Taliban-held territories of Afghanistan; urges all States to respect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Afghanistan and to refrain from interfering in its internal affairs; demands that all the Afghan parties fulfill their obligations regarding the safety of all personnel of diplomatic mission, UN and other international organizations, as well as their premises in Afghanistan; urges all the Afghan parties, in particular the Taliban, to bring to an end without delay all human rights violations against women and girls; appeals to all States, organizations and programs of the UN system, specialized agencies and other international organizations to resume the provision of humanitarian assistance to all in need as soon as the situation on the ground permits (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--AWARDS (AGENDA ITEM 110B)
Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

HUMAN RIGHTS--BURUNDI (AGENDA ITEM 110C)
Reports
Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

HUMAN RIGHTS--CAMBODIA (AGENDA ITEM 110C)
General documents
A/53/801 (S/1999/67) identical letters, 21 Jan. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter and aide-mémoire of the same date from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen regarding the issue of bringing the leaders of the Khmer Rouge to trial.
A/53/851 (S/1999/230) Identical letters, 3 Mar. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter of the same date from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen regarding the issue of bringing the leaders of the Khmer Rouge to trial; cautions that any decision on the matter must also take into account Cambodia's need for peace, national reconciliation, rehabilitation and economic development.
A/53/866 (S/1999/295) Identical letters, 17 Mar. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting aide-mémoire on the report of the UN Group of Experts for Cambodia of 18 Feb., issued by the Government, 12 Mar.; concerns internal reconciliation and the trials of the leaders of the Khmer Rouge.
A/53/875 (S/1999/324) Identical letters, 24 Mar. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter of the same date from the Prime Minister to the Secretary-General; concerns the trial of the leaders of the Khmer Rouge.

HUMAN RIGHTS--CUBA (AGENDA ITEM 110C)
General documents
A/53/872 Letter, 5 Mar. 1999, from Germany transmitting declaration by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the outcome of the trial against the 4 members of the "Internal Dissidence Working Group" in Havana, Cuba; regrets that its repeated appeals for the unconditional release of the members of the Group have been ignored.
HUMAN RIGHTS--CUBA (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

HUMAN RIGHTS--DECLARATIONS (1948) -- ANNIVERSARIES (50TH) (AGENDA ITEM 46A)

General documents
A/53/99 (S/1998/344) Letter, 22 Apr. 1998, from Armenia transmitting statement of 20 Apr. by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: alleges that Azerbaijan has launched a campaign of false accusations against Armenia, which is preventing the process of the peaceful settlement of the Karabakh conflict.
A/53/110 Letter, 7 May 1998, from Turkmenistan informing the Secretary-General that a decree was issued on 13 Mar. by President Niyazov in connection with the national programme of activities to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
A/53/203 Note verbale, 28 July 1998, from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea transmitting communiqué sent to the Member States of the UN: concerns the dispute with regard to Japan’s actions against Koreans during its occupation of Korea.
A/53/719 Letter, 2 Dec. 1998, from Kazakhstan transmitting congratulatory message of 30 Nov. by the President of Kazakhstan on the occasion of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
HUMAN RIGHTS--DECLARATIONS
(1948)--ANNIVERSARIES (50TH) (AGENDA ITEM 46A) (cont.)

A/53/825 (S/1999/146) Letter, 11 Feb. 1999, from Lebanon transmitting letter from the national Follow-up Committee for the support of Lebanese detainees in Israeli prisons addressed to the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; provides information about Lebanese prisoners in Israeli prisons and in detention camps inside occupied Lebanese territory, including lists of detailed persons in the various detention camps.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.67 Draft resolution on the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights / President, General Assembly.

A/53/L.71 Draft resolution on the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights / President, General Assembly.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.86 (10 Dec. 1998). At the 86th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.67 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/168.


Resolutions

A/RES/53/168 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Declares solemnly its commitment to the fulfillment of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and as a source of inspiration for the further promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms - political, economic, social, civil and cultural - including the right to development (adopted without vote, 86th meeting, 10 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

Reports


General documents

A/53/114 Letter, 23 Apr. 1998, from the United Kingdom transmitting statement of 21 Apr. by the Presidency of the European Union; concerns the decision of the Secretary-General of the UN to withdraw the UN human rights enquiry team which has been investigating alleged human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

A/53/182 (S/1998/669) Letter, 20 July 1998, from Austria transmitting statement of 17 July issued by the President of the European Union on the report of the UN inquiry into human rights violations in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; condemns all massacres and other atrocities and urges the Governments of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda to investigate within the framework of their own judicial systems the allegations contained in the report of the UN's investigative team, and to bring to justice those responsible for crimes against humanity and other violations of human rights and humanitarian law.
HUMAN RIGHTS--DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

Resolutions

Expresses its deep concern at the impact of the current conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the situation of human rights in that country and its adverse effects on the civilian population; expresses its concern at the deterioration of the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, aggravated by the ongoing conflict in the country and the continuing violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed in the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; urges all parties to the conflict to take the necessary measures to prevent all violations of human rights and international humanitarian law by forces under their command and to abstain from inciting ethnic hatred and from persecuting civilians on the grounds of nationality or ethnicity; stresses the need for the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to assist and protect the civilian population, including refugees and internally displaced persons within the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; stresses the need to lift restrictions on the work of non-governmental organizations and to ensure respect for the right to freedom of opinion and expression and for the right to freedom of association; calls upon the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to investigate, without delay, the allegations contained in the report of the Investigative Team and to bring to justice any persons found to have been involved in massacres, atrocities or other violations of international humanitarian law (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).


General documents


A/53/81 (S/1998/225) Identical letters, 11 Mar. 1998, from Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the General Assembly transmitting statement issued on 10 Mar. by government officials of Serbia concerning the situation in Kosovo and Metohija; concerns measures taken in response to the recent violence in Kosovo and Metohija, and invites the representatives of the Albanian minority to embark on open dialogue.


A/53/86 (S/1998/240) Letter, 16 Mar. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting letter of 15 Mar. addressed to the President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) concerning the actions of the police in Kosovo and Metohija; invites a team of ICRC to visit Kosovo and Metohija to obtain first-hand knowledge of the actual state of affairs in the area.

A/53/93 (S/1998/291) Letter, 1 Apr. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting statement of the same date by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in connection with the adoption by the Security Council of a resolution imposing an arms embargo on Yugoslavia; states that the issue in Kosovo and Metohija may be resolved only through dialogue.


A/C.3/53/L.60 Draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) / Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States. Additional sponsors: New Zealand and United Arab Emirates (A/53/625/Add.3).

A/C.3/53/L.61 Draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo / Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Djibouti, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States. Additional sponsor: New Zealand (A/53/625/Add.3).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

A/53/625/Add.3 Report / 3rd Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, action on the draft resolutions in A/53/625/Add.3 was as follows: draft resolution VIII (originally A/53/322), adopted (141-0-21); resolution 53/163; draft resolution IX (originally A/53/53/L.60), adopted (122-3-34); resolution 53/164.
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HUMAN RIGHTS--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

Resolutions

Calls for the full and consistent implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto (collectively "Peace Agreement") and the Basic Agreement on the Region of Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (the "Basic Agreement") by all parties to those agreements; stresses also the need to focus international human rights efforts in the region on the core issues of the lack of full respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all individuals without distinction; urges the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in particular those in the Republika Srpska, to ensure full and free access to their territories to all institutions and organizations concerned with the implementation of the present resolution; urges the Republic of Croatia to implement fully its programme on the re-establishment of confidence, acceleration of return and normalization of living conditions in the war-affected areas of Croatia and its refugee return programme in cooperation with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and demands that the Republic of Croatia take all measures necessary to eliminate these unacceptable practices; strongly condemns the denial of appropriate access to Kosovo of non-governmental organizations, the manipulation and denial of relief and basic foodstuffs, and the denial of medical care to wounded civilians; deeply deplores the killing of humanitarian aid workers, as reported by the Secretary-General (A/53/563, para. 6); requests the Secretary-General to pursue his humanitarian efforts in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) working through UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, other appropriate humanitarian organizations and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to taking urgent practical steps to meet the critical needs of the people in Kosovo, and to assist in the voluntary return of the displaced persons to their homes in conditions of safety and dignity (adopted 122-3-34, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

Strongly condemns the overwhelming number of human rights violations committed by the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the police and military authorities in Kosovo, including summary executions, indiscriminate and widespread attacks on civilians, indiscriminate and widespread destruction of property, mass forced displacement of civilians, the taking of civilian hostages, torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment and calls upon the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to take all measures necessary to eliminate these unacceptable practices; strongly condemns the denial of appropriate access to Kosovo of non-governmental organizations, the manipulation and denial of relief and basic foodstuffs, and the denial of medical care to wounded civilians; deeply deplores the killing of humanitarian aid workers, as reported by the Secretary-General (A/53/563, para. 6); requests the Secretary-General to pursue his humanitarian efforts in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) working through UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, other appropriate humanitarian organizations and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to taking urgent practical steps to meet the critical needs of the people in Kosovo, and to assist in the voluntary return of the displaced persons to their homes in conditions of safety and dignity (adopted 122-3-34, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--HAITI (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

See also:

HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS

Reports


A/53/530 Report on technical cooperation programme in Haiti / Secretary-General.
HUMAN RIGHTS--HAITI (AGENDA ITEM 110C)
(Cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.43 Draft resolution on human rights in Haiti / Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Saint Lucia, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. Additional sponsor: Nicaragua (A/53/625/Add.3).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/625/Add.3 (originally A/C.3/53/L.43) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/159.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/159 Human rights in Haiti.

Welcomes the decision of the Government of Haiti to distribute throughout the country, with the support of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti, the report of the National Commission of Truth and Justice of Feb. 1996 and to initiate legal action in serious cases; encourages the Government of Haiti to continue its work on the reform of the judicial system and calls upon all sectors of Haitian society concerned to adopt coordinated measures with a view to the enhancement of the system for the administration of justice, which is essential to ensure respect for human rights; calls upon the Haitian authorities to mobilize the political will for the pursuit of reform and for the strengthening of the judicial system and the improvement of the country's prisons; expresses its deep concern at the prolonged political stalemate and urges the authorities and political leaders to continue their efforts to resolve the crisis so that the appointment of a Prime Minister may be ratified by the Parliament without further delay; notes with satisfaction the putting into operation by the Government of Haiti of the Office of the Ombudsman, and invites the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to contribute to its strengthening through a programme of technical cooperation, so that it may develop into a national institution for the promotion of human rights, open to wide participation by civil society; invites the international community to continue their involvement in the reconstruction and development of Haiti (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--INFORMATION (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports

HUMAN RIGHTS--INFORMATION (AGENDA ITEM 110B)
(cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.50 Draft resolution on the
UN Decade for Human Rights Education,
1995-2004, and public information
activities in the field of human
rights / Australia, Austria,
Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia,
Botswana, Burundi, Canada, Chile,
Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia,
Ecuador, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala,
Guinea, Israel, Italy, Japan,
Lesotho, Liberia, Mali, Mongolia,
Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia,
Netherlands, Nigeria, Panama,
Paraguay, Philippines, Republic of
Korea, Russian Federation, Slovenia,
Solomon Islands, South Africa, the
former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia, Togo, Ukraine, United
States, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.
Additional sponsors: Antigua and
Barbuda, Argentina, Burkina Faso,
Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the
Congo, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea,
Finland, France, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau,
India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malawi,
Federated States of Micronesia, Nepal,
Peru, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone
and Suriname (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and
Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.2 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft
resolution XIV in A/53/625/Add.2
(originally A/C.3/53/L.50) was adopted
without vote: resolution 53/153.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/153 UN Decade for Human
Rights Education, 1995-2004, and
public information activities in the
field of human rights.
Requests the UN High Commissioner
for Human Rights to continue to
coordinate and harmonize human rights
education and information strategies
within the UN system, including the
implementation of the Plan of Action,
and to ensure maximum effectiveness
and efficiency in the use, processing,
management and distribution of human
rights information and educational
materials, including through
electronic means; urges the Department
of Public Information of the
Secretariat to continue to utilize UN
information centres for the timely
dissemination of basic information,
reference and audio-visual materials
on human rights and fundamental
 freedoms; urges Governments and
intergovernmental and non-governmental
organizations to continue beyond 10
Dec. 1998 the human rights education
and public information work undertaken
in the context of the commemoration of
the 50th anniversary of the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights;
encourages the Commission on Human
Rights to consider jointly, for the
duration of the Decade, the question
of the UN Decade for Human Rights
Education, 1996-2004, and public
information activities in the field of
human rights, including the World
Public Information Campaign (adopted
without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec.
1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)
(AGENDA ITEM 110C)

Reports
A/53/423 Note transmitting interim
report on the situation of human
rights in the Islamic Republic of
Iran, prepared by Maurice Copithorne,
Special Representative of the
Commission on Human Rights / Secretary-General.
A/53/423/Corr.1 Note transmitting
interim report on the situation of
human rights in the Islamic Republic
of Iran, prepared by Maurice
Copithorne, Special Representative of the
Commission on Human Rights:
corrigendum / Secretary-General.
Corrects text.
HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)  
(AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

General documents
A/53/74 Letter, 20 Feb. 1998, from the United Kingdom transmitting statement of 11 Feb. by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the occasion of the 9th anniversary of the Iranian fatwa against Salman Rushdie; states that the fatwa remains null and void because it violates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and urges the Iranian authorities to work with the Union to find a satisfactory solution in respect of Salman Rushdie.

A/53/1026 Letter, 20 July 1999, from Finland transmitting statement on the events surrounding the student demonstrations in Iran, issued by the Presidency of the European Union, 15 July; appeals to all political and social forces in Iran to promote a policy of tolerance and respect for universal human rights in all their aspects, including protecting the rights of freedom of expression, association and assembly.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.38 Draft resolution on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran / Andorra, Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution III in A/53/625/Add.3 (originally A/C.3/53/L.38) was adopted (64-41-56): resolution 53/158.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/150 Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran. Welcomes the interim report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and takes note of the conclusion of the Special Representative that a political will exists to move Iranian society towards a more tolerant and more peaceful condition but that, while some sectors are already benefiting from this progress, significant violations of human rights continue to occur; notes with interest the increasing focus of the Islamic Human Rights Commission on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and expresses the hope that the Commission will become a truly independent agency for the promotion and protection of human rights in line with the 1993 principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights; expresses its concern at the continuing violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran as reported by the Special Representative; calls upon the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to continue its efforts and to abide by its freely undertaken obligations under the International Covenants on Human Rights and under other international instruments on human rights; deprecates the fact that no invitation has yet been extended by the Government of Iran to the Special Representative to visit the country, and calls upon the Government to extend an invitation to him and to resume its full cooperation with the Special Representative in the discharge of his mandate (adopted 64-41-56, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAQ (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

Reports
A/53/433 Note transmitting interim report on the situation of human rights in Iraq, prepared by Max van der Stoel, Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/53/225 (S/1998/747) Letter, 12 Aug. 1998, from Iraq transmitting reply to remarks in a report by the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, Max van der Stoel, concerning the status of the implementation of the "oil for food programme"; states that there are allegations contained in the report that have no basis of truth.
HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAQ (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.34 Draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Iraq / Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

Additional sponsors: Chile, Estonia and Marshall Islands (A/53/625/Add.3).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

A/53/625/Add.3 Report / 3rd Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, draft resolution II in A/53/625/Add.3 (A/C.3/53/L.34), as a whole, was adopted by (103-3-56): resolution 53/157.

Resolutions


Calls upon the Government of Iraq to cooperate with UN human rights mechanisms, in particular by receiving a return visit by the Special Rapporteur to Iraq and allowing the stationing of human rights monitors throughout Iraq pursuant to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights; strongly condemns the systematic, widespread and extremely grave violations of human rights and of international humanitarian law by the Government of Iraq, resulting in all-pervasive repression and oppression; calls upon the Government of Iraq to abrogate all decrees that prescribe cruel and inhuman punishment or treatment, including mutilations, and to ensure that torture and cruel punishment and treatment no longer occur, and also to abrogate laws and procedures, including Revolution Command Council Decree No. 840 of 4 Nov. 1986, that penalize free expression and to ensure that the genuine will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of the State; demands that the Government of Iraq bring the actions of its military and security forces into conformity with the standards of international law, in particular those of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; urges the Government of Iraq to respect the rights of all ethnic and religious groups and to cease immediately its repressive practices aimed at the Iraqi Kurds, Assyrians, Turkmen and the population of the southern marsh areas, and to ensure the personal integrity and freedoms of the Shia and their religious establishment (adopted 103-3-56, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--LEBANON (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

General documents

A/53/825 (S/1999/146) Letter, 11 Feb. 1999. from Lebanon transmitting letter from the national Follow-up Committee for the support of Lebanese detainees in Israeli prisons addressed to the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; provides information about Lebanese prisoners in Israeli prisons and in detention camps inside occupied Lebanese territory, including lists of detained persons in the various detention camps.
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HUMAN RIGHTS--MYANMAR (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

Reports

General documents
A/53/215 Letter, 3 Aug. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement issued 31 July by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union; concerns the actions taken by the authorities of Myanmar to hinder the free movement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.
A/53/404 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on the detention by the authorities of Myanmar of over 100 opposition activists, issued on 11 Sept. by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union; calls for the immediate release of all political detainees in Myanmar and for the authorities of Myanmar urgently to enter into a substantive dialogue with opposition parties and to respect the 1990 general election results.
A/C.3/53/4 Letter, 9 Oct. 1998, from Austria transmitting declaration on Burma/Myanmar, issued by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union: urges the Burmese authorities to take steps towards democracy and national reconciliation and states that the European Union is actively considering further political steps to underline its concern over the deteriorating internal situation in Burma.

A/C.3/53/12 Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement of 30 Oct. issued by the Presidency of the European Union; states that the European Union will not agree to Burmese accession to the European Community-ASEAN Agreement but accept a Burmese presence, under special conditions to be agreed upon, at the next meeting of the Joint Committee under the European Community-ASEAN Agreement.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.3 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution VII in A/53/625/Add.3 (originally A/C.3/53/L.59) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/162.
HUMAN RIGHTS--MYANMAR (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

Resolutions
Urges the Government of Myanmar to cooperate fully with all UN authorities and bodies, in particular with the Special Rapporteur; deprecates the continuing violations of human rights in Myanmar; notes with deep concern the increased restrictions on the freedom of movement and the large number of arbitrary detentions and harassment of political activists; strongly urges the Government of Myanmar to release immediately and unconditionally detained political leaders; urges the Government of Myanmar urgently to expand and intensify its contacts with the National League for Democracy; strongly urges the Government of Myanmar to take all necessary steps towards the restoration of democracy; also strongly urges the Government of Myanmar to take all appropriate measures to allow all citizens to participate freely in the political process; further strongly urges the Government of Myanmar to ensure full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; calls upon the Government of Myanmar to implement fully the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur; welcomes the accession by the Government of Myanmar to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; strongly urges the Government of Myanmar to fulfil its obligations with regard to the Convention on the Rights of the Child; also strongly urges the Government of Myanmar to fulfil its obligations as a State party to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No.29), and the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948 (No.87) (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

General documents
A/53/58 Letter, 31 Dec. 1997, from Luxembourg transmitting statement of 26 Dec. by the Presidency of the European Union, regarding the situation in Nigeria; appeals to the Nigerian authorities to treat the 12 persons accused of attempting to carry out a coup d'état in accordance with legal principles corresponding to international standards.
A/53/188 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on the presidential elections in Nigeria, issued on the same day by the President of the European Union; welcomes the announcement by the Nigerian Head of State on a completely new transition programme and on his commitment to hand over power to a civilian government in May 1999, after elections to be held under international monitoring.
A/C.3/53/3 Letter, 29 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement issued on 18 Sept. by the Presidency of the European Union on the recent progress towards democratization in Nigeria; welcomes, in particular, the Government's commitment to engage in a democratization process and states that the Union looks forward to the normalization of relations between the European Union and Nigeria.

Draft resolutions/decisions

HUMAN RIGHTS--NIGERIA (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

Reports

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.89 (9 Dec. 1998)
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution VI in A/53/625/Add.3 (originally A/C.3/53/L.51) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/161.
HUMAN RIGHTS--NIGERIA (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/161 Situation of human rights in Nigeria. Expresses its full support to the Government of Nigeria in the important process of building a peaceful and stable Nigeria rooted in the rule of law, democracy and respect for human rights; welcomes the fact that the Government of Nigeria is reviewing remaining decrees, and urges it to repeal urgently those which have an impact on the fundamental human rights of its citizens; encourages all sectors of Nigerian society to participate actively and constructively in the process of democratization and the re-establishment of civilian rule; notes with satisfaction the establishment of the Independent National Electoral Commission and the issuance of a detailed timetable for the election process, to be completed with the holding of presidential elections on 27 Feb. 1999 and the handling over to a civilian government on 29 May 1999; stresses that the establishment and strengthening of national structures and institutions in the field of human rights are of the utmost importance for the promotion and protection of human rights in Nigeria; calls upon all States and the organizations of the UN system to support generously the ongoing transitional process in Nigeria, in particular the electoral process and the strengthening of national capacity in the field of human rights, and to respond positively to requests for technical assistance and advisory services (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

A/53/625/Add.4 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/625/Add.4 (originally A/C.3/53/L.65) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/166.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/166 Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action. Solemnly declares its commitment to the fulfillment of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action; welcomes agreed conclusions 1998/2 of the Economic and Social Council on the coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and calls for their full implementation; reaffirms that the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action continues to constitute a solid foundation for further action and initiatives by States, UN and other relevant intergovernmental bodies and organizations, as well as concerned national institutions and non-governmental organizations; calls upon all States to take further action with a view to the full realization of all human rights for all in the light of the recommendations of the World Conference on Human Rights (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--POVERTY

See:

POVERTY--HUMAN RIGHTS

HUMAN RIGHTS--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1993) (AGENDA ITEM 110D)

Reports

A/53/372 Note transmitting final report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action / Secretary-General. Issued: 11 Sept. 1998.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.65 Draft resolution on the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (submitted on the basis of informal consultations) / Chairman, 3rd Committee.

HUMAN RIGHTS--REPORTS (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

General documents

A/59/120 Letter, 8 May 1998, from the United Kingdom transmitting statement issued on 4 May by the Presidency of the European Union on the murder of Bishop Gerardi in Guatemala. 26 Apr.; calls upon the Government of Guatemala to support the work of the Truth Commission and to take all appropriate measures to ensure the safety of its members.

A/53/725 (S/1998/1148) Letter, 3 Dec. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Ayttug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, which refers to the statements under agenda items on human rights questions made by the representatives of Greece and the Greek Cypriot community at a meeting of the 3rd Committee on 10 Nov. 1998.
HUMAN RIGHTS--REPORTS (AGENDA ITEM 110C) (cont.)

A/53/1045 Letter, 25 Aug. 1999, from Finland transmitting statement on "honour killings" motivated by family honour in Pakistani society, issued by the Presidency of the European Union on 13 Aug. 1999; condemns the honour killing of Samia Sarwar and urges the Pakistani Government to prevent such killings and to prosecute the perpetrators.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
- A/53/625/Add.3 Report / 3rd Committee.

HUMAN RIGHTS--RWANDA (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

See also:
- INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--REPORTS


Draft resolutions/decisions
- A/C.3/53/L.29 Draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Rwanda / Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

A/C.3/53/L.29/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Rwanda / Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
- A/53/625/Add.3 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 85th meeting, draft resolution I in A/53/625/Add.3 (A/C.3/53/L.29/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/156.

Resolutions
- A/RES/53/156 Situation of human rights in Rwanda. Expresses deep concern at the continuing serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in the country, in particular those associated with the conflict in the north-west, and in regard to conditions of detention and the trial process of those accused of genocide and crimes against humanity; deeply regrets that no agreement could be reached on a new mandate for the Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda, which consequently led to its withdrawal from Rwanda on 28 July 1998; encourages further efforts by the Government of Rwanda to undertake a broad public debate aimed at further strengthening the functioning and independence of the National Human Rights Commission, urges the Government to work with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to facilitate the debate, and encourages the High Commissioner to continue to provide appropriate assistance; urges the Government of Rwanda to give the utmost priority to the prosecution and punishment of crimes of sexual violence committed against women, its causes and consequences; encourages the Government of Rwanda to further ensure the independence of the judiciary and, with the support of the international community, to strengthen the capacity of the judicial system, particularly taking additional steps to ensure full respect of fair trial guarantees; reiterates its concern at the conditions in most communal detention centres and prisons (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
HUMAN RIGHTS--SOUTHERN LEBANON (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

General documents
A/53/537 Note on implementation by Israel of resolution 1998/62 of the Commission Human Rights / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

HUMAN RIGHTS--SUDAN (AGENDA ITEM 110C)

General documents
A/53/504 Note informing the General Assembly that the interim report on the situation of human rights in the Sudan will not be submitted at the 53rd session as a result of the late appointment of the present Special Rapporteur / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

HUMAN RIGHTS--TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL (AGENDA ITEM 84)

See also:
PALESTINE QUESTION
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES

Reports
A/53/136 Note transmitting report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, covering the period from 30 Aug. to 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.
Issued: 3 June 1998.
A/53/136/Add.1 Note transmitting report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, covering the period from 1 Jan. to 31 May 1998 / Secretary-General.
Issued: 10 Nov. 1998.
A/53/259 Report pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/64 on the work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories / Secretary-General.
A/53/264 Report pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/67 on Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem / Secretary-General.

A/53/660 Report on the report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories / Secretary-General.
Issued: 10 Nov. 1998.
A/53/661 Note transmitting the 30th report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/53/567 (S/1998/1024) Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Palestine in reference to a letter from Israel (A/53/561-S/1998/1021) concerning interpretation of the Wye River Memorandum; reiterates that the existing Israeli-Palestinian agreements do not negate international law or relevant UN resolutions, and that the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to a State, do not stem from the existing agreements, and that Israel would be included in the membership of the Asian Group when it heeds international law and ends its occupation of Palestinian Territory.
A/53/568 (S/1998/1025) Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Palestine in reference to a letter from Israel (A/53/560-S/1998/1019); states that the Palestinian officials have unequivocally condemned the attempt to bomb an Israeli bus in Gaza, reaffirms their commitment to the Wye Memorandum, and reiterates the established position of the international community that Jewish settlements in the occupied territories are illegal.

A/53/671 (S/1998/1075) Letter, 13 Nov. 1998, from Palestine concerning the Israeli decisions to invite tenders for the construction of housing units in a new settlement to be established on Jabal Abu Ghneim in the West Bank to the south of occupied East Jerusalem, as well as to pave 13 new bypass roads in the West Bank to service the Jewish settlements, which would require additional confiscation of land; requests the resumption of the 10th emergency special session of the General Assembly in this regard.

A/53/823 (S/1999/136) Letter, 9 Feb. 1999, from Palestine referring to a letter from Israel (S/1999/105); states that the content of that letter, which follows a pattern of repetitive distortions and false statements, is regrettable.

A/53/879 Letter, 25 Mar. 1999, from Palestine referring to comments made to the media by the Israeli representative on the issue of General Assembly resolution 181 (II); states that the resolution provides the legal basis for the existence of both the Jewish and the Arab States in Mandated Palestine and that Israel's statement that the resolution is "null and void" is inadmissible.

A/53/972 (S/1999/597) Identical letters, 11 May 1999, from Palestine addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council concerning a "closure ord. p" for 3 offices in the Orient House in East Jerusalem, issued by the Israeli Government on 10 May; calls upon the Security Council to ensure that illegal Israeli actions in Jerusalem and the rest of Palestinian occupied territories cease and be reversed.

A/53/995 (S/1999/640) Letter, 3 June 1999, from Palestine concerning the Israeli decision to enlarge a settlement called "Ma'ale Adumim", located about 6 km east of Jerusalem, by approximately 12,000 dunums (3,250 acres); calls on the Security Council to take necessary measures to ensure the cessation and reversal of Israeli actions in this regard.

A/53/1032 (S/1999/854) Letter, 5 Aug. 1999, from Palestine reporting on the intention of the Israeli army to allow 27 of the 31 settler encampments which were set near existing settlements since the signing of the Wye River Memorandum to remain intact; states that it is a violation of the 4th Geneva Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory including Jerusalem; calls for the reversal of this action and if not reversed will require serious consideration and follow-up by the High Contracting Parties.


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/435/L.16 Draft resolution on the work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories / Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine. Additional sponsor: Bahrain (A/53/596).


Discussion in plenary


Resolutions
A/RES/53/53 Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories. Commends the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories for its efforts in performing the tasks assigned to it by the General Assembly and for its impartiality; demands that Israel cooperate with the Special Committee in implementing its mandate; requests the Special Committee, pending complete termination of the Israeli occupation, to continue to investigate Israeli practices and policies in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and to consult with the International Committee of the Red Cross, and to report to the Secretary-General whenever the need arises thereafter; also requests the Special Committee to submit reports on the current situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem; requests the Secretary-General: (a) to provide the Special Committee with all necessary facilities so that it may investigate the Israeli policies and practices referred to in the present resolution; (b) to continue to make available such additional staff as may be necessary to assist the Special Committee in the performance of its tasks; (c) to circulate periodically to Member States the periodic reports mentioned above; (d) to ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings; (e) to report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the tasks entrusted to him in the present resolution (adopted 86-2-67, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
HUMAN RIGHTS--TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL
(AGENDA ITEM 84) (cont.)


Reaffirms that the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 Aug. 1949, is applicable to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967; demands that Israel accept the de jure applicability of the Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and that it comply scrupulously with the provisions of the Convention; calls upon all States parties to the Convention, in accordance with article 1 common to the 4 Geneva Conventions, to exert all efforts in order to ensure respect for its provisions by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967; reiterates the need for speedy implementation of the recommendation contained in its resolutions ES-10/3 of 15 July 1997, ES-10/4 of 13 Nov. 1997 and ES-10/5 of 17 Mar. 1998 with regard to the convening of a conference of the high contracting parties to the Convention on measures to enforce the Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and to ensure its respect in accordance with common article 1 (adopted 155-2-2, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/55 Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the occupied Syrian Golan.

Reaffirms that Israeli settlements in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan are illegal and an obstacle to peace and economic and social development; calls upon Israel to accept the de jure applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 Aug. 1949, to the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and to the occupied Syrian Golan and to abide scrupulously by the provisions of the Convention, in particular article 49; demands complete cessation of the construction of the new settlement in Jebel Abu Ghneim and of all Israeli settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan; stresses the need for full implementation of Security Council resolution 904 (1994) of 18 Mar. 1994, in which, among other things, the Council called upon Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to take and implement measures, including, inter alia, confiscation of arms, with the aim of preventing illegal acts of violence by Israeli settlers, and called for measures to be taken to guarantee the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians in the occupied territory (adopted 150-3-2, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).
HUMAN RIGHTS--TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL
(AGENDA ITEM 84) (cont.)

A/RES/53/56 Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem. Determines that all measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, in violation of the relevant provisions of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 Aug. 1949, and contrary to the relevant resolutions of the Security Council, are illegal and have no validity and that such measures should cease immediately; demands that Israel, the occupying Power, cease all practices and actions which violate the human rights of the Palestinian people; stresses the need to preserve the territorial integrity of all of the occupied Palestinian territory and to guarantee the freedom of movement of persons and goods within the Palestinian territory, including the removal of restrictions on movement into and from East Jerusalem, and the freedom of movement to and from the outside world; calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to accelerate the release of all remaining Palestinians arbitrarily detained or imprisoned, in line with agreements reached; calls for complete respect by Israel, the occupying Power, of all fundamental freedoms of the Palestinian people, pending the extension of the self-government arrangements to the rest of the occupied territory (adopted 151-2-4, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/57 Occupied Syrian Golan. Calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to comply with the relevant resolutions on the occupied Syrian Golan, in particular Security Council resolution 497 (1981), in which the Council, inter alia, decided that the Israeli decision to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan was null and void and without international legal effect, and demanded that Israel, the occupying Power, should rescind forthwith its decision; also calls upon Israel to desist from changing the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure and legal status of the occupied Syrian Golan and in particular to desist from the establishment of settlements; determines that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken or to be taken by Israel, the occupying Power, that support to alter the character and legal status of the occupied Syrian Golan are null and void, constitute a flagrant violation of international law and of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 Aug. 1949, and have no legal effect; calls upon Israel to desist from imposing Israeli citizenship and Israeli identity cards on the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan, and to desist from its repressive measures against the population of the occupied Syrian Golan; calls once again upon Member States not to recognize any of the legislative or administrative measures and actions referred to above (adopted 150-1-6, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION
(AGENDA ITEM 110A)

See also:
MIGRANT WORKERS
TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT
Reports
A/53/125 Note on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights / Secretary-General.

A/53/339 Report on the status of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery / Secretary-General.
HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION
(AGENDA ITEM 110A) (cont.)

A/53/432 Note transmitting report of
the persons chairing the human rights
treaty bodies on their 10th meeting,
A/53/469 Report on effective
implementation of international
instruments on human rights,
including reporting obligations under
international instruments on human
rights / Secretary-General.

General documents
1998, from the Islamic Republic of
Iran transmitting Final Communique,
the Tehran Declaration, the Tehran
Vision Statement, and resolutions of
the 8th session of the Islamic Summit
Conference (Session of Dignity,
Dialogue, Participation). Tehran,
1998, from Qatar in its capacity as
Chairman of the Islamic Group
transmitting final communiqué of the
25th session of the Islamic
Conference of Foreign Ministers
(Session for Better Future for the
Peoples of the Islamic Ummah), Duha,
A/53/118 Letter, 7 May 1998, from
Turkmenistan informing the
Secretary-General that a decree was
issued on 13 Mar. by President
Niyazov in connection with the
national programme of activities to
celebrate the 50th anniversary of the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
A/53/969 Letter, 17 May 1999, from
Germany transmitting statement made
by the Presidency of the European
Union, 5 May, on the 50th anniversary
of the Council of Europe.
1999, from Burkina Faso transmitting
final communiqué of the 26th session of
the Islamic Conference of Foreign
Ministers (Session of Peace and
Partnership for Development),
 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 28 June-1
July 1999.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.22 Draft resolution on the
effective implementation of
international instruments on human
rights, including reporting
obligations under international
instruments on human rights /
Argentina, Australia, Austria,
Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile,
Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark,
Finland, France, Georgia, Germany,
Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland,
Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein,
Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta,
Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway,
Portugal, Romania, San Marino,
Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden
and United Kingdom.
A/C.3/53/L.22/Rev.1 Revised draft
resolution on the effective
implementation of international
instruments on human rights,
including reporting obligations under
international instruments on human
rights / Argentina, Australia,
Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada,
Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic,
Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia,
Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary,
Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy,
Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania,
Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco,
Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway,
Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania,
Russian Federation, San Marino,
Slovakia, South Africa, Spain,
Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic
of Macedonia, and United Kingdom.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian
and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.1 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At ... 85th meeting, draft
resolution II in A/53/625/Add.1
(originally A/C.3/53/L.22/Rev.1), as a
whole, was adopted without vote:
resolution 53/138.
HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION
(AGENDA ITEM 110A) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/138 Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights.
Welcomes the submission to the Commission on Human Rights of the final report of the independent expert on enhancing the long-term effectiveness of UN human rights treaty monitoring system and of the report of the Secretary-General containing the comments and observations of Governments, UN bodies, the specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and interested persons on the report of the independent expert, as well as his views on the legal, administrative and other implications of the recommendations made in the report, taking into account further developments; invites the Secretary-General to continue to solicit the views of Governments, UN bodies, the specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and interested persons on the final report of the independent expert and to submit a further report thereon, including his own views on the legal, administrative and other implications of the recommendations made in the report; calls upon the Secretary-General to complete as soon as possible the detailed analytical study comparing the provisions of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which is being prepared with a view to identifying duplication of reporting required under those instruments (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

See also:
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT--CAMBODIA
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE
RULE OF LAW--HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT

Reports
A/53/293 Report on human rights and unilateral coercive measures / Secretary-General.
Issued: 2 Nov. 1998. - Transmits replies received from Governments.

Issued: 11 Sept. 1998. - Transmits replies received from Governments.

A/53/324 Report on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights / Secretary-General.


A/53/501 Report on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of the UN personnel / Secretary-General.

General documents

A/53/81 (S/1998/225) Identical letters, 11 Mar. 1998, from Yugoslavia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the General Assembly transmitting statement issued on 10 Mar. by government officials of Serbia concerning the situation in Kosovo and Metohija; concerns measures taken in response to the recent violence in Kosovo and Metohija, and invites the representatives of the Albanian minority to embark on open dialogue.


A/53/98 (S/1998/335) Letter, 17 Apr. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting statement of its Third Army concerning the protest of the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry to the Albanian Embassy in Belgrade in connection with the incident triggered by the attempt by an armed group to cross from Albania into Yugoslavia.
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 1108) (cont.)


A/53/725 (S/1998/1148) Letter. 3 Dec. 1998. from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, which refers to the statements under agenda items on human rights questions made by the representatives of Greece and the Greek Cypriot community at a meeting of the 3rd Committee on 10 Nov. 1998.

A/53/996 Letter. 7 June 1999. from Germany. on behalf of the European Union. transmitting statement on Nepal issued by the Presidency of the European Union. 2 June 1999; concerns the decision of Nepal to abolish the death penalty.


A/C.3/53/L.5 Note transmitting draft resolution on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms, annexed to the resolution 1998/7 of the Commission on Human Rights, and recommended by the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the General Assembly / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Additional sponsor: Turkmenistan (A/53/625/Add.2).


HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110B) (cont.)

A/C.3/53/L.49 Draft resolution on the human genome and human rights / Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Venezuela. Additional sponsors: Burundi, Djibouti, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Haiti, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Tunisia and Ukraine (A/53/625/Add.2).

A/C.3/53/L.57 Draft resolution on the enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights / South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and China.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.1 Report / 3rd Committee.


Resolutions
A/RES/53/144 Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.
Adopts the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms; invites Governments, agencies and organizations of the UN system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts to disseminate the Declaration and to promote universal respect and understanding thereof, and requests the Secretary-General to include the text of the Declaration in the next edition of Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/148 Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights.

Welcomes the continuing cooperation and assistance of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in the further strengthening of the existing regional arrangements and regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular through technical cooperation which is aimed at national capacity-building, public information and education, with a view to exchanging information and experience in the field of human rights; stresses the importance of the programme of technical cooperation in the field of human rights; invites all Governments to continue to support the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner in the field of technical cooperation; reiterates the recommendation of the World Conference on Human Rights that human rights officers be assigned if and when necessary to regional offices of the UN for the purpose of disseminating information; requests the Secretary-General to continue to strengthen exchanges between the UN and regional intergovernmental organizations dealing with human rights; welcomes the growing exchanges between the Office of the High Commissioner and regional intergovernmental organizations; also welcomes the recent adoption by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of Organization of African Unity of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/154 Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights.

Calls upon Member States, intergovernmental organizations and specialized agencies to continue to carry out constructive dialogue and consultation for the enhancement of understanding and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to this endeavour; invites States and all relevant UN human rights mechanisms and procedures to pay continued attention to the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion and protection of all human rights (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT -- CAMBODIA (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

See also:

HUMAN RIGHTS -- CAMBODIA

Reports


A/53/850 (S/1999/231) Identical letters, 15 Mar. 1999, from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council transmitting report of the Group of Experts for Cambodia established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/135.

General documents

A/53/214 Letter, 3 Aug. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement issued by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union on the elections in Cambodia; notes that the polling and counting process, as concluded by the Joint International Observer Group, was free and fair, reflecting the will of the Cambodian people.

A/53/343 Letter, 3 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement by the Presidency of the European Union on Cambodia; calls on the parties to refrain from acts of violence and to facilitate the process of national reconciliation.

A/53/801 (S/1999/67) Identical letters, 21 Jan. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter and aide-mémoire of the same date from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen regarding the issue of bringing the leaders of the Khmer Rouge to trial.

A/53/851 (S/1999/230) Identical letters, 3 Mar. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter of the same date from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen regarding the issue of bringing the leaders of the Khmer Rouge to trial; cautions that any decision on the matter must also take into account Cambodia's need for peace, national reconciliation, rehabilitation and economic development.

A/53/867 (S/1999/298) Identical letters, 19 Mar. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting declaration of the same date from Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen regarding the issue of bringing the leaders of the Khmer Rouge to trial; states that the original jurisdiction of the National Court of Cambodia and that the Government welcomes assistance, including legal experts, from various countries to assist the court to meet international standards.

A/53/875 (S/1999/324) Identical letters, 24 Mar. 1999, from Cambodia addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council transmitting letter of the same date from the Prime Minister to the Secretary-General; concerns the trial of the leaders of the Khmer Rouge.

A/53/916 Letter, 19 Apr. 1999, from Cambodia transmitting statement issued by the Cabinet of the Prime Minister, 18 Apr.; concerns the Government's position on the trial of Khmer Rouge leaders, as set forth by the Prime Minister, during his meeting with United States Senator John Kerry, on 6 Apr. 1999.

Draft resolution/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.39 Draft resolution on the human rights situation in Cambodia / Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

Additional sponsors: France and Greece (A/53/625/Add.2).
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.44 Draft resolution on the strengthening of the UN actions in the human rights field through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity / Algeria, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Peru, Rwanda, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Additional sponsors: Madagascar and Uganda (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary

At the 85th meeting, draft resolution X in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.44) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/149.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/149 Strengthening of UN actions in the human rights field through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity.

Calls upon all Member States to base their activities for the protection and promotion of human rights, including the development of further international cooperation in this field, on the Charter of the UN, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and other relevant international instruments and to refrain from activities that are inconsistent with that international framework; requests all human rights bodies within the UN system, as well as the special rapporteurs and representatives, independent experts and working groups, to take duly into account the contents of the present resolution in carrying out their mandates; stresses, in this context, the continuing need for impartial and objective information on the political, economic and social situations and events of all countries; requests the Commission on Human Rights to take duly into account the present resolution and to consider further proposals for the strengthening of UN action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity; requests the Secretary-General to consult Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations on ways and means for the strengthening of UN action in the field of human rights and to submit a comprehensive report on this issue to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICTS (AGENDA ITEM 146)

Reports
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HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARMED CONFLICTS (AGENDA ITEM 146) (cont.)

General documents
A/53/952 (S/1999/535) Letter, 10 May 1999, from China transmitting statement concerning the NATO attack on the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, issued by the Government, 7 May; states that the action is a violation of Chinese sovereignty and the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations; reports that 3 people were killed and 20 injured as a result of the bombing.

A/53/1039 Letter, 13 Aug. 1999, from Finland transmitting statement issued by the Presidency of the European Union on 12 Aug. on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the 4 Geneva Conventions; the States members of the Union reaffirm their commitment to respecting and promoting international humanitarian law in all armed conflicts and pledge their support to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.6/53/L.17 Draft resolution on the status of Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts / Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Ukraine. Additional sponsors: Cameroon, Slovenia, South Africa and United Kingdom (A/53/627).

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/627 (originally A/C.6/53/L.17) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/96.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/96 Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts. Appeals to all States parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties to the additional Protocols at the earliest possible date; calls upon all States that are already parties to Protocol I, or those States not parties, on becoming parties to Protocol I, to make the declaration provided for under article 90 of that Protocol; calls upon all States parties to the additional Protocols to ensure their wide dissemination and full implementation; affirms the necessity of making the implementation of international humanitarian law more effective; welcomes the advisory service activities of the International Committee of the Red Cross in supporting efforts undertaken by Member States to take legislative and administrative action to implement international humanitarian law and in promoting the exchange of information on those efforts between Governments; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its 55th session a report on the status of the additional Protocols, as well as measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level, based on information received from Member States and the International Committee of the Red Cross (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS--CONFERENCES (1996 : ISTANBUL)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 93C)

See also:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

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HUMAN SETTLEMENTS—CONFERENCES (1996: ISTANBUL)–FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 93C) (cont.)

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.19 Draft resolution on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42 (A/53/608/Add.3).

A/C.2/53/L.31 Draft resolution on revitalization of the UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors (A/53/608/Add.3).

A/C.2/53/L.42 Draft resolution on the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19) / Burak Ozugergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/608/Add.3 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 91st meeting, action on the draft resolution and draft decision in A/53/608/Add.3 was as follows: draft resolution (originally A/C.3/53/L.42), adopted without vote: resolution 53/180; draft decision entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements", adopted without vote: decision 53/441.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/180 Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda. Decides that the special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) will be held in June 2001 for a period of 3 working days; reaffirms that the special session will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements and the Habitat Agenda; decides to invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not members of the UN to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers; also decides that the Commission on Human Settlements should serve as the preparatory committee for the special session; stresses the need for the effective participation of local authorities, other Habitat Agenda partners and relevant actors of civil society in the preparatory meetings and the special session; invites Governments to play an active role in the preparatory process; invites the Economic and Social Council to devote its coordination segment in 2000 to human settlements issues and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda; invites the regional commissions to consider convening high-level meetings to review the progress made in implementing the outcome of the Conference; requests the Secretary-General to seek extrabudgetary resources to assist developing countries to send representatives to the sessions of the preparatory committee and the special session of the General Assembly in June 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20)


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General documents
A/53/204 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan transmitting Joint Declaration signed by their respective Presidents on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the 2 countries, 6 May 1998, Bishkek.
A/53/648 Letter, 9 Nov. 1998, from Mexico transmitting letter from the President; concerns the need to organize an international operation to assist the populations affected by Hurricane Mitch, in accordance with the appeal made by the Presidents of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.
A/53/774 (S/1998/1234) Letter, 29 Dec. 1998, from Eritrea transmitting press release of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; reports death of 2 Eritreans in the detention camps in Ethiopia and calls for an independent investigation into the causes of, and circumstances surrounding their death; calls also for the immediate release of all Eritrean civilians from detention in Ethiopia.
A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.; concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20)  
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A/53/1013 (S/1999/756) Letter, 6 July 1999, from Eritrea transmitting press release of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; concerns the deportation of Eritreans and Ethiopians of Eritrean origin from Ethiopia.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.62 Draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of UN personnel / Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Additional sponsors: Guatemala and Panama.

A/53/L.62/Add.1 Draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of the UN personnel: addendum.

Additional sponsors: Guatemala and Panama.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.81 (7 Dec. 1998). At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.62 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/87.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/87 Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of UN personnel.

Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure full respect for the human rights, privileges and immunities of UN and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfillment of the mandate of a UN operation, to consider ways and means to strengthen the protection of UN and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfillment of the mandate of a UN operation, notably by seeking the inclusion, in negotiations of headquarters and other mission agreements concerning UN and associated personnel, of the applicable conditions contained in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the UN, the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies and the Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel; also requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, falling within his responsibilities, to ensure that security matters are an integrated part of the planning for an operation and that such precautions extend to all UN and other personnel carrying out activities in fulfillment of the mandate of a UN operation; calls upon States to consider signing and ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; strongly condemns any act or failure to act which obstructs or prevents humanitarian personnel and UN personnel from discharging their humanitarian functions, or which entails their being subjected to threats, the use of force or physical attack frequently resulting in injury or death (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

IAEA--REPORTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 14)

Reports

A/53/286 Note of transmittal for the report of IAEA for 1997 (GC/42/5) / Secretary-General.

General documents

IAEA--REPORTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 14) (cont.)


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.18 Draft resolution on the report of IAEA: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.


A/53/L.19 Amendment to draft resolution A/53/L.18 on the report of IAEA / Iraq.

The amendment was withdrawn by its sponsor at the 51st plenary meeting.

Discussion in plenary


At the 51st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.18, as orally revised, was adopted (113-1-8): resolution 53/21.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/21 Report of IAEA.

Commends the Director General and the secretariat of the Agency for their continuing, impartial efforts to implement the safeguards agreement still in force between the Agency and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, recognizes the important role of the Agency in monitoring the freeze of nuclear facilities in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as requested by the Security Council, expresses deep concern about the continuing non-compliance of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with the safeguards agreement and, to this end, urges it to cooperate fully with the Agency in the implementation of the safeguards agreement and to take all steps the Agency may deem necessary to preserve all information relevant to verifying the accuracy and completeness of the initial report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the inventory of nuclear material subject to safeguards; also commends the Director General of the Agency and his staff for their strenuous efforts to implement Security Council resolutions 687 (1991), 707 (1991), 715 (1991), 1051 (1996), 1060 (1996), 1115 (1997), 1154 (1998) and 1194 (1998); calls upon Iraq to cooperate fully with the Agency in accordance with its obligation under the relevant Security Council resolutions and the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq and the Secretary-General on 23 Feb. 1998, as well as to resume a dialogue with the Agency immediately (adopted 113-1-8, 51st meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).

ICJ--ADVISORY OPINION--NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE

See:

NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--ICJ OPINION

ICJ--REPORTS (1997-1998) (AGENDA ITEM 13)

Reports


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ICJ--REPORTS (1997-1998) (AGENDA ITEM 13)
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General documents
A/53/992 Letter, 27 May 1999, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; refers to the depositary notification made by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) concerning the declaration under article 36, paragraph 2 of the Statute of the ICJ and expresses disagreement with the contents of the notification on the grounds that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) is not the same legal entity under international law as the State which was the original party to the Statute, namely the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which has ceased to exist.

Discussion in plenary
At the 44th meeting, the Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4): decision 53/412.

ICJ CASE LOAD

See:
UN--CHARTER

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (AGENDA ITEM '07)

See also:
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Reports
A/53/310 Report on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.19 Draft resolution on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People / Argentina, Australia, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Solomon Islands, Spain and Sweden. Additional sponsors: Armenia, Botswana, Colombia, Croatia, Guyana, Panama, Peru, Philippines and Turkmenistan (A/53/622).
A/C.3/53/L.20 Draft resolution on the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations / Australia, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Solomon Islands, Spain and Sweden. Additional sponsors: Colombia, Panama and Peru (A/53/622).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/622 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally A/C.3/53/L.19), adopted without vote: resolution 53/129; draft resolution II (originally A/C.3/53/L.20), adopted without vote: resolution 53/130; draft decision entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations", adopted without vote: decision 53/432.
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (AGENDA ITEM 107) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/129 International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.
Emphasizes the importance of strengthening the human and institutional capacity of indigenous people to develop their own solutions to their problems, recommends for these purposes that the UN University, as a follow-up to the plenary workshop for research and higher education institutions consider the possibility of sponsoring, in each region, one or more existing institutions of higher education as centres of excellence and the diffusion of expertise, inter alia, by conducting relevant studies, and invites the Commission to recommend appropriate means of implementation; requests the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, as coordinator for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: (a) to continue to promote the objectives of the Decade; (b) to proceed with the organization of the workshop for research and higher education institutions focusing on indigenous issues in education; (c) to give due regard to the dissemination; (d) to submit, through the Secretary-General, an annual report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the programme of activities of the Decade; underlines the importance of effective participation by indigenous representatives in the open-ended inter-sessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights charged with elaborating a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/130 UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations
Decides that the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Population should also be used to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberation of the open-ended inter-sessional ad-hoc working group established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolutions 1998/20, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1998/247 (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 92B)

Reports
A/53/254 Note transmitting report of the Director-General of the UNIDO on industrial development policy: concepts and experience / Secretary-General.

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.6 Draft resolution on industrial development cooperation / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).
The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41 (A/53/607).
A/C.2/53/L.41 Draft resolution on industrial development cooperation (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6) / Burak Ozügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, draft resolution II in A/53/607 (originally A/C.2/53/L.41) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/177.
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 92B) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/777 Industrial development cooperation.

Reaffirms that industrialization is a key element in the promotion of the sustainable development of developing countries, as well as in the creation of productive employment, the eradication of poverty and facilitating social integration, including the integration of women into the development process; also emphasizes the importance of a favourable international and national environment for the industrialization of developing countries, and urges all Governments to adopt and implement development policies and strategies that promote, within a framework of transparent and accountable industrialization policies; emphasizes the importance, for developing countries, of finding new areas for industrial development, including market-based mechanisms and instruments as well as innovative funding modalities; reiterates the importance of cooperation and coordination within the UN system in providing effective support for the sustainable industrial development of developing countries, calls upon UNIDO to continue carrying out its central coordinating role within the UN system in that respect; requests the UNIDO 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; welcomes the promising structural transformation and revitalization of UNIDO as well as its new approach in providing comprehensive packages of integrated services to its member States and the strengthening of its field representation (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

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INFORMATION (AGENDA ITEM 86)

See also: PALESTINE QUESTION

Reports

A/53/21 Report on its 20th session / Committee on Information.
Issued: 1 June 1998.
A/53/504 Report on questions relating to Information / Secretary-General.

General documents

A/53/998 Letter, 11 June 1999, from Yugoslavia transmitting letter of 31 May from the Chargé d'affaires of its Permanent Mission to the UN Office at Geneva, addressed to the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right of freedom of opinion and expression; reports that more than 2 dozen TV transmitters and relay stations were destroyed by NATO, states that it expects these acts be condemned publicly, and requests the Europe Telecommunications Satellite Organization to continue transmission of the Radio-TV Serbia satellite programme.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)

A/53/600 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary


At the 76th meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/600 was as follows: draft resolution A entitled "Information in the service of humanity", adopted without vote: resolution 53/59 A; draft resolution B entitled "UN public information policies and activities", adopted without vote: resolution 53/59 B; draft decision entitled "Increase in the membership of the Committee on Information", adopted without vote: decision 53/418.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/59 Questions relating to Information.

The resolution is divided into 2 separate parts: part A and B. (3 Dec. 1998).
INFORMATION (AGENDA ITEM 86) (cont.)

Urges all countries, organizations of the UN system as a whole and all others concerned: (a) to cooperate and interact with a view to reducing existing disparities in information flows at all levels by increasing assistance for the development of communication infrastructures and capabilities in developing countries; (b) to ensure for journalists the free and effective performance of their professional tasks and to condemn resolutely all attacks against them; (c) to provide support for the continuation and strengthening of practical training programmes for broadcasters and journalists from public, private and other media in developing countries; (d) to enhance regional efforts and cooperation among developing countries, as well as cooperation between developed and developing countries, to strengthen communication capacities and to improve the media infrastructure and communication technology in the developing countries; (e) to aim at providing all possible support and assistance to the developing countries and their media, public, private or other, with regard to their interests and needs, in the field of information and to action already adopted within the UN system; (f) to provide full support for the International Programme for the Development of Communication of Unesco (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/59[B] UN public information policies and activities.
Takes note of the conceptual framework outlined by the Secretary-General on the reorientation of the UN public information activities as contained in his report on implementation of the measures regarding information and communications; emphasizes that, through its reorientation, the Department of Public Information should maintain and improve its activities in the areas of special interest to the developing countries and others with special needs; emphasizes that the publications should fulfill an identifiable need, should not duplicate other publications inside the UN system and should be produced in a cost-effective manner; urges the Secretary-General to exert all efforts to ensure that publications, as well as other information products of the Department of Public Information, contain comprehensive, objective and equitable information about the issues before the Organization and maintain editorial independence, impartiality, accuracy and full consistency with resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly; reaffirms the importance attached by Member States to the role of the UN information centres in effectively and comprehensively disseminating information in all parts of the world; takes note of the observation by the Secretary-General’s Task Force on the Reorientation of the UN Public Information Activities regarding the substantial problems that some integrated information centres have encountered in performing their information and communications functions (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION—MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 17FI)

General documents
A/53/106 Note on the appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission / Secretary-General.
A/53/106/Add.1 Note on the appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission : addendum / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/10 Note on appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/10/Add.1 Note on appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission : addendum / Secretary-General.

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A/C.5/53/10/Add.2 Note on appointment of a member of the International Civil Service Commission: addendum / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/10/Add.3 Note on the appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission and designation of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission: addendum / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/712/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 81st meeting, the Assembly appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a 4-year term of office beginning 1 Jan. 1999: Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, Turkia Daddah, Wolfgang Stockl, Carlos S. Vegega and Eugeniusz Wyzner: decision 53/317 A.

At the 101st meeting, José Ramón Sanchis Muñoz (Argentina) was appointed a member of the International Civil Service Commission for a term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and ending on 31 Dec. 2002: decision 53/317 B.

INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN MISSION TO HAITI

See:
HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES (1990)

See:
MIGRANT WORKERS

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID--RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

See:
ICJ

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (AGENDA ITEM 153)

See also:
CRIME PREVENTION
INTERNATIONAL LAW

General documents
A/53/189 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Austria transmitting statement by the President of the European Union on the successful completion of the UN Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court.
A/53/387 Note on the establishment of an International criminal court / Secretary-General.
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (AGENDA ITEM 153) (cont.)


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.6/53/L.9 Draft resolution on the establishment of an international criminal court / Bureau, 6th Committee.

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)
A/53/634 Report / 6th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/634 (originally A/C.6/53/L.9/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/105.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE PROSECUTION OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE AND OTHER SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF RWANDA AND RWANDAN CITIZENS RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE AND OTHER SUCH VIOLATIONS COMMITTED IN THE TERRITORY OF NEIGHBOURING STATES BETWEEN 1 JANUARY AND 31 DECEMBER 1994

See:
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA


See:
PEACE


See:
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE 4TH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE (1990)

See:
DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (4TH) -- IMPLEMENTATION
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DECLARATIONS (1990) -- IMPLEMENTATION

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION--DECLARATIONS (1990) -- IMPLEMENTATION (AGENDA ITEM 93AI)

Reports


INTERNATIONAL LAW (AGENDA ITEM 150)

See also:
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
INTERNATIONAL LAW--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1990-1999)
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW
LAW OF THE SEA

Reports

INTERNATIONAL LAW (AGENDA ITEM 150) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary

At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/631 (originally A/C.6/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/102.

Resolutions

Draws the attention of Governments to the importance of the International Law Commission of having their views on all the specific issues identified in chapter III of its report, and invites them to submit comments and observations in writing by 1 Jan. 2000 on the draft articles on international liability for injurious consequences arising out of acts not prohibited by international law (prevention of transboundary damage from hazardous activities); invites Governments to submit the most relevant national legislation, decisions of domestic courts and State practice relevant to diplomatic protection in order to assist the International Law Commission in its future work on the topic “Diplomatic protection”; endorses the decision by the International Law Commission on the duration of its session in 1999; stresses the desirability of enhancing dialogue between the International Law Commission and the 6th Committee, and in this context requests the Commission to submit any recommendations to that effect; requests the International Law Commission to continue to pay special attention to indicating in its annual report, for each topic, any specific issues on which expressions of views by Governments, either in the 6th Committee or in written form, would be of particular interest in providing effective guidance for the Commission in its further work; once again expresses the wish that seminars will continue to be held in conjunction with the session of the International Law Commission and that an increasing number of participants from developing countries will be given the opportunity to attend those seminars (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

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INTERNATIONAL LAW--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 149A)

General documents
A/52/141 Letter, 12 June 1997, from Mongolia requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 52nd session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled “Draft guiding principles for international negotiations” as a sub-item under the item entitled “United Nations Decade of International Law”; proposes that the item be considered in the 6th (Legal) Committee of the General Assembly.
INTERNATIONAL LAW--INTERNATIONAL DECADES
(1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 149A) (cont.)

A/53/88 Letter, 10 Mar. 1998, from Peru transmitting the Brasilia Declaration signed by Peru and Ecuador and the Guarantor Countries of the 1942 Peruvian-Ecuadorean Protocol of Peace, Friendship and Boundaries of Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, 26 Nov. 1997, and the timetable for implementing the provisions of the Brasilia Declaration; states that the 2 instruments are the only ones that have been signed to date and are, therefore, binding on both countries within the process of the substantive talks in progress.

A/53/492 Note on the UN Decade of International Law / Secretary-General.

A/53/525 Note transmitting list of the titles of the treaties appearing in the publication Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General / Secretary-General.


A/53/762 Letter, 17 Dec. 1998, from South Africa in the capacity of Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries transmitting statement on the situation in Iraq, issued 17 Dec.: deplor3s the ongoing military actions and calls for the immediate cessation of all military strifes and the avoidance of actions that might further aggravate tension in the region.


A/53/1031 (S/1999/839) Letter, 2 Aug. 1999, from Lebanon reporting that Israeli forces have been holding the village of Aytta under siege since 15 July; requests the intervention of the Secretary-General with a view to lifting the siege of Aytta and other occupied villages and to securing the release of the detained citizens.

A/53/1033 (S/1999/685) Letter, 6 Aug. 1999, from Yugoslavia concerning the status of Yugoslavia in the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971) (Ramsar Convention), adopted by the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (A/53/975-S/1999/615); states that Yugoslavia is a full-fledged Party to the Convention and that the Contracting Parties are not authorized to make a decision on Yugoslavia's status; refers to articles 34-35 of the Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties that regulates the participation of States in international treaties of predecessor States.
INTERNATIONAL LAW--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 149A) (cont.)

A/C.6/53/13 Letter, 9 Nov. 1998, from Peru transmitting 5 documents that are the outcome of the process of talks initiated by Peru and Ecuador to bring to a lasting end the disagreements between the 2 countries concerning demarcation in accordance with the Rio de Janeiro Protocol of Peace, Friendship and Boundaries of 1942, the Braz Dias de Aguiar arbitral award of 1945 and their supplementary instruments.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.6/53/L.8 Draft resolution on the UN Decade of International Law / Chairman, Working Group on the UN Decade of International Law.

A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1 Draft resolution on the UN Decade of International Law / Chairman, Working Group on the UN Decade of International Law.

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 83rd meeting, draft resolution II in A/C.6/53/SR.31 (originally A/C.6/53/L.8/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/100.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/100 UN Decade of International Law.

Invites all States and international organizations and institutions to provide, update or supplement information on activities they have undertaken in implementation of the programme; welcomes the work done by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the field of the peaceful settlement of disputes, including the adoption of its optional rules of procedure for fact-finding commissions of inquiry, which entered into effect on 15 Dec. 1997; authorizes the Secretary-General to deposit, on behalf of the UN, an act of formal confirmation of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties between States and International Organizations or between International Organizations, as provided for in article 83 of the Convention; encourages States parties and international organizations or agencies, including depositaries, to provide where available, a copy of the text of any treaty in disk or other electronic format and to consider providing, where available, translations in English or French or both, as may be needed, for the purpose of assisting with the timely publication of the UN Treaty Series; encourages the Secretary-General to continue developing a policy of providing Internet access to the UN Treaty Series and the Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General, bearing in mind the needs of States, in particular developing countries, in recovering the costs thereof; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that hard copies of the publications continue to be distributed to permanent missions free of charge in accordance with their needs; appeals to States, international organizations and non-governmental organizations working in the field of international law, and to the private sector, to make financial contributions or contributions in kind for the purpose of facilitating the implementation of the programme (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS--GUIDING PRINCIPLES (AGENDA ITEM 149C)

Reports

INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS--GUIDING PRINCIPLES (AGENDA ITEM 149C) (cont.)

A/53/332/Add.1 Report on the draft guiding principles for international negotiations: addendum / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/C.6/53/L.5 Discussion paper on draft principles and guidelines for international negotiations / Friends of the Chairperson.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/101 Principles and guidelines for international negotiations.
Reaffirms the following principles of international law which are of relevance to international negotiations: (a) sovereign equality of all States; (b) States have the duty not to intervene in matters within the domestic jurisdiction of any State; (c) States have the duty to fulfill in good faith their obligations under international law; (d) States have the duty to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State; (e) any agreement is void if its conclusion has been procured by the threat or use of force; (f) States have the duty to cooperate with one another; (g) States shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means; affirms the importance of conducting negotiations in accordance with international law in a manner compatible with and conducive to the achievement of the stated objective of negotiations and in line with the following guidelines: (a) negotiations should be conducted in good faith; (b) States should take due account of the importance of leading international negotiations; (c) the purpose and object of all negotiations must be fully compatible with the principles and norms of international law; (d) States should adhere to the mutually agreed framework for conducting negotiations; (e) States should endeavour to maintain a constructive atmosphere during negotiations; (f) States should facilitate the pursuit or conclusion of negotiations; (g) States should use their best endeavours to continue to work towards a mutually acceptable and just solution in the event of an impasse in negotiations (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE (1899) - ANNIVERSARIES (AGENDA ITEM 149B)

General documents
INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE
(1899)--ANNIVERSARIES (AGENDA ITEM 1498)

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Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, draft resolution I in A/53/630 (originally A/C.6/53/L.12) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/99.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/99 Action dedicated to the 1999 centennial of the 1st International Peace Conference and to the closing of the UN Decade of International Law.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 64)

See also:
PEACE

General documents
A/53/60 Letter, 26 Jan. 1998, from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan transmitting joint statement issued by their respective Head of State, at Ashgabat, 6 Jan. 1998; concerns the development and strengthening of economic ties and cooperation between the 2 States.
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 64)
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A/53/86 Letter, 1 July 1998, from Democratic People's Republic of Korea transmitting its national reunification policy issued on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the publication of the 4 July "North-South Joint Statement".

A/53/176 Note verbale, 10 July 1998, from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia transmitting its views on the maintenance of international security - prevention of the violent disintegration of States.

A/53/204 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan transmitting Joint Declaration signed by their respective Presidents on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the 2 countries, 6 May 1998. Bishkek.

A/53/333 Note on the maintenance of international security: prevention of the violent disintegration of States / Secretary-General.

Transmits replies received from Governments.


A/53/730 Letter, 3 Dec. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting Declaration of the same date by the Federal Assembly; rejects and concerns all instruments of pressure, threats and interference of the United States in the internal affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.


A/53/870 (S/1999/309) Letter, 23 Mar. 1999, from Belarus transmitting statement of 20 Mar. issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; reaffirms its position regarding the settlement of the conflict in Kosovo, which it states should be based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia and the non-use of force.


INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 64) (cont.)


A/53/913 Letter, 1 Apr. 1999, from Venezuela transmitting communiqué on the crisis in Kosovo, issued by the Government on 31 Mar.; reaffirms its commitment to the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means, defence of human rights, respect for the sovereignty of states and respect for international humanitarian law and expresses regret at the recourse to the use of force without the consent of the Security Council.

A/53/920 (S/1999/461) Letter, 21 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation transmitting resolution and declaration concerning the military operations by NATO in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on 3 Apr.; calls on the Parliaments and Governments of the States members of NATO to take immediate action to halt the military operations. Also calls on the leadership of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to settle the Kosovo conflict by peaceful means.

A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.; concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.

A/53/924 (S/1999/475) Letter, 23 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation transmitting statement of the same date by an official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the question of the settlement of the crisis in Kosovo; refers to the launching of Organization for Security and Cooperation mechanism on 23 Apr., and the official enquiries sent by the Russian Federation to the NATO member countries on 21 Apr. and demands that NATO cease its military actions.

A/53/925 (S/1999/476) Letter, 14 Apr. 1999, from Cuba transmitting statements concerning the military activities of NATO against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 25 Mar. and 7 Apr.; states that the effort to impose solutions by force is incompatible with the basic principles of international law and expresses its support for the urgent search for a reasonable, just solution to the conflict.

A/53/929 (S/1999/484) Letter, 27 Apr. 1999, from Mexico transmitting letter of 21 Apr. from the Minister for Foreign Affairs; expresses regret at the recent turn of events in Yugoslavia and welcomes steps taken by the UN in the promotion of dialogue and negotiation in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 64) (cont.)

A/53/930 Letter, 23 Apr. 1999, from Uruguay transmitting statement on the humanitarian situation in Kosovo, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 22 Apr.; expresses its solidarity with the inhabitants of Kosovo and its readiness to receive refugees from that region to the extent of its capacity and available resources.

A/53/974 Letter, 25 May 1999, from Venezuela transmitting press communiqué issued by the Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela and the Russian Federation, Moscow, 14 May 1999; presents the outcome of political consultations held between the 2 countries.

A/C.1/53/6 Letter, 22 Oct. 1998, from the Republic of Moldova transmitting statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of the conclusion of the Moldovan-Russian agreement of 21 Oct. 1998 on the status, modalities and the terms of the withdrawal of the military units of the Russian Federation; states that the agreement has not been fulfilled and that there is presently no schedule for the complete withdrawal of Russian troops from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.44 Revised draft resolution on the maintenance of international security: prevention of the violent disintegration of States / Andorra, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Congo, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom and United States.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/577 Report / 1st Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/577 (originally A/C.1/53/L.44/Rev.1) was adopted (156-0-6): resolution 53/71.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/71 Maintenance of international security: prevention of the violent disintegration of States.
Calls upon all States, the relevant international organizations and competent organs of the UN to continue to take measures in accordance with the Charter of the UN, as appropriate, to eliminate threats to international peace and security and to help prevent conflicts which can lead to the violent disintegration of States; stresses the importance of good-neighbourliness and the development of friendly relations among States to the solution of problems among States, to preventing the violent disintegration of States and to promoting international cooperation in accordance with the Charter; stresses the importance of regional efforts aimed at preventing bilateral conflicts endangering the maintenance of international peace and security; requests all States and the relevant international organizations to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the maintenance of international security - prevention of the violent disintegration of States (adopted 156-0-6, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY--MEDITERRANEAN REGION
(AGENDA ITEM 76)

Reports

General documents
A/53/975 (S/1999/615) Letter, 27 May 1999, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia transmitting resolution on the status of Yugoslavia in the Ramsar Convention, adopted by the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971) (Ramsar Convention), adopted by the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (A/53/975/S/1999/615): states that Yugoslavia is a full-fledged Party to the Convention and that the Contracting Parties are not authorized to make a decision on Yugoslavia's status: refers to articles 34-35 of the Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties that regulates the participation of States in international treaties of predecessor States.
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.32 Draft resolution on strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean Region / Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Tunisia.
A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean Region / Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain and Tunisia.
A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean Region / Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Turkey and United Kingdom.

Additional sponsors: Bosnia and Herzegovina and Romania (A/53/589).
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY--MEDITERRANEAN REGION
(AGENDA ITEM 76) (cont.)

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/589 (originally
A/C.1/53/L.32/Rev.2) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/92.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/82 Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean
region.
Calls upon all States of the Mediterranean region that have not yet
done so to adhere to all the
multilaterally negotiated legal
instruments related to the field of
disarmament and non-proliferation,
thus creating the necessary conditions
for strengthening peace and
cooperation in the region; encourages
all States of the region to favour the
necessary conditions for strengthening
the confidence-building measures among
them by promoting genuine openness and
transparency on all military matters,
by participating, inter alia, in the
UN system for the standardized
reporting of military expenditures and
by providing accurate data and
information to the UN Register of
Conventional Arms; encourages the
Mediterranean countries to strengthen
further their cooperation in combating
terrorism, in all its forms and
manifestations, which poses a serious
threat to peace, security and
stability in the region and therefore
to the improvement of the current
cpolitical, economic and social
situation; invites all States of the
region to address, through various
forms of cooperation, problems and
threats posed to the region, such as
terrorism, international crime and
illicit arms transfers, as well as
illicit drug production, consumption
and trafficking, which jeopardize the
friendly relations among States,
hinder the development of
international cooperation and result
in the destruction of human rights,
fundamental freedoms and the
democratic basis of pluralistic
society (adopted without vote, 79th
meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY--NOTIFICATION BY
SECRETARY-GENERAL (AGENDA ITEM 7)

General documents
A/53/357 Note informing the General
Assembly of matters relative to the
maintenance of international peace
and security that are being dealt
with by the Security Council and of
matters with which the Council has
ceased to deal / Secretary-General.
1998, from Cuba requesting that the
Secretary-General retain on the list
of matters of which the Security
Council is seized all the items
submitted by the Republic of Cuba for
the attention of that principal organ
of the UN, as they appear in the
notification to the General Assembly
contained in document A/53/357.
1998, from Cuba requesting that the
Secretary-General maintain on the
list of matters of which the Security
Council is seized all the items
submitted by the Government of Cuba,
as included in the notification
submitted to the General Assembly in
document A/53/357.

Discussion in plenary
At the 42nd meeting, the Assembly
took note of the notification by the
Secretary-General (A/53/357) on
matters relevant to the maintenance of
international peace and security that
are being dealt with which the Council
has ceased to deal: decision 53/407.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY--SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY

See:
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY

INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

See:
TERRORISM

INTERNATIONAL TRADE (AGENDA ITEM 91A)

Reports
A/53/15(ParI) (Reissued as GAOR, 53nd
sess., Suppl. no. 15) Report on its
16th executive session, Geneva, 16
Feb. 1998 / Trade and Development
A/53/15(ParII) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd
sess., Suppl. no. 15) Report on its
17th executive session, Geneva, 8 May
1998 / Trade and Development Board.
INTERNATIONAL TRADE (AGENDA ITEM 91A) (cont.)


General documents


A/53/510 Note on follow-up to agreed conclusions 10/7/1 of the Economic and Social Council / Secretary-General.


A/C.2/53/9 Letter, 19 Nov. 1998, from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan transmitting the Ankara Declaration, signed in Ankara, 29 Oct. 1998 by the Presidents of their respective States; concerns issues of exploration and production of oil and natural gas resources in their countries as well as the transportation of these products to the world markets through multiple pipelines.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.26 Draft resolution on International trade and development / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

A/C.2/53/L.26/Rev.1 Draft resolution on international trade and development / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Russian Federation.

A/C.2/53/L.26/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on international trade and development / Australia, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation and United States.

A/C.2/53/L.34 Draft resolution on transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours / Afganistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. Additional sponsors: Belarus, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mongolia, Poland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkmenistan (A/53/606/Add.1).


Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

A/53/606/Add.1 Report / 2nd Committee.
INTERNATIONAL TRADE (AGENDA ITEM 91A) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary

At the 91st meeting, action on the
Draft resolutions and draft decision
in A/53/606/Add.1 was as follows:
draft resolution I (originally
A/C.2/53/L.26/Rev.2), adopted without
vote: resolution 53/170; draft
resolution II (originally
A/C.2/53/L.34/Rev.1), adopted without
vote: resolution 53/171; draft
decision entitled "Documents relating
to trade and development", adopted
without vote: decision 53/428.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/170 International trade and
development.
Recognizes the importance of the
expansion of international trade as an
engine of growth and development;
renews its commitment to uphold and
strengthen an open, rule-based,
equitable, secure, non-discriminatory,
transparent and predictable
multilateral trade system; deplores
any attempt to bypass or undermine
multilaterally agreed procedures of
international trade; reaffirms the
role of UNCTAD as the focal point
within the UN for the integrated
treatment of development and related
issues; requests UNCTAD to continue to
identify and analyse the implications
for development of issues relevant to
investment; notes with appreciation
the initiative of the
Secretary-General of UNCTAD to invite
the executive secretaries of the UN
regional commissions to participate in
the discussions of the Trade and
Development Board; notes the
increasing importance and application
of electronic commerce in
international trade; reiterates the
importance of continued trade
liberalization in developed and
developing countries; also reiterates
that it is an ethical imperative for
the international community to arrest
and reverse the marginalization of the
least developed countries; stresses
the urgent need to facilitate the
integration of the countries of Africa
into the world economy; emphasizes the
importance of the strengthening of the
international trading system; stresses
the need for improved measures to
tackle the effects of the financial
crisis on the international trading
system (adopted without vote, 91st

INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (AGENDA ITEM 151)

See also:
INTERNATIONAL LAW

Reports
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW (AGENDA ITEM 151)
(cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.6/53/L.7 Draft resolution on the report of the UN Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its 31st session / Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/632 (originally A/C.6/53/L.7) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/103.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/103 Report of the UN Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its 31st session. Commends the Commission for the progress made in its work on receivables financing, electronic commerce, privately financed infrastructure projects and the legislative implementation of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards; also commends the Commission for holding a special commemorative "New York Convention Day" in order to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards and a Uniform Commercial Law Information Colloquium; appeals to Governments that have not yet done so to reply to the questionnaire circulated by the Secretariat in relation to the legal regime governing the recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral awards; invites States to nominate persons to work with the private foundation established to encourage assistance to the Commission from the private sector; reaffirms the mandate of the Commission as the core legal body within the UN system in the field of international trade law, to coordinate legal activities in this field; also reaffirms the importance of the work of the Commission concerned with training and technical assistance in the field of international trade law, such as assistance in the preparation of national legislation based on legal texts of the Commission; appeals to UNDP and other bodies responsible for development assistance as well as to Governments in their bilateral aid programmes, to support the training and technical assistance programme of the Commission and to cooperate and coordinate their activities with those of the Commission (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 135)

See also:
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION
HUMAN RIGHTS--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

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INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 135)

(cont.)


General documents

A/52/891 (S/1998/376) Identical letters, 5 May 1998, from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly and to the President of the Security Council, conveying letter dated 16 Apr. from the President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia; draws attention to the current capacity of the Court in relation to the increase in the number of individuals expected to be indicted and proposes that a 3rd Trial Chamber of the Tribunal, staffed by 3 additional judges be established.

Draft resolutions/decisions


International Tribunal--former Yugoslavia--members (Agenda Item 166)

General documents

A/53/351 Memorandum on the election of judges of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia / Secretary-General.
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 166) (cont.)

A/53/352 Note transmitting curricula vitae of candidates nominated by States Members of the UN for the election of judges of the 3rd trial Chamber of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia / Secretary-General.

A/53/1042 Letter, 29 June 1999, from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting curriculum vitae of Patricia McGowan Wald whom he has appointed as a judge of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia effective 17 Nov. 1999, for the remainder of the term of office of Judge McDonald, which term will expire on 16 Nov. 2001.

Discussion in plenary A/53/PV.39 (16 Oct. 1998). At the 39th meeting, David Anthony Hunt (Australia), Patrick Lipton Robinson (Jamaica) and Mohamed Bennouna (Morocco) were elected members of the International Tribunal to serve in the 3rd Trial Chamber: decision 53/307.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--REPORTS (AGENDA ITEM 48)

See also: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION HUMAN RIGHTS--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA Reports


General documents

A/53/653 (S/1998/1051) Letter, 9 Nov. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting statement by the Federal Ministry of Justice concerning media reports on the refusal by the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to issue visas to officials of the International Tribunal in The Hague to participate in the symposium on the Tribunal to be held in Belgrade; states that the Yugoslavian Embassy in The Hague did not issue the visas to the officials.


A/53/307 Letter, 26 Jan. 1999, from Qatar transmitting statement on the situation in Kosovo issued on the same day by the Islamic Group at UN; condemns crimes against humanity being committed by the Serbian security forces and calls on the Security Council to take action under Chapter VII of UN Charter to ensure the safety and security of the inhabitants of Kosovo.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--REPORTS (AGENDA ITEM 48)

See also: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION HUMAN RIGHTS--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA Reports


INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 137)

See also: HUMAN RIGHTS--RWANDA Reports

A/52/784 Note transmitting report by the Under Secretart-General for Internal Oversight Services, on the follow-up to the 1997 audit and investigation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda / Secretary-General. Issued: 6 Feb. 1998.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.23 Draft resolution on financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--FINANCING  
(AGENDA ITEM 137) (cont.)

**Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)**
A/53/756 Report / 5th Committee.  

**Discussion in plenary**

At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/756 (originally A/C.5/53/L.23) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/213.

**Resolutions**

Decides that the 5 Professional and 8 General Service posts in The Hague currently funded against the budget of the International Tribunal for Rwanda should be transferred from the staffing table and the related financial provisions of the International Tribunal for Rwanda to the staffing table and the budget of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, effective 1 Jan. 1999, resulting in a reduction of US$666,900 gross in the overall requirements for the International Tribunal for Rwanda in 1999; also decides to revise the level of appropriation to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda to $52,297,900 gross for the period from 1 Jan.-31 Dec. 1998; further decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda a total amount of $75,260,600 gross for the period from 1 Jan.-31 Dec. 1999, which also includes provisions for the revised emoluments and other conditions of service, including the pension entitlement, for members of the International Tribunal for Rwanda; decides that the financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 Jan.-31 Dec. 1999 under the Special Account for the International Tribunal for Rwanda shall take into account the reduction of $4,340,700 gross in the initial appropriation for 1998 and the unencumbered balance of $6,716,000 gross as of 31 Dec. 1997, both of which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation; also decides to apportion the amount of $32,101,950 gross among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of UN for the year 1999 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).
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INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--MEMBERS
(AGENDA ITEM 47)

General documents
A/53/442 Letter, 30 Sept. 1998, from
the President of the Security Council
addressed to the President of the
General Assembly, transmitting
resolution 1200 (1998) with the
nominations for judges of the
International Tribunal for Rwanda.
A/53/443 Memorandum on the election of judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda / Secretary-General.
A/53/443 Addendum
A/53/444 Note transmitting curricula vitae of candidates selected by the Security Council from
nominations received from States Members of UN and non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at UN Headquarters / Secretary-General.
A/53/444/Corr.1 Note transmitting curricula vitae of candidates selected by the Security Council from
nominations received from States Members of UN and non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at UN Headquarters : corrigendum / Secretary-General.
A/53/960 (S/1999/566) Identical letters, 17 May 1999, from the
Secretary-General addressed to the
President of the General Assembly
and the President of the Security Council
transmitting letter of 14 May from the
President of the International
Tribunal for Rwanda: concerns
extension of the term of office of a
non-elected judge of the Tribunal in
order to allow him to dispose of 2
on-going cases.
A/53/963 Note on the election of judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda / Secretary-General.
A/53/964 Letter, 19 May 1999, from the
President of the Security Council
addressed to the President of the
General Assembly: transmits Council
resolution 1241(1999) endorsing
recommendation of the
Secretary-General that Judge
Aspegren, once replaced as a member of the Tribunal, finish the Rutaganda and Musema c:ses which he has begun before expiry of his term of office; and took note of the intention of the Tribunal to finish these cases if possible before 31 Jan. 2000: decision 53/309 B.

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA--REPORTS
(AGENDA ITEM 50)

Reports

General documents

Discussion in plenary

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA--UN

See:
LAW OF THE SEA


See:
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--FORMER YUGOSLAVIA
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF ECOTOURISM (2002)

See:

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--REPORTS (1998)

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MOUNTAINS (2002)

See:

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--REPORTS (1998)

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF OLDER PERSONS (1999)

See:

AGING PERSONS

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION--UN (AGENDA ITEM 28)

Reports


General documents


A/53/886 (S/1999/352) Letter, 26 Mar. 1999, from the Russian Federation transmitting appeal by the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly addressed to the parliaments of all countries, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-operation and the Inter-Parliamentary Assembly of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States; states that the missile and bomb strikes being carried out by NATO against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are a flagrant violation of the Charter of the UN and of the universally accepted norms and principles of international law.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.12 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union / Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Samoa, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

A/53/L.12/Add.1 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union: addendum.


Discussion in plenary


At the 47th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.12 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/13.
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION--UN (AGENDA ITEM 28) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/13 Cooperation between the UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Looks forward to continued close cooperation between the UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union; welcomes the initiative of the Inter-Parliamentary Union of holding a conference of presiding officers of national parliaments at Headquarters, in conjunction with the Millennium Assembly in 2000 proposed by the Secretary-General; requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on various aspects of cooperation between the UN and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, including information made available by the Inter-Parliamentary Union on preparations for the proposed conference of presiding officers of national parliaments in 2000 (adopted without vote, 47th meeting, 28 Oct. 1998).

INTOLERANCE

See:
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)--HUMAN RIGHTS

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

IRAQ

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAQ
IAEA--REPORTS (1998)
IRAQ--ISRAEL
IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION

IRAQ--ISRAEL (AGENDA ITEM 53)

See also:
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

General documents

Discussion in plenary

At the 82nd meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/426.

IRAQ-KUWAIT--UN ACTIVITIES--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 124B)

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 54)

See also:
UN IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION--FINANCING

General documents
A/53/70 (S/1998/150) Letter, 23 Feb. 1998, from Pakistan transmitting message of the same date from the Prime Minister addressed to the Secretary-General; concerns an agreement reached by the Secretary-General with Iraqi leadership on the weapons inspection issue, which, if approved by the Security Council, would represent the success of diplomacy rather than the use of force in resolving the crisis in the Gulf.
IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 54)  
(cont.)

A/53/759 (S/1998/1185) Letter, 17 Dec. 1998, from Mexico transmitting communique of 16 Dec. by the Government concerning the situation in Iraq; states that in order to reach a definitive solution to this dispute, it is imperative that the procedures provided for in international law be followed and that the relevant resolutions of the Security Council be implemented in their entirety.

A/53/760 (S/1998/1188) Letter, 17 Dec. 1998, from Belarus transmitting statement of the same date by the President; calls upon the United States and the United Kingdom to halt immediately missile and bomb strikes against Iraq.


Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.82 (8 Dec. 1998). At the 82nd meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/427.

ISRAEL

See:

IRAQ--ISRAEL

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

ISRAEL--LEBANON

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MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES

See:

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

ISRAEL-PALESTINE PEACE PROCESS

See:

PALESTINE QUESTION

ISRAEL

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IRAQ--ISRAEL

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ISRAEL--LEBANON

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ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES

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ISRAEL-PALESTINE PEACE PROCESS

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PALESTINE QUESTION

JERUSALEM

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MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES

JIU

See:

JOINT INSPECTION UNIT

JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (AGENDA ITEM 165)

Reports


A/53/171 Note transmitting report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the UN System" (JIU/REP/98/2) / Secretary-General. Issued: 9 July 1998.

A/53/392 Note transmitting report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The UN University: enhancing its relevance and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/98/3) / Secretary-General. Issued: 15 Sept. 1998.


A/53/788 Note transmitting report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "UN Office for Project Services: broader engagement with UN system organizations" (JIU/REP/98/5) / Secretary-General. Issued: 11 Jan. 1999.

General documents

A/51/559 Note transmitting work programme of JIU for 1996-1997, the indicative list for 1997-1998 and beyond and the internal roster / Secretary-General.


JOINT INSPECTION UNIT (AGENDA ITEM 165) (cont.)

A/53/171/Add.1 Note transmitting comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the UN system" (A/53/171) / Secretary-General.
A/53/392/Add.1 Note transmitting comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "UN University: enhancing its relevance and effectiveness" (A/53/392) / Secretary-General.
A/53/788/Add.1 Note transmitting comments of the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "UN Office for Project Services: broader engagement with UN system organizations" (A/53/788) / Secretary-General.
A/53/841 Note transmitting work programme of the Joint Inspection Unit for 1999 and the preliminary listing of potential reports for 2000 and beyond / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/993 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/993 entitled "Joint Inspection Unit" was adopted without vote: decision 53/481.

KOSOVO (YUGOSLAVIA) -- HUMAN RIGHTS
See:
HUMAN RIGHTS -- FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

KUWAIT -- IRAQ
See:
IRAQ -- KUWAIT SITUATION

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LANDMINES
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CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS -- TREATIES (1980)
DISARMAMENT -- GENERAL AND COMPLETE
MINE CLEARANCE

LANDMINES -- INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 71K)

General documents
A/53/892 Letter, 1 Apr. 1999, from Bulgaria transmitting agreement between the Government of Bulgaria and the Government of Turkey on non-use of anti-personnel mines and their removal from or destruction in the areas adjacent to their common border, signed in Sofia, 22 Mar. 1999.
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LANDMINES--TREATIES--SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 71D)

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.33 Draft resolution on the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction / Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Additional sponsors: Greece, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago and Tunisia (A/53/584).
A/C.1/53/L.60 Note concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.33 / Secretariat.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution N in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.33) was adopted (147-0-21): resolution 53/77 N.
LANDMINES--TREATIES--SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 710) (cont.)

Resolutions
Invites all States that have not yet done so to sign or, after entry into force, to accede to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction; urges all States that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention without delay subsequent to their signature; requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with article 11, para. 2, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the 1st Meeting of the States Parties, to take place in Maputo during the week of 3 May 1999; invites all States parties to the 1st Meeting of the States Parties and, in accordance with article 11, para. 4, of the Convention, States not parties to the Convention, as well as UN, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-government organizations to attend the Meeting as observers in accordance with the agreed rules of procedure (adopted 147-0-21, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN--NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

See:
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM--UN (AGENDA ITEM 25)

Reports

General documents

Discussion in plenary
At the 42nd meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 25 to the 54th sess.: decision 53/408.
LAW OF THE SEA (AGENDA ITEM 38A) (cont.)

A/53/890 Letter, 30 Mar. 1999, from the Islamic Republic of Iran transmitting statement of 16 Dec. 1998 by the spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; rejects the protest made by Azerbaijan against the conclusion of contracts between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Shell and Lasmo oil companies on the exploration of the resources of the Caspian Sea; states that the agreements of 1921 between Iran and Russia and of 1940 between Iran and USSR are not replaced by a new agreement between the coastal States of the Caspian Sea and continue to be the most suitable basis for cooperation.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.35 Draft resolution on oceans and the law of the sea / Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Russia, Federation, Samoa, Senegal, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

A/53/L.35/Add.1 Draft resolution on oceans and the law of the sea: addendum.

Additional sponsors: Algeria, Cameroon, Croatia, Greece, Marshall Islands, Philippines, Poland and Singapore.

Discussion in plenary


At the 69th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.35 was adopted (134-1-6): resolution 53/32.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/32 Oceans and the law of the sea.

Calls upon States to harmonize their national legislation with the provision for the Convention; encourages States parties to the Convention to deposit with the Secretary-General charts and lists of geographical coordinates; requests the Secretary-General to convene the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention in New York from 19-28 May 1999, during which, on 24 May, the election of 7 judges of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea ("the Tribunal") will take place; requests the Secretary-General to circulate lists of conciliators and arbitrators drawn up and maintained in accordance with annexes V and VII to the Convention and to update these lists accordingly; appeals to all members of the Authority and all States parties to the Convention to pay their assessed contributions to the Authority and to the Tribunal; approves the convening by the Secretary-General of the 5th and 6th sessions of the Commission in New York from 3-14 May and from 30 Aug.-3 Sept. 1999; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the institutional capacity of the Organization adequately respond to the needs of States by providing advice and assistance; also requests the Secretary-General to continue to carry out the responsibilities entrusted to him in the Convention and related resolutions of the General Assembly; notes with interest the ongoing work of Unesco towards a convention for the implementation of the provisions of the Convention; invites States to cooperate in carrying out hydrographic surveys and nautical services; urges all States to prevent and combat incidents of piracy and armed robbery at sea; calls upon States to cooperate fully with IMO to combat piracy and armed robbery against ships; takes note of the work of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans; reaffirms its decision to undertake an annual review and evaluation of the implementation of the Convention in 1999 (adopted 134-1-6, 69th meeting, 24 Nov. 1955).

LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES--UN (AGENDA ITEM 27)

Reports

LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES--UN (AGENDA ITEM 27)  
(cont.)

General documents
A/53/491 Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from Egypt and Nigeria reporting that, at a joint meeting of the Groups of African and Arab States at UN, 29 Sept., a decision was adopted to establish a permanent mechanism of coordination by entrusting the Chairmen of both Groups for each month, together with the representatives to UN of OAU and the League of Arab States, to hold periodic meetings so as to ensure effective joint action on issues of mutual concern.


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.11 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the League of Arab States / Egypt.
A/53/L.11/Add.1 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the League of Arab States: addendum. Additional sponsors: Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

Discussion in plenary
At the 42nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.11 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/8.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/8 Cooperation between the UN and the League of Arab States. Commends the continued efforts of the League of Arab States to promote multilateral cooperation among Arab States, and requests the UN system to continue to lend its support; requests the Secretariat of the UN and the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to intensify their cooperation with a view to the realization of the purposes and principles embodied in the Charter of the UN, the strengthening of international peace and security, economic and social development, disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination; requests the Secretary-General of the UN, in cooperation with the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, to encourage periodic consultation between representatives of the Secretariat of the UN and of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States, to utilize Arab institutions and technical expertise in projects undertaken in the Arab region; decides that a general meeting between the UN system and the League of Arab States should take place once every 2 years, and inter-agency sectoral meetings should be organized regularly on areas of priority and wide importance in the development of the Arab States, on the basis of agreement between the counterpart programmes of the UN system and the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations (adopted without vote, 42nd meeting, 22 Oct. 1998).

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 93E)

General documents
A/53/553 Note drawing attention to decision 453 (XLV) of the Trade and Development Board recommending that the General Assembly adopt a draft resolution entitled “3rd UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries” / Secretariat.
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1990-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 93E) (cont.)

A/C.2/53/2 Letter, 24 Sept. 1998, from Austria, transmitting letter from the President of the Council of the European Union with regard to the 3rd UN Conference on Least Developed Countries, scheduled for 2001; informs the Secretary-General that the European union would be prepared to host the Conference in the first semester of the year 2001, subject to formalizing agreements regarding organizational matters.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.23 Draft resolution on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). Additional sponsors: Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Norway and United States (A/53/608/Add.5).

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/608/Add.5 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.91 (15 Dec. 1998). At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/608/Add.5 (originally A/C.2/53/L.23) was adopted: resolution 53/182.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/182 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. Designates the Secretary-General of UNCTAD as the Secretary-General of the Conference, and requests him to make all necessary preparations for the Conference; decides to convene the 3rd UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries in the 1st semester of the year 2001; requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to organize the intergovernmental preparatory committee and the 3 expert-level preparatory meetings referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of resolution 52/187; calls upon UNDP and the World Bank to link the forthcoming round-table and consultative group meetings to the preparatory process of the Conference, and to ensure that they make substantive contributions to the Conference; calls upon the Secretary-General of the UN, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to convene an inter-agency meeting to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the UN system, as well as other relevant institutions, for the purpose of preparations for and follow-up to the Conference; invites the Secretary-General of the Conference to make arrangements to facilitate the involvement of civil society; requests the Secretary-General of the UN to take necessary measures to intensify their public information efforts and other relevant initiatives to enhance public awareness in favour of the Conference, its objectives and its significance (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

LEBANON

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--LEBANON
HUMAN RIGHTS--LEBANON
HUMAN RIGHTS--SOUTHERN LEBANON
UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON--FINANCING

LEBANON--ISRAEL

See:
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

LIBERIA

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ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--LIBERIA
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA--FINANCING
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA--UNITED STATES
(AGENDA ITEM 52)

General documents

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.62 (8 Dec. 1998). At the 82nd meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/425.

MACROECONOMIC POLICY (AGENDA ITEM 91)

See also:
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
EXTERNAL DEBT

General documents
A/53/60 Letter, 26 Jan. 1998, from Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan transmitting joint statement issued by their respective Head of State, at Ashgabat, 6 Jan. 1998; concerns the development and strengthening of economic ties and cooperation between the 2 States.
A/53/69 Letter, 11 Feb. 1998, from Bangladesh transmitting letter addressed to the Secretary-General jointly by Bangladesh, India and Pakistan along with the Joint Declaration on the Bangladesh-India-Pakistan Business Summit, held in Dhaka, 15 Jan. 1998.
A/53/447 Letter, 30 Sept. 1998, from Kazakhstan transmitting message from the President to the people of Kazakhstan, entitled "Democratization of society and economic and political reform in the new century".
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Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.20 Draft resolution on the role of the UN in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/S.57 (A/53/606/Add.5).

A/C.2/53/L.57 Draft resolution on the role of the UN in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.20) / Odrek Agona (Uganda), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

A/53/606/Add.5 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary


At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/606/Add.5 (originally A/C.3/53/S.57) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/169.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/169 Role of the UN in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence. Reaffirms that UN has a central role to play in promoting international cooperation for development and in providing guidance on global development issues; re-emphasizes the importance of recognizing the needs of developing countries and urges the international community, including the World Trade Organization, to continue to grant more preferential treatment to developing countries; welcomes the efforts of the UNCTAD and the International Trade Centre to help developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, to address their specific concerns within the globalizing economy; emphasizes the importance of recognizing and addressing the specific concerns of countries with economic in transition; emphasizes that concerted efforts should be made to minimize the negative impacts and maximize the benefits of globalization and interdependence for the developing countries; strongly underlines the importance of an enabling environment for investment. In particular foreign direct investment, market access, good governance, increase in the volume and effectiveness of official development assistance, tackling of unsustainable debt burdens, including through debt conversion measures; recognizes the urgency of working together in developing a global approach to mitigate the negative consequences of globalization and interdependence; invites the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions, in their special high-level meeting in 1999, also to address ways and means of optimizing the benefits and minimizing the negative consequences of globalization and interdependence; requests the Secretary-General to prepare, in collaboration with UNCTAD and in consultation with relevant organizations an analytical report that examines the interrelated issues in order to facilitate better understanding of globalization (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

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See:

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SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES

MICROCREDIT

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MIDDLE EAST--NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

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NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--MIDDLE EAST

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 40)

See also:
IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION
PALESTINE QUESTION
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES
UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER
FORCE--FINANCING
UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON--FINANCING
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES

Reports
A/53/550 Report on the situation in the Middle East / Secretary-General. Issued: 3 Nov. 1998. - Includes replies received from Member States.

General documents


A/53/289 (S/1998/807) Letter, 26 Aug. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement of the same date by the Presidency of the European Union in connection with reports that on 19 Aug. an Israeli ministerial committee approved a plan to expand settlement in the Golan Heights; states that, if such a plan were to be implemented, it would represent a significant setback to the efforts to resume the Israeli-Syrian negotiations and would raise questions about Israel’s commitment to the peace process.


A/53/475 (S/1998/932) Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from Palestine stating that despite ongoing diplomatic efforts aimed at rescuing the Middle East peace process, the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, announced further construction of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and participated in a ceremony conferring city status on the settlement known as Ariel.


MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 40)  
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A/53/561 (S/1998/1021) Letter, 30 Oct. 1998, from Israel transmitting letter of the same date by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, with regard to the Wye River Memorandum; lists the commitments undertaken by the Israeli and Palestinian sides as a result of the negotiations at the Wye Plantation, Middletown, United States.

A/53/567 (S/1998/1024) Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Palestine in reference to a letter from Israel (A/53/561-S/1998/1021) concerning interpretation of the Wye River Memorandum; reiterates that the existing Israeli-Palestinian agreements do not negate international law or relevant UN resolutions, and that the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to a State, do not stem from the existing agreements, and that Israel would be included in the membership of the Asian Group when it heeds international law and ends its occupation of Palestinian Territory.

A/53/568 (S/1998/1025) Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Palestine in reference to a letter from Israel (A/53/560-S/1998/1019); states that the Palestinian officials have unequivocally condemned the attempt to bomb an Israeli bus in Gaza, reaffirms their commitment to the Wye Memorandum, and reiterates the established position of the international community that Jewish settlements in the occupied territories are illegal.

A/53/570  Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Israel honouring the memory of the late Prime Minister of Israel Yitzhak Rabin who was assassinated in Tel Aviv, Nov. 2 1995.

A/53/572 (S/1998/1030) Letter, 3 Nov. 1998, from Lebanon transmitting letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs concerning the transportation of soil, by Israel, in the occupied territories of South Lebanon; requests intervention of the Secretary-General in order to ensure that Israel desists from this practice.


A/53/671 (S/1998/1075) Letter, 13 Nov. 1998, from Palestine concerning the Israeli decisions to invite tenders for the construction of housing units in a new settlement to be established on Jabal Abu Ghneim in the West Bank to the south of occupied East Jerusalem, as well as to pave 13 new bypass roads in the West Bank to service the Jewish settlements, which would require additional confiscation of land; requests the resumption of the 10th emergency special session of the General Assembly in this regard.

A/53/686 (S/1998/1101) Letter, 19 Nov. 1998, from Israel concerning statement made by Chairman Arafat on 15 Nov. in Ramallah, and an article in Al-Hayyal, an official Palestinian newspaper, on Nov. 1998 which are considered to be in violation of the commitments of the Wye River Memorandum between Israel and the PLO.


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A/53/823 (S/1999/136) Letter, 9 Feb. 1999, from Palestine referring to a letter from Israel (S/1999/105); states that the content of that letter, which follows a pattern of repetitive distortions and false statements, is regrettable.
A/53/825 (S/1999/146) Letter, 11 Feb. 1999, from Lebanon transmitting letter from the National Follow-up Committee for the support of Lebanese detainees in Israeli prisons addressed to the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; provides information about Lebanese prisoners in Israeli prisons and in detention camps inside occupied Lebanese territory, including lists of detained persons in the various detention camps.
A/53/834 (S/1999/172) Letter, 18 Feb. 1999, from Lebanon reporting that Israel has expanded the area it occupies in southern Lebanon to include the village of Arnoun; urges the Secretary-General and members of the Security Council to act promptly to restore the status quo ante.
Corrects text.

A/53/878 (S/1999/333) Letter, 24 Mar. 1999, from Lebanon referring to letters from Israel (A/53/840-S/1999/185 and A/54/74-S/1999/300); alleges that Israel has been engaging in acts of state terrorism under cover of conducting pre-emptive strikes against terrorist attacks from Lebanon.
A/53/879 Letter, 25 Mar. 1999, from Palestine referring to comments made to the media by the Israeli representative on the issue of General Assembly resolution 181 (II); states that the resolution provides the legal basis for the existence of both the Jewish and the Arab States in Mandated Palestine and that Israel's statement that the resolution is "null and void" is inadmissible.
A/53/909 (S/1999/430) Letter, 15 Apr. 1999, from Lebanon referring to its letter (A/53/834-S/1999/172) and reporting that on 15 Apr. Israel sent 50 men, preceded by a Merkavah tank, an armoured personnel carrier and a jeep into the village of Arnoun and proceeded to arrest residents and prevent inhabitants from entering.
A/53/923 (S/1999/474) Letter, 23 Apr. 1999, from Palestine concerning the decision of 22 Apr. 1999 by the Government of Israel on issuance of closure orders against offices at the Orient House in East Jerusalem; states that such actions and measures are illegal under international law and undermine and violate the principles of the Middle East peace process and that the Security Council is obliged to take appropriate measures in this regard.

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A/53/995 (S/1999/640) Letter, 3 June 1999, from Palestine concerning the Israeli decision to enlarge a settlement called “Ma’ale Adumim”, located about 6 km east of Jerusalem, by approximately 2,000 dunums (3.25 acres); calls on the Security Council to take necessary measures to ensure the cessation and reversal of Israeli actions in this regard.


A/53/1010 (S/1999/714) Letter, 24 June 1999, from Lebanon reporting that on 24 June Israeli aircraft launched a series of attacks against the area of Al-Joumhour, on the Beirut heights, against the south and the areas of Al Jia, and Baalbek and Ras-al-Ain, in the northern Bekaa causing civilian casualties and considerable destruction of civilian property.

A/53/1011 (S/1999/717) Letter, 25 June 1999, from Lebanon referring to its letter of 24 June (A/53/1010-S/1999/714) and reporting bombing by Israeli aircraft of an electric power station at Arb Salim, as well as several bridges connecting the southern region to Beirut and certain bridges linking the southern areas.


A/53/1016 (S/1999/771) Letter, 9 July 1999, from Lebanon transmitting, on the occasion of Lebanese Detainees Day, 14 July, a plea letter by the Follow-up Committee for the Support of Lebanese Detainees in Israeli Prisons; calls on the international community to intensify its efforts towards the release and towards the ending of the ordeal of those Lebanese held in Israeli-controlled detention camps and prisons.

A/53/1021 Letter, 15 July 1999, from Lebanon referring to its previous letter (A/53/1016-S/1999/771); reports incident at the Khayam prison on 14 July which resulted in 5 Lebanese detainees being taken to Marj Uyun hospital.

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 40)
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A/53/1031 (S/1999/839) Letter, 2 Aug. 1999, from Lebanon reporting that Israeli forces have been holding the village of Ayta under siege since 15 July; requests the intervention of the Secretary-General with a view to lifting the siege of Ayta and other occupied villages and to securing the release of the detained citizens.

A/53/1032 (S/1999/854) Letter, 5 Aug. 1999, from Palestine reporting on the intention of the Israeli army to allow 27 of the 31 settler encampments which were set near existing settlements since the signing of the Wye River Memorandum to remain intact; states that it is a violation of the 4th Geneva Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem; calls for the reversal of this action and if not reversed will require serious consideration and follow-up by the High Contracting Parties.

A/53/1034 (S/1999/861) Letter, 9 Aug. 1999, from Saudi Arabia referring to the agreement to observe on 14 July the Day of Lebanese Prisoners in Israeli Prisons; calls on the international community to secure the release of sick prisoners and those who have served their term and to send an international commission of inquiry to bring to trial Israeli officers who have allegedly perpetrated acts of torture.


Draft resolutions/decisions


A/53/L.52/Add.1 Draft resolution on Jerusalem: addendum.


Discussion in plenary


At the 76th meeting, action on draft resolutions was as follows: draft resolution A/53/L.52, adopted (149-1-7): resolution 53/37; draft resolution A/53/L.53, adopted (97-2-50): resolution 53/38.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/37 Jerusalem.

Determines that the decision of Israel to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem is illegal and therefore null and void and has no validity whatsoever; deplores the transfer by some States of their diplomatic missions to Jerusalem in violation of Security Council resolution 478 (1980) and their refusal to comply with the provisions of that resolution: calls once more upon those States to abide by the provisions of the relevant UN resolutions, in conformity with the Charter of the UN (adopted 149-1-7, 76th meeting, 2 Dec. 1998).
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION (AGENDA ITEM 40)
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Declares that Israel has failed so far to comply with Security Council resolution 497 (1981); declares also that the Israeli decision of 14 Dec. 1981 to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the occupied Syrian Golan is null and void and has no validity whatsoever, as confirmed by the Security Council in its resolution 497 (1981), and calls upon Israel to rescind it; reaffirms its determination that all relevant provisions of the Regulations annexed to the Hague Convention of 1907, and the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 Aug. 1949, continue to apply to the Syrian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, and calls upon the parties thereto to respect and ensure respect for their obligations under those instruments in all circumstances; determines once more that the continued occupation of the Syrian Golan and its de facto annexation constitute a stumbling block in the way of achieving a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region; calls upon Israel to resume the talks on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks and to respect the commitments and undertakings reached during the previous talks; demands once more that Israel withdraw from all the occupied Syrian Golan to the line of 4 June 1967 in implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions (adopted 97-2-58, 76th meeting, 2 Dec. 1998).

MIGRANT WORKERS (AGENDA ITEM 110A)

Reports

Draft resolutions/discussions
A/C.3/53/L.21  Draft resolution on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families / Argentina, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda and Uruguay. Additional sponsors: Egypt, Ethiopia and Yemen (A/53/625/Add.1)

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Expresses its deep concern at the growing manifestations of racism, xenophobia and other forms of discrimination and inhuman or degrading treatment directed against migrant workers in different parts of the world: welcomes the signature or ratification of or accession to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families by some Member States; calls upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority, and expresses the hope that it will enter into force at an early date; requests the Secretary-General to provide all the facilities and assistance necessary for the promotion of the Convention and to disseminate information on and promoting understanding of the Convention (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
MILITARY EXPENDITURES (AGENDA ITEM 65B)
(cont.)

General documents


A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.30 Draft resolution on objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and United States.

Additional sponsors: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Czech Republic, Fiji, Monaco, Turkey and United Kingdom (A/53/578).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

A/53/578 Report / 1st Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/578 (originally A/C.1/53/L.30) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/72.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/72 Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures. Calls upon all Member States to report annually, by 30 Apr., to the Secretary-General their military expenditures for the latest fiscal year for which data are available, using, preferably and to the extent possible, the reporting instrument as recommended in its resolution 35/142 B or, as appropriate, any other format developed in conjunction with similar reporting on military expenditures to other international or regional organizations; requests the Secretary-General: (a) to resume the practice of sending an annual note verbale to Member States requesting the submission of data to the reporting system, together with the reporting format and related instructions, and to publish in a timely fashion in appropriate UN media the due date for transmitting data on military expenditures; (b) to promote international and regional symposia and training seminars to explain the purpose of the UN system for the standardized reporting of military expenditures and to give relevant technical instructions; (c) to circulate annually the reports on military expenditures as received from Member States; also requests the Secretary-General to continue consultations with relevant international bodies, within existing resources; further requests the Secretary-General to make recommendations on necessary changes to the content and structure of the UN system for the standardized reporting of military expenditures and to submit a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP OF THE UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA--FINANCING

See:

UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA.
MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING

MILLENNIUM ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

See:

UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

MINE CLEARANCE (AGENDA ITEM 42)

See also:

DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
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MINE CLEARANCE (AGENDA ITEM 42) (cont.)

**Reports**
A/53/496 Report on assistance in mine clearance / Secretary-General.

**General documents**

**Draft resolutions/decisions**

**Discussion in plenary**
A/53/PV.60 (17 Nov. 1998).
At the 60th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.28 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/26.
MINE CLEARANCE (AGENDA ITEM 42) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/26 Assistance in mine action.
Urges Member States, regional, governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations to continue to extend full assistance and cooperation to the Secretary-General and, in particular, to provide him with information and data as well as other appropriate resources that could be useful in strengthening the coordination role of the UN in mine action, particularly in mine awareness, training, surveying, mine detection and clearance, scientific research on mine-detection and mine-clearance technology, and assistance to victims, including information on and distribution of medical equipment and supplies; calls upon Member States to provide the necessary information and technical and material assistance, as appropriate, and to locate, remove, destroy or otherwise render ineffective minefields, mines, booby traps and other devices in accordance with international law, as soon as possible; urges Member States and regional, international and non-governmental organizations and foundations that have the ability to do so to provide, as appropriate, technological assistance to mine-infested countries and to promote scientific research and development on humanitarian mine-clearance techniques and technology so that mine-clearance activities may be carried out more effectively at lower cost and through safer means and to promote international collaboration in this regard; suggests that the Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Clearance be renamed Voluntary Trust Fund for Assistance in Mine Action (adopted without vote, 60th meeting, 17 Nov. 1998).

MONSERRAT QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/53/23(Part VI) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 23) Report, 1998. Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24. Issued: 17 Sept. 1998.

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; calls upon the administering Power, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system as well as regional and other organizations to continue to provide urgent emergency assistance to the Territory in alleviating the consequences of the volcanic eruption (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

MONTSERRAT--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--MONTSERRAT

MONU

See:
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA--FINANCING

MOZAMBIQUE--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--MOZAMBIQUE

MYANMAR--HUMAN RIGHTS

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS--MYANMAR

MINUGUA

See:
UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA. MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING

MINURSO

See:
UN MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA--FINANCING

MODEL LAW ON CROSS-BORDER INSOLVENCY

See:
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW
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NAGORNO KARABAKH DISPUTE

See:
HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT

NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 102)

Reports

General documents
A/53/204 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan transmitting Joint Declaration signed by their respective Presidents on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the 2 countries, 6 May 1998, Bishkek.

A/53/658 (S/1998/1056) Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytuğ Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community referring to the statements made by Cyprus in the 3rd Committee.
A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.; concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.
NARCOTIC DRUGS (AGENDA ITEM 102) (cont.)

**Draft resolutions/decisions**

A/C.3/53/L.7 Draft resolution on international cooperation against the world drug problem / Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnian and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nepal, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe.


**Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)**


**Discussion in plenary**


At the 85th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/617 (originally A/C.3/53/L.7) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/115.

**Resolutions**

A/RES/53/115 International cooperation against the world drug problem.

Reaffirms that the fight against the world drug problem is a common and shared responsibility which must be addressed in a multilateral setting, requiring an integrated and balanced approach, and must be carried out in full conformity with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the UN and international law, and particularly with full respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States, the principle of non-intervention in internal affairs of States and all human rights and fundamental freedoms; urges all States to ratify or accede to and implement all the provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 as amended by the 1972 Protocol, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the UN Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988; renews its commitment to further strengthening international cooperation and substantially increasing efforts to counter the world drug problem; emphasizes the need to increase the efficiency of the UN system-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control, as a tool to promote the coordination and enhancement of drug abuse control activities within the UN system; requests the UN International Drug Control Programme: (a) to strengthen cooperation with Member States; (b) to strengthen the dialogue and cooperation with multilateral development banks and with the international financial institutions; (c) to continue to include in its report on illicit traffic in drugs an updated assessment of worldwide trends in illicit traffic and transit in narcotic drugs; (d) to continue the publication of the World Drug Report (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

**NATURAL RESOURCES--TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL**

See:

TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES

**NEGOTIATIONS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

See:

ECONOMIC COOPERATION--NEGOTIATIONS
NEW CALEDONIA QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/AC.109/2114 Working paper on New Caledonia / Secretariat.

Hearings requested

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, draft resolution II in A/53/594, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/65.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/65 Question of New Caledonia.
Welcomes the significant developments that have taken place in New Caledonia as exemplified by the signing of the Nouméa Accord of 5 May 1998 between the representatives of New Caledonia and the Government of France; invites the administering Power to consider inviting to New Caledonia, at the time the new institutions are established, a mission of information which could comprise representatives of countries of the Pacific region; urges all the parties involved, in the interest of all the people of New Caledonia and building on the positive outcome of the review of the Matignon and Nouméa Accords, to maintain their dialogue in a spirit of harmony; invites all the parties involved to continue promoting a framework for the peaceful progress of the Territory towards an act of self-determination in which all options are open and which would safeguard the rights of all New Caledonians according to the letter and spirit of the Matignon and Nouméa Accords; welcomes measures that have been taken to strengthen and diversify the New Caledonian economy in all fields, and encourages further such measures in accordance with the spirit of the Matignon and Nouméa Accords (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

NIGERIA--HUMAN RIGHTS
See: HUMAN RIGHTS--NIGERIA

See: CRIME PREVENTION

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.36  Draft resolution on conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons / Bangladesh, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan and Viet Nam.

Additional sponsors: Brunei Darussalam, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Fiji (A/C.1/53/INF/2).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/582 (originally A/C.1/53/L.36) was adopted (117-0-52): resolution 53/75.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/75  Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

Notes with satisfaction that in the Conference on Disarmament there is no objection, in principle, to the idea of an international convention to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, although the difficulties as regards evolving a common approach acceptable to all have also been pointed out; appeals to all States, especially the nuclear-weapon States, to work actively towards an early agreement on a common approach and, in particular, on a common formula that could be included in an international instrument of a legally binding character; recommends that further intensive efforts should be devoted to the search for such a common approach or common formula and that the various alternative approaches, including, in particular, those considered in the Conference on Disarmament, should be further explored in order to overcome the difficulties; recommends also that the Conference on Disarmament should actively continue intensive negotiations with a view to reaching early agreement and concluding effective international arrangements to assure the non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons, taking into account the widespread support for the conclusion of an international convention and giving consideration to any other proposals designed to secure the same objective (adopted 117-0-52, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

See:
IAEA--REPORTS (1998)

NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--ECONOMIC INTERESTS (AGENDA ITEM 88)

Reports

A/53/23(Part III) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no 23) Report, 1998. Ch. 5, Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. Ch. 6, Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration / Special Committee of 24.

NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--ECONOMIC INTERESTS (AGENDA ITEM 88) (cont.)

General documents
A/53/135 Note verbale, 2 June 1998, from Portugal referring to its note verbale on East Timor (A/52/152); states that since the Government of Portugal continues to be de facto deprived of the exercise of its responsibilities for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of East Timor, it remains unable to provide the information concerning that territory required by Article 73 e of the Charters and offers its views on the human rights situation in the Territory citing different sources.

A/53/261 Letter, 12 Aug. 1998, from the Acting Chairman of the Special Committee of 24 informing of the change of nomenclature of agenda item 89 to read “Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories” in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Special Committee of 24 (A/AC.109/2098 and A/AC.109/2125).


Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/602 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, action on the draft resolution and draft decision in A/53/602 was as follows: draft resolution, adopted (154-2-5): resolution 53/61; draft decision entitled “Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration”, adopted (99-54-1): decision 53/419.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/61 Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories. Reaffirms its concern about any activities aimed at the exploitation of the natural resources that are the heritage of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, including the indigenous populations, in the Caribbean, the Pacific and other regions, as well as their human resources, to the detriment of their interests, and in such a way as to deprive them of their right to dispose of those resources; calls once again upon all Governments that have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative or other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in the Non-Self-Governing Territories that are detrimental to the interests of the inhabitants of those Territories, in order to put an end to such enterprises; reiterates that the damaging exploitation and plundering of the marine and other natural resources of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, in violation of the relevant resolutions of the UN, is a threat to the integrity and prosperity of those Territories; urges 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 development of those resources, and requests the administering Powers to take all necessary steps to protect the property rights of the peoples of those Territories (adopted 154-2-5, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--FELLOWSHIPS (AGENDA ITEM 90)

See also:
DECOLONIZATION
DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM
SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES

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NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--FELLOWSHIPS
(AGENDA ITEM 90) (cont.)

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.4/53/L.3 Draft resolution on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories / Algeria, Argentina, China, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Singapore, Thailand and United Republic of Tanzania.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/604 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary

At the 78th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/604 (originally A/C.4/53/L.3) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/63.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/63 Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
Invites all States to make or continue to make generous offers of study and training facilities to the inhabitants of those Territories that have not yet attained self-government or independence and, wherever possible, to provide travel funds to prospective students; urges 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 (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--REPORTS
(AGENDA ITEM 87)

See also:
DECOLONIZATION
DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM
SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES
UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--REPORTS
(1998)

Reports

General documents

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/601 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary

At the 78th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/601 was adopted (156-0-5): resolution 53/60.
NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--REPORTS
(AGENDA ITEM 87) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/60 Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Art. 73 e of the Charter of the UN. Reaffirms that, in the absence of a decision by the General Assembly itself that a Non-Self-Governing Territory has attained a full measure of self-government in terms of Chapter XI of the Charter, the administering Power concerned should continue to transmit information under Art. 73 e of the Charter with respect to that Territory; requests the administering Powers concerned to transmit or continue to transmit to the Secretary-General the information prescribed in Art. 73 e of the Charter, as well as the fullest possible information on political and constitutional developments in the Territories concerned, within a maximum period of 6 months following the expiration of the administrative year in those Territories; requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that adequate information is drawn from all available published sources in connection with the preparation of the working papers relating to the Territories concerned (adopted 156-0-5, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS

See:
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71N)

See also:
DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE

General documents

A/53/415 Note on nuclear disarmament / Secretary-General.
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on nuclear disarmament with a view to the ultimate elimination of nuclear weapons / Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Portugal, Romania and Spain.
A/C.1/53/L.47 Draft resolution on nuclear disarmament / Algeria, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Libya, Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
Additional sponsors: Angola, Bhutan, Burundi, Congo, Guinea, Malawi and Papua New Guinea (A53/584).
A/C.1/53/L.49 Draft resolution on bilateral nuclear arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament / Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine and United States.
Additional sponsors: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Spain and Turkey (A/53/584).
A/C.1/53/L.49/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on bilateral nuclear arms negotiations and nuclear disarmament / Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Japan, Marshall Islands, Norway, New Zealand, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and United States.
Additional sponsors: Netherlands and Portugal (A/53/584).
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71N) (cont.)

A/C.1/53/L.54 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.42 / Pakistan. The amendment was withdrawn by its sponsor (A/53/584).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, action on draft resolutions in A/53/584 was as follows: draft resolution U (originally A/C.1/53/L.42/Rev.1), adopted (160-0-11): resolution 53/77 U; draft resolution X (originally A/C.1/53/L.47), adopted (110-41-18): resolution 53/77 X; draft resolution Z (originally A/C.1/53/L.49/Rev.1), adopted (166-0-8): resolution 53/77 Z.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/77[U] Nuclear disarmament
Recognizes that, in order to achieve the ultimate goal of eliminating nuclear weapons, it is important and necessary to pursue such action as: (a) the early signature and ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty by all States with a view to its early entry into force, and cessation of nuclear tests pending its entry into force; (b) the early conclusion of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament, on a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator and the mandate contained therein; (c) multilateral discussions on possible future steps on nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation; (d) the early entry into force of the Treaty on Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START II) and the early commencement and conclusion of negotiations for START III by the Russian Federation and the United States; (e) further efforts by the 5 nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals unilaterally and through their negotiations; calls upon all States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to make their best efforts for the success of the next Review Conference, which will be held in 2000 (adopted 160-0-11, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/77[X] Nuclear disarmament.
Recognizes that, in view of recent political development, the time is now opportune for all the nuclear-weapon States to undertake effective disarmament measures with a view to the total elimination of these weapons with a specified framework of time; calls for the conclusion, as a first step, of a universal and legally binding multilateral agreement committing all States to the objective of the total elimination of nuclear weapons; welcomes the establishment in the Conference on Disarmament of the Ad Hoc Committee on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices and urges and speedy conclusion of a universal and non-discriminatory convention thereon, and also welcomes the establishment of the Ad Hoc Committee on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons and urges the pursuit of efforts in this regard as a matter of priority; reiterates its call upon the Conference on Disarmament to take into account the proposal of the 28 delegations for a programme of action for the elimination of nuclear weapons, as well as the mandate for the ad hoc committee on nuclear disarmament, proposed by the 26 delegations; calls for the convening of an international conference on nuclear disarmament at an early date with the objective of arriving at an agreement on a phased programme of nuclear disarmament and for the eventual elimination of nuclear weapons with a specified framework of time through a nuclear weapons convention (adopted 110-41-18, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71N) (cont.)

Expresses its satisfaction at the reductions of strategic offensive arms being carried out in accordance with the 1991 Treaty as well as the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States to the 1993 Treaty in Jan. 1996, and expresses its hope that it will soon be possible for the Russian Federation to take corresponding steps to ratify that Treaty and for the United States Senate and the State Duma of the Russian Federation to approve the Protocol to the 1993 Treaty and other documents signed on 26 Sept. 1997, so that START II can enter into force; encourages Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and the United States to continue their cooperative efforts aimed at eliminating strategic offensive arms on the basis of existing agreements; welcomes the initiative signed by Presidents Yeltsin and Clinton on 2 Sept. 1998, contained in the joint statement on the exchange of information on missile launches and early warning; urges the Russian Federation and the United States to commence negotiations on a START III agreement immediately after ratification by the Russian Federation of START II, thereby fulfilling the commitments they undertook in the joint statement issued in Moscow on 2 Sept. 1998; invites the Russian Federation and the United States to keep other States Members of the UN duly informed of progress in their discussions and in the implementation of their strategic offensive arms agreements and unilateral decisions (adopted 166-0-8, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR ENERGY

See:
IAEA--REPORTS (1998)

NUCLEAR MATERIALS--TRAFFICKING

See:
IAEA--REPORTS (1998)

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION--MIDDLE EAST (AGENDA ITEM 74)

Reports

General documents
NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION—MIDDLE EAST (AGENDA ITEM 74) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.21 Draft resolution on the risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East / Egypt (on behalf of the League of Arab States).
A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East / Egypt (on behalf of the League of Arab States).
A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on the risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East / Egypt (on behalf of the League of Arab States).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/C.1/53/PV.26 (9 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution in A/53/S87 (originally A/C.1/53/L.21/Rev.2) was adopted (158-2-11); resolution 53/80.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/80 The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East. Calls upon the only State in the region that is not party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons to accede to the Treaty without further delay and not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons, and to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, and to place all its unsafeguarded nuclear facilities under full-scope International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards as an important confidence-building measure among all States of the region and as a step towards enhancing peace and security; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the implementation of the present resolution (adopted 158-2-11, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR SAFETY

See: IAEA—REPORTS (1998)

NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS

See also:
DISARMAMENT—GENERAL AND COMPLETE NON-NUCLEAR—WEAPON STATES—SECURITY

NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS—NOTIFICATION (AGENDA ITEM 71A)

General documents
A/53/427 Note transmitting communication from Australia dated 21 Sept. 1998 giving details of nuclear explosions detected from Apr.—June 1998 / Secretary-General.

NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS—TREATIES—SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 79)

General documents
A/53/177 Note verbale, 10 July 1998, from Australia transmitting media release by the Minister for Foreign Affairs concerning Australia’s ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty, issued 10 July.
NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS--TREATIES--SIGNATURES, ACCESSIONS, RATIFICATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 79) (cont.)


A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions / decisions


A/C.1/53/L.64 Amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.11 / India.

A/C.1/53/L.65 Draft decision on the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty / Bangladesh, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

Additional sponsor: Congo (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

A/53/592 Report / 1st Committee.


A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).


Discussion in plenary


At the 79th meeting, the draft decision in A/53/592 was adopted (164-0-6); decision 53/422.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--ICJ OPINION (AGENDA ITEM 71P)

General documents

A/53/208 Note transmitting replies received from Governments on the efforts and measures they have taken on the implementation of resolution 52/38 0, entitled "Advisory opinion of ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons" / Secretary-General.

A/53/208/Add.1 Note on the follow-up to the advisory opinion of ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons : addendum / Secretary-General. Contains information received from Mexico.

A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions / decisions

A/C.1/53/L.45 Draft resolution on follow-up to the advisory opinion of ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons / Algeria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

A/RES/53/77(W) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons.

At the 79th meeting, draft resolution W in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.45) was adopted (123-25-25); resolution 53/77 W.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/77(W) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons.

A/RES/53/77(W) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of ICJ on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons. Calls once again upon all States to fulfill immediately that obligation by commencing multilateral negotiations in 1999 leading to an early conclusion of a nuclear weapons convention prohibiting the development, production, testing, deployment, stockpiling, transfer, threat or use of nuclear weapons and providing for their elimination; requests all States to inform the Secretary-General of the efforts and measures they have taken on the implementation of the present resolution and nuclear disarmament, and requests the Secretary-General to apprise the General Assembly of that information at its 54th session (adopted 123-25-25, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--LEGAL ASPECTS

See:

NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE--ICJ OPINION
NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE---TREATIES (DRAFT)
(AGENDA ITEM 72E)

See also:
NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES---SECURITY

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft
resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft
resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.14 Draft resolution on the
Convention on the Prohibition of the
Use of Nuclear Weapons / Bangladesh,
Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam,
Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba,
Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Democratic Republic of the
Congo, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran
(Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao
People's Democratic Republic, Libyan
Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mexico,
Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Sudan and
Viet Nam.
Additional sponsors: Congo, Fiji and
Namibia (A/53/585).

Discussion in the International Security
Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/585 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/585 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft
resolution D in A/53/585 (originally
A/C.1/53/L.14) was adopted
(111-39-22): resolution 53/78 D.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/78[D] Convention on the
Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear
Weapons.
Reiterates its requests to the
Conference on Disarmament to commence
negotiations, in order to reach
agreement on an international
convention prohibiting the use or
threat of use of nuclear weapons under
any circumstances; requests the
Conference on Disarmament to report to
the General Assembly on the results of
those negotiations (adopted 111-35-22,
79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES---CENTRAL ASIA
(AGENDA ITEM 71S)

General documents
1998, from Qatar in its capacity as
Chairman of the Islamic Group
transmitting final communique of the
25th session of the Islamic
Conference of Foreign Ministers
(Session for Better Future for the
Peoples of the Islamic Ummah), Doha,
A/53/183 Letter, 20 July 1998, from
Kyrgyzstan transmitting, in its
capacity as organizer of the
Consultative Meeting of Experts of
the Central Asian Countries, the
Nuclear-Weapon States and UN, the
communiqué of the Meeting held in
1999, from Burkina Faso transmitting
final communique of the 26th session
of the Islamic Conference of Foreign
Ministers (Session of Peace and
Partnership for Development),
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 28 June-1
July 1999.
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft
resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft
resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.2 Draft resolution on the
establishment of a
nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central
Asia / Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan,
Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and
Uzbekistan.
Additional sponsors: Australia,
Azerbaijan, Brazil, Canada, El
Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Indonesia,
Italy, Mongolia, New Zealand, Nigeria,
Philippines, Slovenia, Thailand, the
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
Turkey and Ukraine (A/C.1/53/INF/2);
Republic of Korea
(A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1).

Discussion in the International Security
Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft
resolution A in A/53/584 (originally
A/C.1/53/L.2) was adopted without
vote: resolution 53/77 A.
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--CENTRAL ASIA
(AGENDA ITEM 71S) (cont.)

Resolutions
Calls upon all States to support the initiative aimed at the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia; encourages the 5 Central Asian States to continue their dialogue with the nuclear-weapon States on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia; requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources, to provide assistance to the Central Asian States in the preparation of the form and elements of an agreement on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (AGENDA ITEM 77)

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.19 Draft resolution on consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) / Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela.
Additional sponsor: Fiji (A/C.1/53/INF/2).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/590 (originally A/C.1/53/L.19) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/83.

NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--MIDDLE EAST (AGENDA ITEM 67)

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General documents
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--MIDDLE EAST
(AGENDA ITEM 67) (cont.)


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.3 Draft resolution on establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East / Egypt.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/580 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).
A/C.1/53/PV.26 (9 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/580 (originally A/C.1/53/L.3) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/74.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/74 Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

URGES all parties directly concerned to consider seriously taking the practical and urgent steps required for the implementation of the proposal to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, and, as a means of promoting this objective, invites the countries concerned to adhere to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; calls upon all countries of the region that have not done so, pending the establishment of the zone, to agree to place all their nuclear activities under International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards; invites all countries of the region, pending the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East, to declare their support for establishing such a zone and to deposit those declarations with the Security Council; also invites those countries, pending the establishment of the zone, not to develop, produce, test or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons or permit the stationing on their territories, or territories under their control, of nuclear weapons or nuclear explosive devices; requests the Secretary-General to continue to pursue consultations with the States of the region and other concerned States, in accordance with paragraph 7 of resolution 46/30 and taking into account the evolving situation in region, and to seek from those States their views on the measures outlined in chapters III and IV of the study annexed to his report or other relevant measures, in order to move towards the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTH ASIA
(AGENDA ITEM 68)

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NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTH ASIA
(AGENDA ITEM 68) (cont.)


A/53/209 Note on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia; reports that to date, no replies have been received from Member States to the request for their views on the matter / Secretary-General.

A/53/209/Add.1 Note on the establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia: addendum / Secretary-General. Contains replies received from Governments.


Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the Assembly took note of the report of the 1st Committee (A/53/581): decision 53/421.

NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE (AGENDA ITEM 71D)

General documents
A/53/297 Letter, 26 Aug. 1998, from Brazil transmitting Political Declaration of MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile as a Zone of Peace, signed at Ushuaia, Argentina, 24 July.

A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.37 Draft resolution on the nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas / Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Liberia, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Suriname, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela and Zimbabwe. Additional sponsors: Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Namibia, Singapore and Togo (A/53/584).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution Q in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.37) was, as a whole, adopted (154-3-10): resolution 53/77 Q.
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE (AGENDA ITEM 710) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/77[Q] Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas.
Calls for the ratification of the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba by all regional States, and calls upon all concerned States to continue to work together in order to facilitate adherence to the protocols to nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties by all relevant States that have not yet done so; welcomes the steps taken to conclude further nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned, and calls upon all States to consider all relevant proposals, including those reflected in the resolutions of the General Assembly on the establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones in the Middle East and South Asia; calls upon the States parties and signatories to the treaties of Tlatelolco, Rarotonga, Bangkok and Pelindaba, in order to pursue the common goals envisaged in those treaties and to promote the nuclear-weapon-free status of the southern hemisphere and adjacent areas, to explore and implement further ways and means of cooperation among themselves and their treaty agencies; encourages the competent authorities of nuclear-weapon-free zone treaties to provide assistance to the States parties and signatories to such treaties so as to facilitate the accomplishment of these goals (adopted 154-3-10, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

OAS--UN (AGENDA ITEM 21)

Reports

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.10 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and OAS / Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Venezuela.
A/53/L.10/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and OAS / Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Venezuela.
A/53/L.10/Rev.1/Add.1 Revised draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and OAS : addendum.
Additional sponsors: Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Peru and Suriname.

Discussion in plenary
At the 42nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/9.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/9 Cooperation between the UN and OAS.
welcomes the undertaking of technical cooperation activities under the UN Trust Fund for New and Renewable Sources of Energy, financed by the Government of Italy, to assist small island developing States, including States members of OAS; recommends that a general meeting of representatives of the UN system and of OAS should be held in 1999 for the continued review and appraisal of cooperation programmes and other matters to be mutually decided upon; expresses its satisfaction at the exchange with OAS of information and substantive reports on the advancement in the status of women, on matters relating to youth and on the eradication of poverty; emphasizes that the cooperation between the UN and OAS should be undertaken in accordance with their respective mandates, scope and composition and be suited to each specific situation, in accordance with the Charter of the UN (adopted without vote, 42nd meeting, 22 Oct. 1998).

OAU--UN (AGENDA ITEM 35)

Reports

General documents


A/53/491 Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from Egypt and Nigeria reporting that, at a joint meeting of the groups of African and Arab States at UN, 29 Sept., a decision was adopted to establish a permanent mechanism of coordination by entrusting the Chairmen of both Groups for each month, together with the representatives to UN of OAU and the League of Arab States to hold periodic meetings so as to ensure effective joint action on issues of mutual concern.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.21 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and OAU / Nigeria.

A/53/L.21/Rev.1 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and OAU / Sudan.

Discussion in plenary


At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.21/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/91.

A/RES/53/91 Cooperation between the UN and OAU.

Invites the UN to continue to assist OAU in strengthening the institutional and operational capacity of its Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution in Africa, in particular in the following areas:

(a) establishment of an early-warning system; (b) technical assistance and training of personnel, including a staff exchange programme; (c) exchange and coordination of information between their respective early-warning systems; (d) logistical support; (e) mobilization of financial support; requests the agencies of the UN system working in Africa to include in their programmes at the national and regional levels activities that will enhance regional cooperation in their respective areas and to facilitate the realization of the objectives of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community; emphasizes the urgency of the need to adopt appropriate measures to ensure the effective implementation of the UN New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990's, in particular regarding (a) economic reforms, including the effective mobilization and efficient utilization of domestic resources, (b) promotion of the private sector and foreign direct investment, (c) expansion of the democratic experience and the strengthening of civil society, (d) environment and development, (e) resource flows, (f) solution of Africa's debt problem, (g) trade facilitation and market access, (h) diversification of African economies, (i) improvement of physical and institutional infrastructure and social and human resource development and (j) women in development (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

OCEANS

See:

LAW OF THE SEA

OECD--OBSERVER STATUS (AGENDA ITEM 162)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.4 Draft resolution on observer status for OECD in the General Assembly / Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom.
OECD--OBSERVER STATUS (AGENDA ITEM 162)
(cont.)

Additional sponsor: the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Discussion in plenary
At the 38th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.4 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/6.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/6 Observer status for OECD in the General Assembly.
Decides to invite OECD to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer; requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution (adopted without vote, 38th meeting, 15 Oct. 1998).

OIC--UN

See:
ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE--UN

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 95)

Reports
A/53/154 Note transmitting report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Fellowships in the UN System" (JUI/REP/98/1) / Secretary-General.
A/53/186 Report on progress on the implementation of the World Declaration and Plan of Action from the World Summit for Children / Secretary-General.
A/53/226 Report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system / Secretary-General.
A/53/226/Add.1 Report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system: addendum / Secretary-General.
A/53/226/Add.2 Report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the UN: addendum, comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1996 / Secretary-General.
A/53/226/Add.3 Report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system: addendum, comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for the year 1997 / Secretary-General.
A/53/226/Add.4 Report on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system: addendum, strengthening the integration of economic and technical cooperation among developing countries in the operational activities of the UN system / Secretary-General.
A/53/363 Note transmitting report on activities of the UN Development Fund for Women / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/53/85 Letter, 3 Mar. 1998, from Japan and Senegal, transmitting the Co-Chairmen's summary report of the 1st Preparatory Committee Meeting for the 2nd Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II), which was organized by the Government of Japan, UN and the Global Coalition for Africa, and held at Dakar, 2-3 Mar. 1998.
A/53/154/Add.1 Note transmitting his comments as well as those of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Fellowships in the UN System" (A/53/154) / Secretary-General.
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 95) (cont.)


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.2/53/L.8 Draft resolution on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.56 (A/53/610).

A/C.2/53/L.9 Draft resolution on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in the year 2001 to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children / Sweden.

A/C.2/53/L.56 Draft resolution on triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8) / David Prendergast (Jamaica), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

A/53/610 Report / 2nd Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 91st meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/610 was as follows: resolution I (originally A/C.2/53/L.56), as orally corrected, adopted without vote: resolution 53/192; resolution II (originally A/C.2/53/L.9), adopted without vote: resolution 53/193; draft decision entitled "Documents relating to operational activities for development", adopted without vote: decision 53/447.

Resolution

A/RES/53/192 Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system.

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the UN system; reaffirms its resolutions 47/199, 50/120 and the parts relevant to operational activities for development of its resolution 52/12 B and stresses the need to implement fully, based on lessons learned, all the elements of these resolutions in a coherent and timely manner, keeping in mind their inter-linkages; emphasizes that recipient Governments have the primary responsibility for coordinating, on the basis of national strategies and priorities, all types of external assistance, including that provided by multilateral organizations, in order to integrate effectively such assistance into their development process; notes the efforts made in order to rationalize and to improve the function and impact of UN funds and programmes (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/193 Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in the year 2001 to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children.

Welcomes the report of the Secretary-General on progress on the implementation of the World Declaration and the Plan of Action of the World Summit for Children; decides to postpone to its 54th session consideration of the arrangements for the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 to review the achievement of the goals of the Summit (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

OPTICAL DISK SYSTEM

See:

UN--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (1998-1999)

ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE--UN (AGENDA ITEM 36)

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ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE—UN (AGENDA ITEM 36) (cont.)

General documents


A/53/190 (S/1998/691) Letter, 23 July 1998, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Slovenia, transmitting letter by the respective Ministers for Foreign Affairs, addressed to the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); informs UN of their common position with regard to the issue of possible membership of Yugoslavia in OSCE.


A/53/924 (S/1999/475) Letter, 23 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation transmitting statement of the same date by an official representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the question of the settlement of the crisis in Kosovo; refers to the launching of Organization for Security and Cooperation mechanism on 23 Apr., and the official enquiries sent by the Russian Federation to the NATO member countries on 21 Apr. and demands that NATO cease its military actions.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.60 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe / Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and United Kingdom.


A/53/L.61 Amendment to draft resolution A/53/L.60 / Azerbaijan.

Discussion in plenary


At the 80th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.60, as amended, was adopted (143-0-2): resolution 53/85.
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Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe--UN (Agenda Item 36) (cont.)

Resolutions
Notes with appreciation the conclusion by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the Secretary-General of OSCE of a memorandum of understanding on the enhancement of cooperation between the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the secretariat of that organization, the agreement on areas for enhanced cooperation between UNHCR and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights of OSCE; encourages further efforts of OSCE to foster security and stability in its region through early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation, as referred to in the Summit Declaration adopted by the heads of State of Government of that organization in Lisbon in 1998, as well as to continue promoting democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms; requests the Secretary-General to continue exploring with the Chairman-in-Office and the Secretary-General of OSCE possibilities for further enhancement of cooperation, information exchange and coordination between UN and OSCE (adopted 143-0-2, 80th meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

Organization for the Islamic Conference--UN (Agenda Item 26)

Reports
A/53/430 Report on cooperation between the UN and the Organization of the Islamic Conference / Secretary-General.

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.13 Draft resolution on cooperation between the UN and the Organization of the Islamic Conference / Qatar.

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
A/RES/53/16 Cooperation between the UN and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).
Requests the UN and OIC to continue to cooperate in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights, social and economic development and technical cooperation; urges the UN and other organizations of the UN system, especially the lead agencies, to provide increased technical and other forms of assistance to OIC and its subsidiary organs and specialized and affiliated institutions in order to enhance cooperation; requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the state of cooperation between the UN and OIC (adopted without vote, 48th meeting, 20 Oct. 1998).

Organizational Reform--UN

See:
UN--Organizational Reform
OSCE--UN

See:
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe--UN
OUTER SPACE--PEACEFUL USES--INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 82)

See also: ARMS RACE--OUTER SPACE

Reports

General documents
A/C.4/53/8 Note verbale, 23 Oct. 1998, from Chile, transmitting the Concepción Declaration, issued by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, meeting within the framework of the Regional Preparatory Conference for the 3rd UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, Concepción, Chile, 12-16 Oct. 1998.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.4/53/L.7 Draft resolution on international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space / India (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)).

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/596 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/596 (originally A/C.4/53/L.7) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/45.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/45 International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space. Endorses the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on the work of its 41st session; endorses the recommendations of the Committee that the Legal Subcommittee, at its 36th session should continue: (a) consideration of review of the Principles Relevant to the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space; (b) consideration of matters relating to the definition and delimitation of outer space and to the charter and utilization of the geostationary orbit; (c) review of the status of the 5 international legal instruments; (d) consideration of other matters, including informal consultations on specific proposals already made for possible new agenda items for the Legal Subcommittee; endorses the recommendations of the Committee that the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, at its 36th session, should consider: (a) preparations for the 3rd UN Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III); (b) the UN Programme on Space Applications and the coordination of space activities within the UN system; agrees that pre-Conference consultations by all States Members of the UN should be convened on 18 July 1999 at the site of UNISPACE III, and requests the Preparatory Committee to report during the consultations on the work it has conducted; requests UNISPACE III to submit a report to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

PALESTINE QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 39)

See also: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES UNRWA--ACTIVITIES

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PALESTINE QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 39) (cont.)

General documents


A/53/466 Letter, 29 Sept. 1998, from Indonesia transmitting Ministerial Declaration of the Group of 77 and China, which was adopted at the 22nd annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, New York.

A/53/475 (S/1998/932) Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from Palestine stating that despite ongoing diplomatic efforts aimed at rescuing the Middle East peace process, the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, announced further construction of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and participated in a ceremony conferring city status on the settlement known as Ariel.


A/53/561 (S/1998/1021) Letter, 30 Oct. 1998, from Israel transmitting letter of the same date by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, with regard to the Wye River Memorandum; lists the commitments undertaken by the Israeli and Palestinian sides as a result of the negotiations at the Wye Plantation, Maryland, United States.

A/53/567 (S/1998/1024) Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Palestine in reference to a letter from Israel (A/53/561-S/1998/1021) concerning interpretation of the Wye River Memorandum; reiterates that the existing Israeli-Palestinian agreements do not negate international law or relevant UN resolutions, and that the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to a State, do not stem from the existing agreements, and that Israel would be included in the membership of the Asian Group when it heeds international law and ends its occupation of Palestinian Territory.

A/53/568 (S/1998/1025) Letter, 2 Nov. 1998, from Palestine in reference to a letter from Israel (A/53/560-S/1998/1019); states that the Palestinian leaders have unequivocally condemned the attempt to bomb an Israeli bus in Gaza, reaffirms their commitment to the Wye Memorandum, and reiterates the established position of the International community that Jewish settlements in the occupied territories are illegal.


A/53/671 (S/1998/1071) Letter, 13 Nov. 1998, from Palestine concerning the Israeli decision to invite tenders for the construction of housing units in a new settlement to be established on Jabal Abu Ghneim in the West Bank to the south of occupied East Jerusalem, as well as to pave 13 new bypass roads in the West Bank to service the Jewish settlements, which would require additional confiscation of land; requests the resumption of the 10th emergency special session of the General Assembly in this regard.

A/53/716 Letter, 24 Nov. 1998, from Japan transmitting statement outlining assistance provided by Japan to the Palestinians; states that this statement will be formally announced at the Conference to Support Middle East Peace and Development, to be held in Washington D.C. 30 Nov. 1998.

PALESTINE QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 39) (cont.)


A/53/823 (S/1999/136) Letter, 9 Feb. 1999, from Palestine referring to a letter from Israel (S/1999/105); states that the content of that letter, which follows a pattern of repetitive distortions and false statements, is regrettable.


A/53/879 Letter, 25 Mar. 1999, from Palestine referring to comments made to the media by the Israeli representative on the issue of General Assembly resolution 181 (II); states that the resolution provides the legal basis for the existence of both the Jewish and the Arab States in Mandated Palestine and that Israel’s statement that the resolution is “null and void” is inadmissible.

A/53/923 (S/1999/474) Letter, 23 Apr. 1999, from Palestine concerning the decision of 22 Apr. 1999 by the Government of Israel on issuance of closure orders against offices at the Orient House in East Jerusalem; states that such actions and measures are illegal under international law and undermine and violate the principles of the Middle East peace process and that the Security Council is obliged to take appropriate measures in this regard.

A/53/935 (S/1999/505) Letter, 3 May 1999, from Palestine transmitting letter of 29 Apr. by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the PLO enclosing statement of the Central Council upon conclusion of its extraordinary session, 27-29 Apr.; calls on the international community to compel Israel to carry out its obligations, in accordance with the agreements signed by the Government of Israel and the PLO, in order to implement Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973) and other relevant resolutions.

A/53/938 (S/1999/512) Letter, 4 May 1999, from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People reporting that the Committee took note of the series of meetings held in Gaza, 27-29 Apr. 1998, within the framework of the extraordinary session of the Palestinian Central Council, and of the final statement adopted at the conclusion of the session; calls on Israel to respond to the Palestinian Central Council’s decisions, and return to the negotiating table without any pre-conditions.

A/53/946 (S/1999/525) Identical letters, 7 May 1999, from the Chairman of the Arab Group and on behalf of the members of the League of Arab States addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Israel’s admittance to membership in the UN; calls on the international community to ensure that Israel respect the provisions of the UN Charter, international law, international humanitarian law, UN resolutions and the agreements it has signed with its neighbours, and withdraw from all occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem and the occupied Syrian Golan back to the lines of 4 June 1967, and from occupied southern Lebanon.

A/53/968 (S/1999/587) Letter, 20 May 1999, from Palestine concerning construction by Israel of settlements at Jabal Abu Ghneim, to the south East of Jerusalem, and at Ras al-Amud, within the original boundaries of East Jerusalem; states that this construction is illegal and calls on the Security Council to take immediate action to reverse the Israeli decisions.

A/53/972 (S/1999/597) Identical letters, 11 May 1999, from Palestine addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council concerning a “closure order” for 3 offices in the Orient House in East Jerusalem, issued by the Israeli Government on 10 May; calls upon the Security Council to ensure that illegal Israeli actions in Jerusalem and the rest of Palestinian occupied territories cease and be reversed.
PALESTINE QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 39) (cont.)


A/53/995 (S/1999/640) Letter, 3 June 1999, from Palestine concerning the Israeli decision to enlarge a settlement called "Ma'ale Adumim", located about 6 km east of Jerusalem, by approximately 12,000 dunums (3.250 acres); calls on the Security Council to take necessary measures to ensure the cessation and reversal of Israeli actions in this regard.


A/53/1032 (S/1999/854) Letter, 5 Aug., 1999, from Palestine reporting on the intention of the Israeli army to allow 27 of the 31 settler encampments which were set near existing settlements since the signing of the Wye River Memorandum to remain intact; states that it is a violation of the 4th Geneva Convention in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem; calls for the reversal of this action and if not reversed will require serious consideration and follow-up by the High Contracting Parties.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.48 Draft resolution on Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People / Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Yemen and Palestine.


A/53/L.49 Draft resolution on Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat / Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Yemen and Palestine.

A/53/L.49/Add.1 Draft resolution on Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat: addendum.

A/53/L.50 Draft resolution on special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information / Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Yemen and Palestine.

A/53/L.50/Add.1 Draft resolution on special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat: addendum.

A/53/L.51 Draft resolution on peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine / Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Yemen and Palestine.


Discussion in plenary


At the 76th meeting, action on draft resolutions was as follows: draft resolution A/53/L.48, adopted (110-2-48); resolution 53/39; draft resolution A/53/L.49, adopted (111-2-48); resolution 53/40; draft resolution A/53/L.50, adopted (156-2-2); resolution 53/41; draft resolution A/53/L.51, adopted (154-2-3); resolution 53/42.
Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People contained in chapter VII of its report (A/53/35); authorizes the Committee to continue to exert all efforts to promote the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, to make such adjustments in its approved programme of work as it may consider appropriate and necessary in the light of developments, to give special emphasis to the need to mobilize support and assistance for the Palestinian people and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 54th session and thereafter; requests the Committee to continue to extend its cooperation and support to Palestinian and other non-governmental organizations in order to mobilize international solidarity and support for the achievement by the Palestinian people of its inalienable rights and for a peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine, and to involve additional non-governmental organizations in its work; requests the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine, established under General Assembly resolution 104 (III) and other UN bodies associated with the question of Palestine to continue to cooperate fully with the Committee and to make available to it, at its request, the relevant information and documentation which they have at their disposal (adopted 110-2-48, 76th meeting, 2 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/40 Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat.
Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat with the necessary resources and to ensure that it continues to carry out its programme of work as detailed in the relevant earlier resolutions, in consultation with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and under its guidance, including, in particular, the organization of meetings in various regions with the participation of all sectors of the international community, the further development and expansion of the documents collection of the UN Information System on the Question of Palestine, the preparation and widest possible dissemination of publications and information materials on various aspects of the question of Palestine, the provision of assistance in completing the project on the modernization of the records of the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine, and the provision of the annual training programme for staff of the Palestinian Authority; also requests the Secretary-General to ensure the continued cooperation of the Department of Public Information and other units of the Secretariat in enabling the Division to perform its tasks and in covering adequately the various aspects of the question of Palestine; requests the Committee and the Division to continue to organize, as part of the observance of the Day of Solidarity, an annual exhibit on Palestinian rights in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the UN (adopted 111-2-48, 76th meeting, 2 Dec. 1998).
PALESTINE QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 39) (cont.)

A/RES/53/41 Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat.
Requests the Department of Public Information in full cooperation and coordination with the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to continue, with the necessary flexibility as may be required by developments affecting the question of Palestine, its special information programme for the biennium 1998-1999 and, in particular: (a) to disseminate information on all the activities of the UN system relating to the question of Palestine, including reports on the work carried out by the relevant UN organizations; (b) to continue to issue and update publications on the various aspects of the question of Palestine in all fields, including materials concerning the recent developments in that regard and, in particular, the prospects for peace; (c) to expand its collection of audiovisual material on the question of Palestine and to continue the production of such material, including the updating of the exhibit in the Secretariat; (d) to organize and promote fact-finding news missions for journalists to the area, including the territories under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority and the occupied territories; (e) to organize international, regional and national seminars or encounters for journalists; (f) to continue to provide assistance to the Palestinian people in the field of media development, in particular to strengthen the training programme for Palestinian broadcasters and journalists initiated in 1995 (adopted 156-2-2, 76th meeting, 2 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/42 Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.
Expresses its full support for the ongoing peace process which began in Madrid and the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements of 1993, as well as the subsequent implementation agreements, including the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip of 1995; stresses the necessity for commitment to the principle of land for peace and the implementation of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973), which form basis of the Middle East peace process, and the need for the immediate and scrupulous implementation of the agreements reached between the parties, including the redeployment of the Israeli forces from the West Bank and the commencement of the negotiations on the final settlement; stresses the need for: (a) the realization of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, primarily the right to self-determination; (b) the withdrawal of Israel from the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967; also stresses the need for resolving the problem of the Palestine refugees in conformity with its resolution 194 (III) of 11 Dec. 1948; urges Member States to expedite the provision of economic and technical assistance to the Palestinian people during this critical period (adopted 154-2-3, 76th meeting, 2 Dec. 1998).

PALESTINE REFUGEES
See:
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES

PALESTINIANS--ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20D)

Reports:
PALESTINIANS--ASSISTANCE (AGENDA ITEM 20D)
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General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.54 Draft resolution on assistance to the Palestinian people / Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

A/53/L.54/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on assistance to the Palestinian people / Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

A/53/L.56 Draft resolution on assistance to the Palestinian people / Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine. The sponsors requested that the draft resolution not be put to the vote (A/53/PV.81).

A/53/L.65 Draft decision on assistance to the Palestinian people / Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Mauritania, Oman, Tunisia, Yemen and Palestine.


Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.59 (16 Nov. 1998).

At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.54/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/89. At the same meeting, draft decision A/53/L.65 was adopted (131-4-0): decision 53/424.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/89 Assistance to the Palestinian people.

Urges Member States to open their markets to exports of Palestinian products on the most favourable terms, consistent with appropriate trading rules; calls upon the international donor community to expedite the delivery of pledged assistance to the Palestinian people to meet their urgent needs; suggests the convening in 1999 of a UN-sponsored seminar on the Palestinian economy; requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its 54th session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution, containing: (a) an assessment of the assistance actually received by the Palestinian people; (b) an assessment of the needs still unmet and specific proposals for responding effectively to them (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

PALESTINIANS--SELF-DETERMINATION

See:

SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES

PARKING OF DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES

See:

UN--HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS

PATTERN OF CONFERENCES--UN

See:

UN--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (1998-1999)

PEACE (AGENDA ITEM 31)

See also:

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Reports

A/53/370 Note transmitting consolidated report by the Director of the UNESCO containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace / Secretary-General.

A/53/370/Add.1 Note transmitting consolidated report by the Director of UNESCO containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace: addendum / Secretary-General.

Transmits decision adopted by the Executive Board of the UNESCO at its 155th session, 6 Nov. 1998, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
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PEACE (AGENDA ITEM 31) (cont.)

A/53/370/Add.2 Note transmitting consolidated report by the Director of the UNESCO containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace: addendum / Secretary-General.
Note submitted by UNESCO on a meeting of the Administrative Committee on Coordination held on 30-31 Oct. 1998.

A/53/370/Add.3 Note transmitting consolidated report by the Director of the UNESCO containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace: addendum / Secretary-General.
Contains information relating to a culture of peace received by the Director-General of the UNESCO from intergovernmental organizations not members of the UN system.

A/53/370/Add.4 Note transmitting consolidated report by the Director of the UNESCO containing a draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace: addendum / Secretary-General.
Transmits summary of the debate of the Programme and External Relations Commissions during the 155th session of the Executive Board of the UNESCO.

General documents


A/53/396 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Kyrgyzstan, transmitting document entitled "Diplomacy of the Silk Road, (a foreign policy doctrine), the past and present of the Great Silk Road"; states the ideas in the document represent the foreign policy conceptual basis of the doctrine of the President Akayev who is a strong proponent of the building of friendship and cooperation between all the countries within the Great Silk Road region.


Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.54 (10 Nov. 1998).
At the 55th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.25 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/25.
At the 107th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.79 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/243.

Resolutions
Proclaims the period 2001-2010 as the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World; invites Member States to take the necessary steps to ensure that the practice of peace and non-violence is taught at all levels in their respective societies, including in educational institutions; calls upon the relevant UN bodies, in particular UNESCO and UNICEF, and invites non-governmental organizations, religious bodies and groups, educational institutions, artists and the media actively to support the Decade for the benefit of every child of the world (adopted without vote, 55th meeting, 10 Nov. 1999).

A/RES/53/243 Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace.
The resolution is divided into 2 parts: resolution 53/243 A and B (13 Sept. 1999).
Solemnly proclaims the present Declaration on a Culture of Peace to the end that Governments, international organizations and civil society may be guided in their activity by its provisions to promote and strengthen a culture of peace in the new millennium (adopted without vote, 107th meeting, 13 Sept. 1999).

Adopts the Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace (adopted without vote, 107th meeting, 13 Sept. 1999).
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PEACE--REGIONAL CENTRE--ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
(AGENDA ITEM 72C)

Reports

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.5/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific / Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam. Additional sponsor: Fiji (A/C.1/53/INF/2). The amendment was withdrawn by its sponsor (A/53/S5B).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/S85 Report / 1st Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution B in A/53/S85 (originally A/C.1/53/L.5/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/78 B.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/78[B] UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific.
Reaffirms its strong support for the continuing operation and further strengthening of the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific; underscores the importance of the Kathmandu process as a powerful vehicle for the development of the practice of region-wide security and disarmament dialogue; appeals to Member States, in particular those within the Asia-Pacific region, as well as to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and foundations, to make voluntary contributions, the only resources of the Regional Centre, so as to strengthen the programme of activities of the Regional Centre and its implementation; requests the Secretary-General to provide all necessary support, within existing resources, to the Regional Centre in carrying out its programme of activities (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 85)

Reports

General documents
A/53/68 Letter, 19 Feb. 1998, from Poland transmitting Agreement between Ukraine and Poland in the matter of creating a joint military unit to participate in international peace and humanitarian operations under the auspices of international organizations, signed at Warsaw, 26 Nov. 1997.
A/53/71 Letter, 20 Feb. 1998, from Ukraine transmitting statement of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the terrorist act committed against the personnel of the UN Observer Mission in Georgia, 19 Feb. 1998; emphasizes the inadmissibility of resorting to force as a means of solving political differences and urges Member States of UN who have already signed the Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel to ratify it as soon as possible.

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PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 85) (cont.)

A/53/459 Letter, 5 Oct. 1998, from Austria, on behalf of the European Union, on the occasion of the commemoration of 50 years of UN peacekeeping; reiterates the Union's commitment to participation in UN peacekeeping operations; expresses concern at the increasing security threat to UN personnel in the field, urges all States to ratify the 1994 Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel and the Statute of the International Criminal Court and to meet their obligation under the Charter and pay their contributions to the UN promptly.

A/53/475 (S/1998/932) Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from Palestine stating that despite ongoing diplomatic efforts aimed at rescuing the Middle East peace process, the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, announced further construction of settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory and participated in a ceremony conferring city status on the settlement known as Ariel.


A/53/705 (S/1998/1122) Letter, 24 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter of the same date from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, rejecting allegations made in the statement of the Representative of Cyprus to the UN at the meeting of the 4th Committee under agenda item 85 on 2 Nov. 1998.

Draft resolutions/resolutions

A/53/L.5 Draft resolution on the 50th anniversary of the UN peacekeeping / Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

A/C.4/53/L.8 Draft resolution on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects / Argentina, Canada, Egypt, Japan, Nigeria and Poland.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)

A/53/599 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).


Discussion in plenary


At the 29th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.5 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/2.


At the 78th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/599 (originally A/C.4/53/L.8) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/58.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/2 50th anniversary of the UN peacekeeping.

Adopts the Declaration on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the UN Peacekeeping as set forth in the annex to the present resolution (adopted without vote, 29th meeting, 6 Oct. 1998).

A/RES/53/58 Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

Welcomes the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations; endorses the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee, contained in its report; urges Member States, the Secretariat and relevant organs of the UN to take all necessary steps to implement the proposals, recommendations and conclusions of the Special Committee; reiterates that those Member States that become personnel contributors to UN peacekeeping operations in years to come or that participate in the future in the Special Committee for 3 consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chairman of the Special Committee, become members at the following session of the Special Committee; decides that the Special Committee, in accordance with its mandate, shall continue its efforts for a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects and shall review the implementation of its previous proposals and consider any new proposals so as to enhance the capacity of the UN to fulfill its responsibilities in this field (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 143A)

See also:

CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)
UN--BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS
UN--FINANCING
UN ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION--FINANCING
UN ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA--FINANCING
UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE--FINANCING
UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON--FINANCING
UN IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION--FINANCING
UN MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA--FINANCING

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UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA--FINANCING
UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING
UN MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTAN--FINANCING
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA--FINANCING
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA--FINANCING
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA--FINANCING
UN OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE--FINANCING
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING
UN PEACEKEEPING RESERVE FUND / Secretary-General.

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING
UN PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE--FINANCING
UN TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA--FINANCING
UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA--FINANCING
UN MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING

Reports

A/53/5/Add.8 Report on the financing of the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

A/53/815 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

A/53/901 Report on the support account for peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 4 Apr. 1999.

A/53/912 Report on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund / Secretary-General.
Issued: 16 Apr. 1999.

A/53/944 Report on the implementation of the reform procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

A/53/944/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the reform procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment: corrigendum / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Corrects text.

A/53/961 Report on peacekeeping reserve fund / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

A/C.5/53/16 Note on death and disability benefits / Secretary-General.
Transmits the 4th quarterly report on the progress made in clearing the backlog of death and disability claims awaiting processing.

A/C.5/53/17 Note on death and disability benefits / Secretary-General.
Transmits the 5th quarterly report on the progress made in clearing the backlog of death and disability claims awaiting processing.

A/C.5/53/17/Add.1 Note on death and disability benefits: corrigendum / Secretary-General.
Corrects text.

A/C.5/53/51 Note on death and disability benefits / Secretary-General.
Transmits the 6th quarterly report on the progress made in clearing the backlog of death and disability claims awaiting processing.

A/C.5/53/58 Note on death and disability benefits / Secretary-General.
Transmits the 7th quarterly report on the progress made in clearing the backlog of death and disability claims awaiting processing.

A/53/418 Report on the support account for peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

A/53/465 Report on the 1st full year of implementation of the reform procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment / Secretary-General.

A/53/776 Report on financing of the UN Logistics base at Brindisi / Secretary-General.

A/53/815 Report on financing of the UN Logistics base at Brindisi / Secretary-General.

A/53/843 Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of procurement-related arbitration cases / Secretary-General.

A/53/854 Report on the support account for peacekeeping operations / Secretary-General.

A/53/854/Add.1 Report on the support account for peacekeeping operations: addendum / Secretary-General.

A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

Reports

A/53/418 Report on the support account for peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

A/53/465 Report on the 1st full year of implementation of the reform procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment / Secretary-General.

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A/53/854/Add.1 Report on the support account for peacekeeping operations: addendum / Secretary-General.

A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 143A) (cont.)

A/C.5/53/66 Note on death and disability benefits / Secretary-General.
Transmits the 8th quarterly report on the progress made in clearing the backlog of death and disability claims awaiting processing.

General documents

A/C.5/53/1009 Note verbale, 23 June 1999, from South Africa requesting the General Assembly to consider relocation of South Africa from group (b) to group (c) in the scheme for the apportionment of the costs of the UN peacekeeping operations.

A/C.5/53/50 Note on the proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 / Secretary-General.

A/C.5/53/60 Note on the proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 / Secretary-General.


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.9 Draft resolution on the support account for peacekeeping operations (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.62 Draft resolution on the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.63 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.67 Draft resolution on the support account for peacekeeping operations (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary
At the 43rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/522 (originally A/C.5/S3/L.9) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/12 A.

At the 93rd meeting, the draft decision in A/53/522/Add.1, entitled "Death and disability benefits" was adopted without vote: decision 53/461 A.

At the 97th meeting, the draft decision entitled "Death and disability benefits" in A/53/522/Add.2 was adopted without vote: decision 53/461 B.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/12A Support account for peacekeeping operations.
Requests the Secretary-General, when determining the allocation of the 400 support account-funded temporary posts, including the 6 additional posts, to take into account the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; also requests the Secretary-General to include in his support account submission for the period from 1 July 1999–30 June 2000 a comprehensive review of a rapidly deployable mission headquarters, addressing particularly the differences between its functional responsibilities and those of the Mission Planning Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, and further to develop the concept for its employment during the initial phase of a new peacekeeping operation; decides to establish 2 civilian posts at the P-4 level (1 Humanitarian Affairs Officer and 1 Civilian Police Officer) for a rapidly deployable mission headquarters; takes note of the observations contained in paragraph 21 of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish 1 post at the P-4 level for the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat (adopted without vote, 43rd meeting, 26 Oct. 1998).

A/RES/53/12B Support account for peacekeeping operations.
Decides to maintain for the period from 1 July 1999–30 June 2000 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July–30 June 1999; approves 4 hundred support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1999–30 June 2000; endorses the recommendation contained in paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee that the 6 additional posts for the rapidly deployable mission headquarters be accomplished through redeployment within the existing support account establishment throughout the Secretariat; decides to monitor closely the functions and activities to be performed by the rapidly deployable mission headquarters, in particular its functions related to other structures in the Secretariat, and to revert to the issue in the context of future reports of the Secretary-General on the support account; approves the support account post and non-post requirements for the period from 1 July 1999–30 June 2000 in the amount of US$34,887,100; decides to apply the unencumbered balance of $3,865,800 for the period from 1 July 1997–30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July–30 June 2000 and to appropriate the balance of $31,021,300, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to meet the financing requirements of the support account for the period from 1 July 1999–30 June 2000; decides also to delete paragraph 24 of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations, and requests the issuance of a corrigendum to that effect (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 143A) (cont.)

A/RES/53/236 Financing of the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

Urges the International Civil Service Commission to finalize its work on the review of the rate of post adjustment for the Logistics Base and report thereon before the end of the main part of the 54th session of the General Assembly; requests the Secretary-General, in the context of the next budget submission to indicate clearly the resources required for the Logistics Base to perform its basic functions and encourages him to take additional steps with a view to wider use of the Logistics Base by the specialized agencies and programmes of the UN system; approves the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to US$7,456,500 for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides to apply the unencumbered balance of $1,373,600 in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, and also decides to appropriate the balance of $6,082,900 among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; authorizes the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of 10 Professional, 10 Field Service and 83 locally recruited staff (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

A/RES/53/237 Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations.

Requests the Secretary-General to conduct the review recommended in paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, in consultation with Member States, through established mechanisms; also requests the Secretary-General to include in his next report on the support account information on the implications of the implementation of the review recommended in paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

PELAGIC DRIFT-NET FISHING

See:

DRIFT-NET FISHING

PENSIONS--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 121)

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.15 Draft resolution on UN pension system (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Vchairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/736 Report / 5th Committee.

A/53/737 Report / 5th Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/736 (originally A/C.5/53/L.15) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/210.
PENSIONS--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 121) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/210 UN pension system.
Concurs with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the Board should continue to monitor closely the evolution of the actuarial valuation of the Fund and that no attempt should be made to reduce the present rate of contributions to the Fund or change any other features unless and until a pattern of surpluses emerges in future valuation; takes note of the decision of the Board to recommend to the General Assembly that the threshold for implementing cost-of-living adjustments of pensions in award be reduced from 3 percent to 2 percent, with effect from the adjustment due on 1 Apr. 2001; takes note of the information provided in the reports of the UN Staff Pension Board and the Board of Auditors on the measures taken and under consideration to improve the administration of the Fund; approves the revised cost-sharing arrangements between the UN and the Fund; amends article 7 of the Regulations of the Fund, regarding the post and title of the Secretary of the Board; approves, with effect from 1 Apr. 1999, the inclusion of a new article in the Regulations of the Fund to provide for a divorced surviving spouse's benefit; decides to terminate the membership of the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization in the Fund as at 31 Dec. 1998; approves, with effect from the date of adoption by the General Assembly, the amendments to articles 21 (b) and 32 (a) of the Regulations of the Fund; urges those Members States that have outstanding balances on foreign tax accounts receivable to provide the reimbursement due as quickly as possible (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

PERSONNEL QUESTIONS--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 120)

Reports

General documents
A/53/688 Note on review of the International Civil Service Commission / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/27 Note transmitting comments by the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations, pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) of General Assembly resolution 35/213 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.20 Draft resolution on UN common system (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/754 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/754 (originally A/C.5/53/L.20) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/209.

PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM

See:
UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

PERSONNEL QUESTIONS--UN

See:
UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
PERSONNEL QUESTIONS--UN SYSTEM (AGENDA ITEM 120) (cont.)

Resolutions
Approves, with effect from 1 Mar. 1999, the revised base scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories; endorses the view of the Commission that the local practice approach to determining pensionable remuneration of the General Service and other locally recruited categories of staff should not be pursued further; approves, with effect from 1 Jan. 1999, an increase of 14.6 per cent in the children's allowance (including the allowance for disabled children) and in the secondary dependant’s allowance; requests the Commission to conduct a comprehensive review to its reform, and to ensure that the post adjustment at each duty station, with particular emphasis on headquarters duty stations is fully representative of the cost of living of all staff members in the Professional and higher categories working at each duty station; approves increases in the maximum reimbursement levels in the 7 currency areas, as well as other adjustments to the reimbursement of expenses under the education grant; requests the Commission to monitor the progress of the implementation of the revised rules of procedure and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 57th session; decides to revert to issues related to the Commission, including its working methods, the respective roles of the Commission and its secretariat, the selection and appointment of members and the role of the Commission in the review process (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

PITCAIRN QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/53/23(Part VI) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 23) Report, 1998. Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24. Issued: 17 Sept. 1998.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

See:
WOMEN’S ADVANCEMENT--CONFERENCES (4TH : 1995 : BEIJING)--FOLLOW-UP
POPULATION--DEVELOPMENT--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION (1994) (AGENDA ITEM 93F)

Reports

General documents
A/53/902 Letter, 5 Apr. 1999, from Bangladesh concerning the work of the Commission on Population and Development acting as the preparatory committee for the 21st special session of the General Assembly: recommends that the General Assembly authorize the preparatory committee to hold a resumed session for 4 days in 1999 in order to complete its work.

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, action on the
draft resolution and draft decision in
A/53/608/Add.6 was as follows: draft
resolution (originally A/C.2/53/L.43),
as orally corrected, adopted without
vote; resolution 53/183; draft
decision (originally A/C.2/53/L.45),
adopted without vote; decision 53/443.
POVERTY--HUMAN RIGHTS (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.40 Draft resolution on human rights and extreme poverty / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Madagascar, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Spain, Suriname, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Venezuela. Additional sponsors: Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Indonesia, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions
A/RES/53/146 Human rights and extreme poverty. Reaffirms that extreme poverty and exclusion from society constitute a violation of human dignity and that urgent national and international action is therefore required to eliminate them; emphasizes that extreme poverty is a major issue to be addressed by Governments, civil society and the UN system, including international financial institutions; invites the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, within the framework of the implementation of the UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty, to continue to give appropriate attention to the question of human rights and extreme poverty; notes with appreciation the specific action taken by UNICEF to mitigate the effects of extreme poverty on children and the efforts of the UNDP to give priority to the search for some means of alleviating poverty within the framework of the relevant resolutions, and urges them to continue this work (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

See also:
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Reports

General documents
A/C.2/53/7 Note transmitting statement made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs at the 31st meeting of the 2nd Committee on 2 Nov. 1998 for as an introduction to the report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty (A/53/223 and Add.1).
POVERTY--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1997-2006)
(Agenda Item 98) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions
Transmits text of the draft resolution entitled "International Year of Microcredit, 2005".
The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.48 (A/53/613).
A/C.2/53/L.48 Draft resolution on implementation of the 1st UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution /C.2/53/L.27) / David Prendergast (Jamaica). Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/613 Report / 2nd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 91st meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/613 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally A/C.2/53/L.18), adopted without vote: resolution 53/197: draft resolution II (originally A/C.2/53/L.48), adopted without vote: resolution 53/198: draft decision entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty", adopted without vote: decision 53/448.

Resolutions
Proclaims the year 2005 as the International Year of Microcredit; requests that the observance of the Year be a special occasion for giving impetus to microcredit programmes throughout the world; invites Governments, the UN system, all concerned non-governmental organizations, other actors of civil society, the private sector and the media to highlight and give enhanced recognition to the role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty, its contribution to social development and its positive impact on the lives of people living in poverty; invites all involved in the eradication of poverty to consider taking additional steps so that credit and related services for self-employment and income-generating activities may be made available to an increasing number of people living in poverty (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/198 Implementation of the 1st UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty.

Reiterates that the main objective of the 1st UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty is to achieve the goal of eradicating absolute poverty and reducing overall poverty substantially in the world through decisive national action and international cooperation; calls for strengthened efforts to implement fully the relevant resolutions and decisions of the UN and all agreements and commitments agreed upon at UN major conferences and summit conferences organized since 1990 as they relate to the eradication of poverty; reaffirms that special attention should be given to the multidimensional nature of poverty and the national and international framework conditions and policies that are conducive to its eradication; reaffirms also that the causes of poverty should be addressed in the context of sectoral strategies; stresses the importance of tackling the root causes of poverty and the necessity of meeting the basic needs of all; recognizes that the process of globalization brings with it opportunities but also poses new challenges; recognizes also the importance of appropriate policy responses to the challenges of globalization at the national level; calls for continued action by the international community to create an enabling economic environment and to assist developing countries further in their efforts to combat the negative impact of globalization; reaffirms that all Governments and the UN system should promote an active and visible policy of mainstreaming a gender perspective; emphasizes that, in developing countries, rural development remains central to efforts to eradicate poverty (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).
PUBLIC INFORMATION--UN

See:
- INFORMATION

PUBLIC SECURITY

See:
- CRIME PREVENTION

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (AGENDA ITEM 108)

Reports


General documents


A/53/658 (S/1998/1056) Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community referring to the statements made by Cyprus in the 3rd Committee.


A/53/686 (S/1998/1101) Letter, 19 Nov. 1998, from Israel concerning statement made by Chairman Arafat on 15 Nov. in Ramallah, and an article in Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, an official Palestinian newspaper on 7 Nov. 1998 which are considered to be in violation of the commitments of the Wye River Memorandum between Israel and the PLO.

A/C.3/53/L.18 Revised draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and United Kingdom. Additional sponsors: Cameroon, Ireland and Mali (A/53/623).
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (AGENDA ITEM 108) (cont.)

A/C.3/53/L.24 Draft resolution on the 3rd Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance / Finland, France, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Mexico, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and United Kingdom.

Additional sponsors: Australia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malta and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (A/53/623).

A/C.3/53/L.25 Draft resolution on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discriminations, xenophobia and related intolerance / Australia, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and United Kingdom.

Additional sponsors: Austria, Croatia, Denmark, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, San Marino, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (A/53/623).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, action on the draft resolutions in A/53/623 was as follows: draft resolution I adopted without vote: resolution 53/131; draft resolution II (originally A/C.3/53/L.24), adopted without vote: resolution 53/132; draft resolution III (originally A/C.3/53/L.25), adopted without vote: resolution 53/133.

Resolutions


Encourages the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to continue to contribute fully to the implementation of the 3rd Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and its revised Programme of Action; takes note of the initial suggestions made by the Committee regarding the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and invites the Committee to give high priority to the preparatory process for the World Conference; strongly urges States parties to the Convention to accelerate their domestic ratification procedures with regard to the amendment to the Convention concerning the financing of the Committee and to notify the Secretary-General expeditiously in writing of their agreement to the amendment; urges all States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto and to limit the extent of any reservation they lodge to the Convention and to formulate any reservation as precisely and as narrowly as possible in order to ensure that no reservation is incompatible with the objective and purpose of the Convention or otherwise contrary to international treaty law (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
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RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (AGENDA ITEM 108)
(cont.)

A/RES/53/132 3rd Decade to Combat
Racism and Racial Discrimination and
the convening of the World Conference
against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and
Related Intolerance.
Takes note of the report of the
Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of
Action for the 3rd Decade to Combat
Racism and Racial Discrimination, and
regrets that the detailed report on
the financial and personnel resources
required for the implementation of the Programme of Action, requested for
presentation to the General Assembly
at its 52nd and 53rd sessions, was not
presented; requests the
Secretary-General to accord high
priority to the activities of the
Programme of Action and also requests
the Secretary-General to ensure that
the necessary financial resources are
provided for the implementation of the activities of the 3rd Decade during the
biennium 1998-1999; also requests
the Secretary-General, while
programming the regular budget for the
biennium 2000-2001, to make provision
for financing the activities of the
Programme of Action from the UN
regular budget as a vital contribution to the World Conference against
Racism, Racial Discrimination,
Xenophobia and Related Intolerance;
(a) to present a comprehensive report to the
General Assembly at its 54th and 55th
sessions on the progress achieved in
the preparatory process of the World
Conference; (b) to submit to the
General Assembly at its 56th session a
report encompassing the final outcome
of the World Conference; (c) to
designate the UN High Commissioner for
Human Rights as Secretary-General of
the World Conference; (d) to consider
providing the necessary financial and
technical assistance for the convening of
regional preparatory meetings
(adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9

A/RES/53/133 Measures to combat
contemporary forms of racism, racial
discriminations, xenophobia and related intolerance.
Declares that racism and racial
discrimination are among the most
serious violations of human rights in
the contemporary world and must be
combatted by all available means;
encourages all States to include in
their educational curricula and social
programmes at all levels, as
appropriate, knowledge of and
tolerance and respect for foreign
cultures, peoples and countries; calls
upon all States to review and, where
necessary, revise their immigration
policies with a view to eliminating
all discriminatory policies and
practices against migrants which are
inconsistent with relevant
international human rights
instruments; categorically deprecates
the misuse of print, audio-visual and
electronic media and new communication
technologies to incite violence
motivated by racial hatred; calls upon
all Governments and intergovernmental
organizations, with the assistance of
non-governmental organizations, to
supply relevant information to the
Special Rapporteur to enable him to
fulfil his mandate; urges all
Governments to cooperate fully with
the Special Rapporteur with a view to
enabling him to fulfil his mandate,
including the examination of incidents of contemporary forms of racism and
racial discrimination, inter alia,
against blacks, Arabs and Muslims,
xenophobia, Negrophobia, anti-Semitism
and related intolerance; requests the
Secretary-General to provide the
Special Rapporteur with all the
necessary human and financial
assistance to carry out his mandate
efficiently, effectively and
expeditiously and to enable him to
submit an interim report to the
General Assembly at its 54th session
(adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9

RACISM
See:
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

RADIATION EFFECTS (AGENDA ITEM 81)

Reports
A/53/46 (GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no.
46). Report on the work of its 47th
session, Vienna, 25-29 May 1998 / UN
Scientific Committee on the Effects
of Atomic Radiation.
RADIATION EFFECTS (AGENDA ITEM 81) (cont.)


General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.4/53/L.6 Draft resolution on the effects of atomic radiation / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Ukraine and United Kingdom.
Additional sponsors: Armenia, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Egypt, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Paraguay, Singapore, Uruguay and Solomon Islands (A/53/595).

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/595 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/595 (originally A/C.4/53/L.6) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/44.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/44 Effects of atomic radiation.
Commends the UN Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation for the valuable contribution it has been making in the course of the past 43 years, since its inception, to wider knowledge and understanding of the levels, effects and risks of atomic radiation, and for fulfilling its original mandate with scientific authority and independence of judgement; decides to maintain the present functions and independent role of the Scientific Committee, including the present reporting arrangement; requests the Scientific Committee to continue its work, including its important activities to increase knowledge of the levels, effects and risks of ionizing radiation from all sources; requires the Scientific Committee to continue at its next session the review of the important problems in the field of radiation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 54th session; requests the UNEP to continue providing support for the effective conduct of the work of the Scientific Committee and for the dissemination of its findings to the General Assembly, the scientific community and the public; welcomes, in this context, the readiness of Member States to provide the Scientific Committee with relevant information on the effects of atomic radiation in affected areas, and invites the Scientific Committee to analyse and give due consideration to such information, particularly in the light of its own findings; invites Member States, the organizations of the UN system and non-governmental organizations concerned to provide further relevant data about doses, effects and risks from various sources of radiation (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71L)

General documents
RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71L) (cont.)


A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions/Secretariat.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/77(C) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes. Calls upon all States to take appropriate measures with a view to preventing any dumping of nuclear or radioactive wastes that would infringe upon the sovereignty of States; requests the Conference on Disarmament to take into account, in the negotiations for a convention on the prohibition of radiological weapons, radioactive wastes as part of the scope of such a convention; also requests the Conference on Disarmament to intensify efforts towards an early conclusion of such a convention and to include in its report to the General Assembly at its 54th session the progress recorded in the negotiations on this subject; welcomes the adoption at Vienna on 5 Sept. 1997 of the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management and the signing of the Joint Convention by a number of States beginning on 29 Sept. 1997, and appeals to all States to sign and subsequently ratify, accept or approve the Convention, so that it may enter into force as soon as possible (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

REFORM--UN

See:

UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

See:

REFUGEES

REFUGEES (AGENDA ITEM 105)

See also:

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--REFUGEE-RECEIVING COUNTRIES--CENTRAL AFRICA
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES

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A/53/328 Letter, 9 July 1998, from Azerbaijan transmitting appeal adopted on 27 June 1998 by the republican meeting devoted to the problems of refugees and internally displaced persons in Azerbaijan to the heads of States, Parliaments and international organizations throughout the world.


A/53/731 Letter, 4 Dec. 1998, from Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan requesting international support for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring Countries / Secretary-General.


A/53/774 (S/1998/1234) Letter, 29 Dec. 1998, from Eritrea transmitting press release on the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; reports death of 2 Eritreans in the detention camps in Ethiopia and calls for an independent investigation into the causes of, and circumstances surrounding their death; calls also for the immediate release of all Eritrean civilians from detention in Ethiopia.


A/53/1013 (S/1999/756) Letter, 6 July 1999, from Eritrea transmitting press release of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; concerns the deportation of Eritreans and Ethiopians of Eritrean origin from Ethiopia.


A/C.3/53/L.54 Draft resolution on new international humanitarian order / Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Qatar, Slovenia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

Additional sponsors: Israel and Malaysia (A/53/620).

A/C.3/53/L.55 Draft resolution on the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees / Afghanistan, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, the United States, Uruguay, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Additional sponsors: Eritrea, Kyrgyzstan, Micronesia (Federated States of), Sudan and Togo (A/53/620).
REFUGEES (AGENDA ITEM 105, (cont.))


Discussion in plenary


Resolutions
A/RES/53/121 Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UNHCR.

Decides to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the UNHCR from 53 to 54 States; requests the Economic and Social Council to elect the additional member at its organizational session for 1999 (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/122 Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors.

Expresses its deep concern at the continued plight of unaccompanied refugee minors, and emphasizes once again the urgent need for their early identification and for timely, detailed and accurate information on their number and whereabouts; expresses the hope once again that adequate resources will be provided for programmes of identification and tracing of unaccompanied refugee minors; calls upon the Office of UNHCR, in cooperation with other relevant UN bodies, to incorporate into its programmes policies that aim at preventing refugee family separation, conscious of the importance of family unity; calls upon all Governments and organizations concerned to exert the maximum effort to assist and protect refugee minors and to expedite the return to and reunification with their families of unaccompanied refugee minors; calls upon all States and other parties to armed conflict to respect international humanitarian law, and, in this regard, calls upon States parties to respect fully the provisions of the Geneva Convention of 12 Aug. 1949 and related instruments, while bearing in mind resolution 2 adopted at the 26th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and to respect the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which accord children affected by armed conflict special protection and treatment; condemns all acts of exploitation of unaccompanied refugee minors and any other acts that endanger their safety and personal security (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/123 Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States.

Invites all countries that have not yet done so to accede to and implement fully the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees, while welcoming the accession of Turkmenistan to the Convention; calls upon States and interested international organizations to provide appropriate forms and levels of support for the practical implementation of the Programme of Action; invites international financial and other institutions to contribute to the financing of projects and programmes within the framework of the implementation of the Programme of Action; calls upon the Governments of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States to continue to strengthen their commitment to the principles underpinning the Programme of Action, in particular human rights and refugee protection principles, and to lend high-level political support to ensure progress in its implementation; invites the Office of the UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration to enhance their mutual relationship with other key international actors; encourages the involvement of international and non-governmental organizations in the follow-up to the Conference (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/124 New international humanitarian order.

Invites Governments to make available to the Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, information and expertise on humanitarian problems of special concern to them, in order to identify opportunities for future action; calls upon Governments and other actors to ensure strict adherence to accepted humanitarian norms and principles and to promote national and international legislation that is responsive to actual and potential humanitarian problems; invites the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to reinforce its activities (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/125 Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

Strongly reaffirms the fundamental importance and the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the function of the Office of the UNHCR; reaffirms the fundamental importance of the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees; reaffirms that, as set out in article 14 of the Declaration, everyone has the right to seek and enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution, and calls upon all States to refrain from taking measures that jeopardize the institution of asylum, in particular by returning or expelling refugees or asylum-seekers contrary to international standards; emphasizes that refugee protection is primarily the responsibility of States; stresses the importance of international solidarity and burden-sharing in reinforcing the international protection of refugees; condemns all acts that pose a threat to the personal security and well-being of refugees and asylum-seekers; urges States to uphold the civilian and humanitarian character of refugee camps and settlements; calls upon States and all concerned to continue to cooperate closely with the staff of the Office of the Commissioner and other humanitarian personnel; urges all States and relevant organizations to support the High Commissioner’s search for durable solutions to refugee problems; calls upon all States to promote conditions conducive to the voluntary repatriation of refugees in safety and with dignity; reiterates the right of all persons to return to their country of origin (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/126 Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa.
Calls upon all States and international organizations, within their mandates, to ensure that the civilian and humanitarian nature of refugee camps is not compromised by the presence or the activities of armed elements; expresses deep concern at the serious and far-reaching consequences of large numbers of refugees and displaced persons in the receiving countries; expresses concern at instances where the fundamental principle of asylum is jeopardized by unlawful expulsion; expresses its appreciation and support for those African Governments and local populations that continue to accept the additional burden imposed upon them by increasing numbers of refugees and displaced persons, in compliance with the relevant principles of asylum; commends the Governments concerned for their sacrifices in providing assistance and protection to refugees, returnees and internally displaced persons; reiterates that the Plan of Action adopted by the Regional Conference on Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in the Great Lakes Region, held at Bujumbura from 15-17 Feb. 1995 continues to be a viable framework for the resolution of the refugee and humanitarian problems in that region; calls upon the Office of the High Commissioner and other concerned entities to intensify protection activities; appeals to Governments, the UN, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international community to create conditions to facilitate the voluntary return in safety (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
REGIONAL DISARMAMENT (AGENDA ITEM 71Q) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, action on draft resolutions in A/53/584 was as follows: draft resolution H (originally A/C.1/53/L.23/Rev.1), adopted (63-44-47); draft resolution 0 (originally A/C.1/53/L.34), adopted without vote: resolution 53/77 O.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/77[H] Regional disarmament. Urges all concerned States to exert efforts to continue making it possible to have no intention, no plan and no reason to deploy nuclear weapons on the territory of the non-nuclear States of the region of Central and Eastern Europe; calls upon all States of Central and Eastern Europe and other States concerned to continue to abide by their nuclear non-proliferation obligations under existing multilateral and bilateral agreements (adopted 63-44-47, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/77[O] Regional disarmament. Stresses that sustained efforts are needed within the framework of the Conference on Disarmament and under the umbrella of the UN, to make progress on the entire range of disarmament issues; calls upon States to conclude agreements, wherever possible, for nuclear non-proliferation, disarmament and confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels; supports and encourages efforts aimed at promoting confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels in order to ease regional tensions and to further disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation measures at the regional and subregional levels (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

REGISTER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS

See:
 ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports

General documents
A/53/758 Letter, 17 Dec. 1998, from Turkey referring to the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights, contained in document A/53/279, in particular to its paragraph 71 which refers to alleged cases in Turkey; states that it would be a gross error to interpret isolated incidents against Greek Orthodox churches as a restriction of the activities of the Fener Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in Istanbul.

A/C.3/53/6 Letter, 16 Oct. 1998, from Greece referring to paragraph 51 of the report of the Special Rapporteur of the question of religious intolerance (A/53/279), which discusses the cases of 2 Greek citizens; states that the information presents an incorrect description of the situation in Greece.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.70 Amendment to draft resolution XV recommended by the 3rd Committee (A/53/625/Add.2, para. 49) / South Africa.
A/C.3/53/L.32 Draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance / Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

Additional sponsors: Madagascar, Panama, Solomon Islands and Ukraine (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.2 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution I in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.32) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/140.
RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/140 Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance.
Reaffirms that freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief is a human right derived from the inherent dignity of the human person and guaranteed to all without discrimination; also urges States to ensure, in particular, that no one within their jurisdiction is, because of his or her religion or belief, deprived of the right to life or the right to liberty and security of person or subjected to torture or arbitrary arrest or detention; emphasizes that, as underlined by the Human Rights Committee, restrictions on the freedom to manifest religion or belief are permitted only if limitations are prescribed by law, are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others and are applied in a manner that does not vitiate the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; calls upon all States to recognize, as provided for in the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, the right of all persons to worship or assemble in connection with a religion or belief and to establish and maintain places for those purposes; encourages the continued efforts on the part of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief appointed to examine incidents and governmental actions in all parts of the world that are incompatible with the provisions of the Declaration and to recommend remedial measures as appropriate; requests the Special Rapporteur to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

REPORTORY OF PRACTICE OF UNITED NATIONS ORGANS

See:
- UN--CHARTER

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENTS--UN SUPPORT

See:
- DEMOCRATIZATION--UN SUPPORT

RETURNEE

See:
- REFUGEES

REVERSE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES

See:
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.58 Draft resolution on the right to development / South Africa (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries) and China.
A/C.3/53/L.58/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the right to development / South Africa (on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries) and China.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution XVI in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.58/Rev.1) was adopted (125-1-42): resolution 53/155.
RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110B) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/155 Right to development. Reaffirms the importance of the right to development for every human person and for all peoples in all countries, in particular the developing countries; recognizes that the Declaration on the Right to Development constitutes an integral link between the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action; reiterates the importance of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action which reaffirms the right to development; reaffirms that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing; also reaffirms that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms would be strengthened by enhanced international cooperation; urges all States to eliminate all obstacles to development at all levels; invites the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to give due regard to the impact of the problem of the external debt burden of developing countries; expresses deep concern about the overall decline in official development assistance flows; affirms the need to apply a gender perspective in the implementation of the right to development; expresses concern about the adverse impact of the current financial crisis on the realization of the right to development; affirms that international cooperation is acknowledged more than ever as a necessity deriving from recognized mutual interests; welcomes the Intention of the Secretary-General to give high priority to the right to development (adopted 125-1-42, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).


General documents


A/53/658 (S/1998/1056) Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Ayıg Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community referring to the statements made by Cyprus in the 3rd Committee.


RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION

See:

SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES

RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (AGENDA ITEM 106)

See also:

HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION

Reports

RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (AGENDA ITEM 106) (cont.)

A/53/936 Letter. 3 May 1999, from Yugoslavia transmitting letter of 27 Apr. from the President of the Yugoslav Commission for Cooperation with UNICEF and the Promotion of the Status of Women to the Executive Director of the UNICEF; states that NATO military activity has seriously affected the implementation of the Yugoslav plans of action for children and women and demands that UNICEF take an urgent action to protect the 3 million children in Yugoslavia.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.14 Revised draft resolution on the rights of the child / Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iraq, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

A/C.3/53/L.15 Draft resolution on the girls / Afghanistan, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federal States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe.


Additional sponsors: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Central African Republic, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, and Herzegovina, Nepal, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and United States (A/53/621).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (on the 3rd Committee)


Additional sponsors: Azerbaijan, Benin, Botswana, Bhutan, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Georgia, Guinea, India, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Nepal, Poland, Senegal, Sierra Leone, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania (A/53/621).
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (AGENDA ITEM 106) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/127 The girl child.
Stresses the need for full and urgent implementation of the rights of the girl child as guaranteed to her under all human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, as well as the need for universal ratification of those instruments; urges all States to take all necessary measures and to institute legal reforms to ensure the full and equal enjoyment by the girl child of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, to take effective action against violations of those rights and freedoms and to base programmes and policies for the girl child on the Rights of the Child; urges all States to enact and enforce legislation protecting girls from all forms of violence and to develop age-appropriate safe and confidential programmes and medical, social and psychological support services to assist girls who are subjected to violence; also urges States to eliminate all barriers so as to enable girls, without exception, to develop their full potential and skills through equal access to education and training; urges States, educational institutions and the UN system to provide gender-sensitive training for school administrators, parents and all members of the school community; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all organizations and bodies of the UN system individually and collectively take into account the rights and the particular needs of the girl child, and eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against the girl child (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/128 The rights of the child. Urges all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify or accede to the Convention on the Rights of the Child as a matter of priority; expresses its concern at the great number of reservations to the Convention, and urges States parties to withdraw reservations incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention; calls upon all States to take all necessary measures to ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by children with disabilities; calls upon all States parties to the Convention to fulfill their obligation under article 34 of the Convention, and to support efforts in the context of the UN system aimed at adopting effective national, bilateral and multilateral measures for the prevention and eradication of the sale of children and of their sexual exploitation and abuse; expresses grave concern at the numerous damaging effects of armed conflicts on children, and emphasizes the need for the world community to focus increased attention on this serious problem with a view to bringing it to an end; urges Governments to pay particular attention to the situation of refugee and internally displaced children by continuing to design and improve the implementation of policies and programmes for their care and well-being with the necessary international cooperation; calls upon all States to translate into concrete action their commitment to the effective elimination of all forms of exploitative child labour, and urges them to eliminate the worst forms of child labour (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

RIO DECLARATION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, AGENDA 21 (1992)

See:

- ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

RULE OF LAW--HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports

A/53/309 Report on the strengthening of the rule of law /
Secretary-General.
RESOLUTIONS

A/RES/53/142 Strengthening of the rule of law.
Expresses its deep concern at the scarcity of means at the disposal of the Office of the High Commissioner for the fulfilment of its tasks; notes that the UN Programme of Advisory Services and Technical Assistance in the field of Human Rights does not have sufficient funds to provide any substantial financial assistance to national projects that have a direct impact on the realization of human rights and the maintenance of the rule of law in countries that are committed to those ends but are facing economic hardship; encourages the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue the dialogue between her Office and other organs and agencies of the UN system; also encourages the High Commissioner to continue to explore the possibility of further contact with and support of financial institutions; requests the High Commissioner to continue to accord high priority to the technical cooperation activities undertaken by her Office with regard to the rule of law (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

RULES OF PROCEDURE--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

See:

UN--CHARTER

RURAL WOMEN

See:

WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

RUSHDIE, SALMAN

See:

HUMAN RIGHTS--IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF)

RWANDA

See:

HUMAN RIGHTS--RWANDA
INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL--RWANDA
UN ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA--FINANCING

SAFETY OF HUMANITARIAN PERSONNEL

See:

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
SAINT HELENA QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
A/53/23 (Part VI) (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 23) Report, 1998. Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24.


A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in plenary.

At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

Resolutions

Notes that the administering Power has taken note of various statements made by members of the Legislative Council of St. Helena about the Constitution and is prepared to discuss them further with the people of St. Helena, and also notes that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association recently sent a delegation to study the Constitution and its application with the Legislative Council; requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; requests the administering Power and relevant regional and international organizations to continue to support the efforts of the territorial Government to address the socio-economic development of the Territory (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

SANCTIONS--INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports
A/53/293 Report on human rights and unilateral coercive measures / Secretary-General.

Issued: 2 Nov. 1998. - Transmits replies received from Governments.

Issued: 11 Sept. 1998. - Transmits replies received from Governments.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee).
A/53/625/Add.2 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 85th meeting, draft resolution II in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.33) was adopted (110-45-10): resolution 53/141.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/141 Human rights and unilateral coercive measures.

Urges all States to refrain from adopting or implementing any unilateral measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter of the UN, in particular those of a coercive nature with all their extraterritorial effects; rejects unilateral coercive measures with all their extraterritorial effects as tools for political or economic pressure against any country; calls upon Member States that have initiated such measures to commit themselves to their obligations and responsibilities arising from the international human rights instruments to which they are party by revoking such measures at the earliest time possible; reaffirms the right of all peoples to self-determination, by virtue of which they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development; urges the Commission on Human Rights to take fully into account the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures; requests the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to give urgent consideration to the present resolution in her annual report to the General Assembly (adopted 110-45-10, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS--UN MEMBERS

See:
UN--BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--DISARMAMENT (AGENDA ITEM 66)

Reports
A/53/202 Report on the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament / Secretary-General.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- DISARMAMENT (AGENDA ITEM 66) (cont.)

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.15 Draft resolution on the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament / Bangladesh, Bhutan, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Viet Nam.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/576 (originally A/C.1/53/L.15) was adopted (99-45-23): resolution 53/73.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/73 Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament. Affirms that scientific and technological progress should be used for the benefit of all mankind to promote the sustainable economic and social development of all States and to safeguard international security, and that international cooperation in the use of science and technology through the transfer and exchange of technological know-how for peaceful purposes should be promoted; urges Member States to undertake multilateral negotiations with the participation of all interested States in order to establish universally acceptable, non-discriminatory guidelines for international transfers of dual-use goods and technologies and high technology with military applications; requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of the Member States on that report and to make recommendations on the possible approaches to multilaterally negotiated, universally acceptable, non-discriminatory guidelines for international transfers of dual-use goods and technologies and high technologies with military applications, in a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly no later than at its 54th session (adopted 99-45-23, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY -- INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 63)

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.17 Draft resolution on developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security / Russian Federation.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/576 (originally A/C.1/53/L.17/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/70.
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--INTERNATIONAL SECURITY (AGENDA ITEM 63) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/70 Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security. Calls upon Member States to promote at multilateral levels the consideration of existing and potential threats in the field of information security; invites all Member States to inform the Secretary-General of their views and assessments on the following questions: (a) general appreciation of the issues of information security; (b) definition of basic notions related to information security, including unauthorized interference with or misuse of information and telecommunications systems and information resources; (c) advisability of developing international principles that would enhance the security of global information and telecommunications systems and help to combat information terrorism and criminality (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

SEABED--ARMS RACE
See:
ARMS RACE--SEABED

SECRETARIAT--WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT
See:
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

SECTORAL POLICY (AGENDA ITEM 92)

General documents
A/53/69 Letter, 11 Feb. 1998, from Bangladesh transmitting letter addressed to the Secretary-General jointly by Bangladesh, India and Pakistan along with the Joint Declaration on the Bangladesh-India-Pakistan Business Summit, held in Dhaka, 15 Jan. 1998.
Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)

SECURITY ASSURANCES--NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES

See:
NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES--SECURITY

SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES (AGENDA ITEM 109)

See also:
DECOLONIZATION NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--REPORTS
UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--REPORTS (1998)

Reports
A/53/280 Report on the right of peoples to self-determination / Secretary-General.
Issued: 19 Aug. 1998. - Transmits replies received from Jordan and Portugal pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/113.
A/53/338 Note transmitting report on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, prepared by Enrique Bernales Ballesteros (Peru), Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the use of mercenaries / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/53/448 (S/1998/907) Letter, 29 Sept. 1998, from Pakistan concerning the incident of 27 Sept. in which personnel and vehicles of the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) were fired upon allegedly by the Indian troops; states that India's intention is to further marginalize the role of UNMOGIP.
SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES (AGENDA ITEM 109) (cont.)


A/53/938 (S/1999/512) Letter, 4 May 1999, from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People reporting that the Committee took note of the series of meetings held in Gaza, 27-29 Apr. 1999, within the framework of the extraordinary session of the Palestinian Central Council, and of the final statement adopted at the conclusion of the session; calls on Israel to respond to the Palestinian Central Council’s decisions, and return to the negotiating table without any pre-conditions.

Draft resolutions/decisions


A/C.3/53/L.26 Draft resolution on the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination / Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Portugal, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine. Additional sponsors: Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, Malta, Mozambique and Niger (A/53/624).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


Discussion in plenary

SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES (AGENDA ITEM 109) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/134 Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination.
Reaffirms that the universal realization of the right of all peoples, including those under colonial, foreign and alien domination, to self-determination is a fundamental condition for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights and for the preservation and promotion of such rights; declares its firm opposition to acts of foreign military intervention, aggression and occupation, since these have resulted in the suppression of the right of peoples to self-determination and other human rights in certain parts of the world; calls upon those States responsible to cease immediately their military intervention in and occupation of foreign countries and territories and all acts of repression, discrimination, exploitation and maltreatment, particularly the brutal and inhuman methods reportedly employed for the execution of those acts against the peoples concerned; deplores the plight of the millions of refugees and displaced persons who have been uprooted as a result of the aforementioned acts, and reaffirms their right to return to their homes voluntarily in safety and honour; requests the Commission on Human Rights to continue to give special attention to the violation of human rights, especially the right to self-determination, resulting from foreign military intervention, aggression or occupation (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/135 Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination.
Reaffirms that the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries are causes for grave concern to all States and violate the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of UN; urges all States to take the necessary steps to take the necessary legislative measures to ensure that their territories and other territories under their control are not used for the recruitment, assembly, financing, training and transit of mercenaries; calls upon all States that have not yet done so to consider taking the necessary action to sign or to ratify the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries; also welcomes the adoption by some States of national legislation that restricts the recruitment, assembly, financing, training and transit of mercenaries; invites States to investigate the possibility of mercenary involvement whenever criminal acts of a terrorist nature occur on their territories; urges all States to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur in the fulfillment of his mandate; requests the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to publicize the adverse effects of the activities of mercenaries on the right to self-determination; requests the Secretary-General to invite Governments to make proposals towards a clearer legal definition of mercenaries (adopted 115-18-35, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/136 The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination.
Reaffirms the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination, without excluding the option of a State; expresses the hope that the Palestinian people will soon be exercising their right to self-determination in the current peace process; urges all States and the specialized agencies and organizations of the UN system to continue to support and assist the Palestinian people in their quest for self-determination (adopted 162-2-6, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

SMALL ARMS (AGENDA ITEM 71M)

See: DISARMAMENT--GENERAL AND COMPLETE
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SMALL ARMS (AGENDA ITEM 71(M) (cont.))

Reports

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.3 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.13 Draft resolution on small arms / Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Croatia, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Senegal, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay. Additional sponsors: Malta (A/C.1/53/INF/2).
A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on small arms / Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Croatia, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Botswana, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Uruguay. Additional sponsors: Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Colombia, Liechtenstein, Thailand and Togo (A/C.1/53/584).

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution E in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.13/Rev.1) was adopted (169-0-1): resolution 53/77 E.
SMALL ARMS (AGENDA ITEM 71M) (cont.)

Resolutions
Decides to convene an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects no later than 2001; requests the Secretary-General at its 54th session, with a view to a decision by the Assembly at its 54th session on the objective, scope, agenda, dates, venue of and preparatory committee for an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects; also requests the Secretary-General, in preparing his report: (a) to seek the views of all Member States on the objective, scope, agenda, dates and venue of and preparatory work for an international conference on the illicit arms trade in all its aspects; (b) to take into account his report on small arms, as well as relevant recommendations to be made in his report prepared with the assistance of the Group of Governmental Experts on Small Arms, which will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 52/38 J; requests the Secretary-General to initiate a study as soon as possible, within available financial resources and with any other assistance provided by Member States on the feasibility of restricting the manufacture and trade of such weapons to the manufacturers and dealers authorized by States (adopted 169-0-1, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

SMALL ARMS--ILLICIT TRAFFIC (AGENDA ITEM 71F)

Reports
A/53/207 Report on assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.
A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.3 Information note: additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.7 Draft resolution on assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them / Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Japan, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo.
Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, Fiji and Nigeria (A/C.1/53/INF/2).
A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them / Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Japan, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.
Additional sponsors: Cape Verde (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.1); Mozambique (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.2); Belgium (A/C.1/53/INF/2/Add.3).
A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.2 Revised draft resolution on assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them / Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Japan, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
A/53/584 Report / 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/PV.22 (3 Nov. 1998).

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution B in A/53/584 (originally A/C.1/53/L.7/Rev.2) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/77 B.
SMALL ARMS--ILICIT TRAFFIC (AGENDA ITEM 71F) (cont.)

Resolutions

A/RES/53/77[B] Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them.

Welcomes the initiative taken by Mali concerning the question of the illicit circulation of small arms and their collection in the affected States of the Saharo-Saharan subregion; also welcomes the Declaration of a Moratorium on the Importation, Exportation and Manufacture of Small Arms and Light Weapons in West Africa, adopted by the heads of State and Government of the Economic Community of West African States at Abuja on 31 Oct. 1998, and urges the international community to give its support to the implementation of the moratorium; encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts, in the context of the implementation of resolution 49/75 G and of the recommendations of the UN advisory mission, to curb the illicit circulation of small arms and to collect such arms in the affected States that so request, with the support of the UN Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa and in close cooperation with OAU; encourages the setting up in the countries of the Saharo-Saharan subregion of national commissions against the proliferation of small arms, and invites the international community to support as far as possible the smooth functioning of the national commissions where they have been set up (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

See:

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES--CONFERENCES (1994 : BRIDGETOWN)--FOLLOW-UP

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 100)

See also:

AGEING PERSONS
POVERTY--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1997-2006)
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1995 : COPENHAGEN)--FOLLOW-UP

Reports


General documents


SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (AGENDA ITEM 100) (cont.)

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1995 : COPENHAGEN)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 37)

Reports

General documents
A/53/210 Note on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the outcomes of the Summit and further initiatives in the year 2000 / Secretary-General.
A/53/447 Letter, 30 Sept. 1998, from Kazakhstan transmitting message from the President to the people of Kazakhstan, entitled "Democratization of society and economic and political reform in the new century".
A/53/1015 Letter, 7 July 1999, from Chile in its capacity as Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, addressed to the President of the Assembly; requests the General Assembly at its 53rd session to authorize the holding of a short resumed session in order to enable it to formalize the consensus agreements that have been reached and to finish its work on time.
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1995 : COPENHAGEN)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 37) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.34 Draft resolution on Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development / Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.


Additional sponsors: Australia, Bahamas, India, Malta, Micronesia (Federal States of), New Zealand, Niger, Thailand and Turkmenistan.

Discussion in plenary


At the 32nd meeting, the General Assembly adopted draft decision in paragraph 87 in A/53/45 entitled "Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives", adopted without vote: decision 53/405.

A/53/PV.62 (19 Nov. 1998). At the 62nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.34 was adopted by consensus: resolution 53/18.

A/53/PV.104 (12 July 1999). At the 04th meeting, the Assembly decided to authorize the Preparatory Committee of the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives to hold a resumed half-day session during the week beginning July 12 1999: decision 53/484.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/28 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development. Stresses that social development and the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Summit are primarily the responsibility of Governments and that strengthened and coordinated international cooperation and assistance are essential for their full implementation; reaffirms that the mobilization of domestic and international resources for development from all sources is an essential component for the comprehensive and effective implementation of the outcome of the Summit; urges the continued involvement and support by the regional commissions in the promotion of the implementation of the objectives of the Summit at the regional and subregional levels; recalls its decision 50/16, in which it decided to hold a special session in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit and to consider further actions and initiatives; also recalls its resolution 52/25, in which it decided to establish a Preparatory Committee open to the participation of all States Members of the UN and members of the specialized agencies with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly; decides that the Preparatory Committee should establish an in-session open-ended working group during the 2nd week of its 1st substantive session to facilitate consultations on organizational matters related to the special session; decides that the special session will be held at Geneva from 26-30 June 2000 (adopted without vote, 62nd meeting, 19 Nov. 1998).
SOLAR ENERGY--PROGRAMMES OF ACTION
(1996-2005) (AGENDA ITEM 158)

General documents

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.8 Draft resolution on the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 / China, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mongolia, Namibia, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Discussion in plenary
At the 39th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.8 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/7.

Resolutions
Endorses the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 as a contribution to the overall sustainable development agenda; invites the Secretary-General of the UN, in consultation with Unesco and in close cooperation with UNEP and other relevant organizations: (a) to undertake concrete action in order to ensure that the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 is fully integrated into and brought into the mainstream of the efforts of the UN system to attain the objective of sustainable development; (b) to bring the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 to the attention of relevant funding and technical assistance sources and to encourage them to consider contributing to its effective implementation; (c) to continue to sensitize and generate a greater degree of awareness in all Member States and international, regional and national institutions, both public and private, to the strategic importance of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 for ensuring sustainable development; (d) to submit to the General Assembly at its 54th session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a report entitled "World Solar Programme 1996-2005" concerning measures taken by the different entities of the UN system in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution (adopted without vote, 39th meeting, 16 Oct. 1998).

SOMALIA--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

See:
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--SOMALIA

SOUTH ASIA--NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

See:
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTH ASIA

SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGION--ZONES OF PEACE

See:
ZONES OF PEACE--SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGION

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE--NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES

See:
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

SOUTHERN LEBANON--HUMAN RIGHTS

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STABILIZATION FORCE

See:

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION

STAFF RULES--UN

See:

UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

STATE IMMUNITIES (AGENDA ITEM 148)

Reports
Issued: 24 Aug. 1998. - Supplements the replies received from States, which are reproduced in A/52/294.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/629 (originally A/C.6/53/L.19/Rev.1 ) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/98.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/98 Convention on jurisdicitional immunities of States and their property.
Decides to establish at its 54th session an open-ended working group of the 6th Committee, open also to participation by States members of the specialized agencies, to consider outstanding substantive issues related to the draft articles on jurisdicitional immunities of States and their property adopted by the International Law Commission, taking into account the recent developments of State practice and legislation and any other factors related to this issue since the adoption of the draft articles, as well as the comments submitted by States in accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 49/61 and paragraph 2 of resolution 52/151, and to consider whether there are any issues identified by the working group upon which it would be useful to seek further comments and recommendations of the Commission; invites the International Law Commission to present any preliminary comments it may have regarding outstanding substantive issues related to the draft articles by 31 Aug. 1999, in the light of the results of the informal consultations held pursuant to General Assembly decision 48/413 of 9 Dec. 1993 and taking into account the recent developments of State practice and other factors related to this issue since the adoption of the draft articles, in order to facilitate the task of the working group (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

STRADDLING FISH STOCKS

See:

DRIFT-NET FISHING
LAW OF THE SEA

STRENGTHENING OF UN SYSTEM

See:

UN SYSTEM--STRENGTHENING

SUDAN

See:

ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--SUDAN
HUMAN RIGHTS--SUDAN
SUMMARY EXECUTIONS (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

General documents
A/53/75 Letter, 24 Feb. 1998, from the United Kingdom transmitting statement issued by the Presidency of the European Union; welcomes the adoption by the parliament of Azerbaijan, on 10 Feb. 1998, of a law abolishing the death penalty in the country, and reaffirms support for the Council of Europe’s position regarding the abolition of the death penalty worldwide.

A/53/337 Note on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.3/53/L.41 Draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions / Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and United Kingdom. Additional sponsors: Cape Verde, Malta and Uganda (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/625/Add.2 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 85th meeting, draft resolution VIII in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.41) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/147.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/147 Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.
Strongly condemns once again all the extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions that continue to take place throughout the world; demands that all Governments ensure that the practice of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions be brought to an end; reiterates the obligation of all Governments to conduct exhaustive and impartial investigations into all suspected cases of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, to identify and bring to justice those responsible; reaffirms Economic and Social Council decision 1998/265 of 30 July 1998, in which the Council endorsed the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1998/68, to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for 3 years; notes the important role the Special Rapporteur has played towards the elimination of extrajudicial; notes that the Commission, in its resolution 1998/68, requested the Special Rapporteur, in carrying out her mandate: (a) to continue to examine situations of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; (b) to respond effectively to information that comes before her; (c) to enhance further her dialogue with Governments; (d) to continue to pay special attention to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions of children and women; (e) to pay special attention to extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions where the victims are individuals carrying out peaceful activities; (f) to apply a gender perspective in her work; strongly urges all Governments to respond to the communications transmitted to them by the Special Rapporteur (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

SUPPORT ACCOUNT FOR PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
See:
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES--CONFERENCES (1994 : BRIDGETOWN)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 94C)

Reports
A/53/358 Report on plans and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States implemented, under implementation or envisaged for the period of 1999-2003 by bilateral donors, UN organizations and regional and non-UN international organizations / Secretary-General. Issued: 11 Sept. 1998.


A/53/L.76 Draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States / Acting President, General Assembly.

A/C.2/53/L.15 Draft resolution on implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China). The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.46 (A/53/609/Add.3).


A/53/609 Report / 2nd Committee.
A/53/609/Add.3 Report / 2nd Committee.

A/53/PV.91 (15 Dec. 1998). At the 91st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/609/Add.3 (originally A/C.2/53/L.46) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/189 A.

A/53/PV.97 (7 Apr. 1999). At the 97th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.76 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/189 B.

A/RES/53/189A Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on plans and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States; also takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of a vulnerability index for small island developing States; welcomes the action taken by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat, in collaboration with UNDP, with respect to the donors conference to be held from 24-26 Feb. 1999 between representatives of small island developing States and prospective bilateral and multilateral donors; encourages all small island developing States and prospective bilateral and multilateral donors to participate in the donors conference; urges small island developing States to continue preparations for the special session of the Commission on Sustainable Development and the special session of the General Assembly in Sept. 1999 for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and prospective bilateral and multilateral donors; calls for the participation of associate members of regional economic commission in the special session; stresses the need for the effective participation of actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations (NGOs), in the special session; also stresses the importance of the full and effective participation of small island developing States in the special session and in the 7th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development as the preparatory body for the special session; reiterates the urgency of international community support of adaptation efforts by small developing States to cope with the threat of sea-level rise experienced as a consequence of climate change; welcomes the activities undertaken by the Global Facility, and invites UN to support further the objectives of the Programme of Action (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/189 Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. Decides to hold the special session on 27 and 28 Sept. 1999, for a full and comprehensive review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

A/53/296 Note transmitting report of the Director-General of Unesco on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/172 on communication for development programmes in the UN system / Secretary-General. Issued: 25 Aug. 1998.


A/53/69 Letter, 11 Feb. 1998, from Bangladesh transmitting letter addressed to the Secretary-General jointly by Bangladesh, India and Pakistan along with the Joint Declaration on the Bangladesh-India-Pakistan Business Summit, held in Dhaka, 15 Jan. 1998.


A/53/135 Note verbale, 2 June 1998, from Portugal referring to Its note verbale on East Timor (A/52/152); states that since the Government of Portugal continues to be de facto deprived of the exercise of its responsibilities for the administration of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of East Timor, it remains unable to provide the information concerning that territory required by Article 73 e of the Charters and offers its views on the human rights situation in the Territory citing different sources.

A/53/155 Letter, 23 June 1998, from Turkey and Ukraine transmitting the Ukrainian-Turkish joint communiqué, signed 21 May 1998, Kiev, by the Presidents of the 2 countries, during the official visit of President of Turkey to Ukraine.
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ECONOMIC COOPERATION (AGENDA ITEM 93) (cont.)

A/53/168 Note verbale, 1 July 1998, from Bulgaria transmitting the Yalta Summit Declaration, adopted on 5 June at the meeting of Heads of State or Government of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation countries.

A/53/204 Letter, 22 July 1998, from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan transmitting Joint Declaration signed by their respective Presidents on the development and further strengthening of cooperation between the 2 countries, 6 May 1998, Bishkek.


A/53/411 Letter, 17 Sept. 1998, from Georgia and Romania transmitting joint statement on ways to further expand the relationship between the 2 countries, on recent regional developments and global issues of mutual interest, signed by the Presidents of the 2 countries on the occasion of the official visit of President Constantinescu to Tbilisi, 1 July 1998.

A/53/412 Letter, 17 Sept. 1998, from Armenia and Romania transmitting joint declaration signed by their Presidents, at Yerevan, 3 July; concerns partnership and cooperation between the 2 countries.


A/53/664 Letter, 11 Nov. 1998, from Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, addressed to the Chairman of the 2nd Committee on the utilization of the Development Account; states that the Group has decided that the highest amount of resources appropriated under section 34 of the current programme budget should be used to fund new projects clearly related to development priorities, suggesting a set of criteria for the formulation of such projects.


A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.; concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.


A/C.2/53/6 Letter, 30 Oct. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the 2nd Committee transmitting letter from the Chairman of the 5th Committee requesting the Committee to resume deliberations on the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/374) on the utilization of the development dividend, and to communicate the outcome of its deliberations to the 5th Committee by Friday, 13 Nov. 1998.

A/C.2/53/9 Letter, 19 Nov. 1998, from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan transmitting the Ankara Declaration, signed in Ankara, 29 Oct. 1998 by the Presidents of their respective States; concerns issues of exploration and production of oil and natural gas resources in their countries as well as the transportation of these products to the world markets through multiple pipelines.

**Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)**


**Discussion in plenary**


At the 91st meeting, the Assembly took note of the report of the 2nd Committee (A/53/608): decision 53/440.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--ENVIRONMENT--CONFERENCES (1992: RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)**

See:

- ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCES (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

**TAJIKISTAN**

See:

- ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE--TAJIKISTAN
- UN MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTAN--FINANCING

**TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES--PLANS OF ACTION (AGENDA ITEM 99)**

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES--PLANS OF ACTION (AGENDA ITEM 99) (cont.)


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TECHNOLOGY--MILITARY APPLICATION

See:

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY--INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL--NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 97)

See also:

MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

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Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.22 Draft resolution on the permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources /Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Mauritania, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

Additional sponsors: Bahrain, Malta, Morocco, Oman and Tunisia (A/53/612).

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


Discussion in plenary

At the 91st meeting the draft resolution in A/53/612 (originally A/C.2/53/L.22) was adopted (144-2-12): resolution 53/196.
TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY ISRAEL—NATURAL RESOURCES (AGENDA ITEM 97) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/196 Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources. Takes note of the report transmitted by the Secretary-General; reaffirms the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and the population of the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources, including land and water; calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, not to exploit, to cause loss or depletion of or to endanger the natural resources in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan; recognizes the right of the Palestinian people to claim restitution as a result of any exploitation, loss or depletion of, or danger to, their natural resources, and expresses the hope that this issue will be dealt with in the framework of the final status negotiation between the Palestinian and Israeli sides; requests the Secretary-General to report to it at its 54th session on the implementation of the present resolution, and decides to include in the agenda of its 54th session the item entitled "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources" (adopted 144-2-12, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

TERRORISM (AGENDA ITEM 155)

Reports

General documents
A/53/71 Letter, 20 Feb. 1998, from Ukraine transmitting statement of the same date issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the terrorist act committed against the personnel of the UN Observer Mission in Georgia, 19 Feb. 1998; emphasizes the inadmissibility of resorting to force as a means of solving political differences and urges Member States of UN who have already signed the Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel to ratify it as soon as possible.
A/53/285 Letter, 24 Aug. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs referring to the bombing of targets in Afghanistan and the Sudan; states that, while the Government of Yugoslavia condemns all forms of terrorism, unilateral approaches and action, bypassing and ignoring UN are contrary to the fundamental principles of international relations.
TERRORISM (AGENDA ITEM 155) (cont.)

A/53/300 Letter, 29 Aug. 1998, from Yugoslavia transmitting statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in connection with the killing of 22 Serbs who were kidnapped in Klecka; demands that the Kosova Liberation Army be listed as a terrorist organization.


A/53/532 (S/1998/1010) Letter, 20 Oct. 1998, from Israel reporting that 2 grenades were hurled at a crowd in the central bus station in the city Beersheba on 19 Oct., and that 64 persons were injured.


A/53/560 (S/1998/1019) Letter, 30 Oct. 1998, from Israel, reporting that 1 person was killed and 12 injured when a car bomb was detonated at the Nezlarim junction, targeting a schoolbus of 40 children.


A/53/646 (S/1998/1044) Letter, 6 Nov. 1998, from Israel, reporting that 2 persons were killed and about 2 dozen injured when a car laden with explosives prematurely detonated as it was attempting to enter a crowded market in downtown Jerusalem.


A/53/828 (S/1999/150) Letter, 12 Feb. 1999, from Israel refuting charges made in letter of 11 Jan. from Lebanon; states that as a result of Lebanon's failure to fulfill its legal responsibilities, Israel is compelled to take defensive measures against terrorist attacks against Israel from Lebanese territory.

A/53/840 (S/1999/185) Letter, 22 Feb. 1999, from Israel referring to letter from Lebanon (A/53/834-S/1999/172), which reports that Israel has expanded the area it occupies in southern Lebanon to include the village of Arnoun; states that the village has long been the part of the security zone which Israel has been compelled to maintain in response to the continued attacks emanating from Lebanon.

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TERRORISM (AGENDA ITEM 155) (cont.)


A/53/878 (S/1999/333) Letter, 24 Mar. 1999, from Lebanon referring to letters from Israel (A/53/840-S/1999/185 and A/54/74-S/1999/300); alleges that Israel has been engaging in acts of state terrorism under cover of conducting pre-emptive strikes against terrorist attacks from Lebanon.

A/53/922 Letter, 16 Apr. 1999, from the Russian Federation and Tajikistan transmitting "Treaty between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tajikistan on Allied Cooperation for the 21st Century", signed by their respective Presidents, Moscow 16 Apr.: concerns their agreement on strengthening their cooperation with regard to collective security, economic integration, environmental technology, education, and guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens in their respective countries regardless of their ethnic origin.

A/53/970 Letter, 28 Apr. 1999, from Cuba transmitting editorial published in the newspaper Granma, entitled "Powerful accusation in Prosecutor's closing arguments"; concerns the case against Raúl Ernesto Cruz León accused of carrying out terrorist activities in Havana.


A/53/1044 (S/1999/771) Letter, 9 Aug. 1999, from Saudi Arabia referring to the agreement to observe on 14 July the Day of Lebanese Prisoners in Israeli Prisons; calls on the international community to secure the release of sick prisoners and those who have served their term and to send an international commission of inquiry to bring to trial Israeli officers who have allegedly perpetrated acts of torture.

A/53/1035 (S/1999/878) Letter, 12 Aug. 1999, from Israel refuting allegations by Lebanon that Israel has been holding the village of Ayta under siege (A/53/1031-S/1999/839); states that movements of residents of Ayta are not restricted within the security zone and outside and that food and medicines are regularly supplied to Ayta without interruption.


A/C.6/53/3 Letter, 23 Sept. 1998, from the Sudan referring to an article that appeared in the New York Times, 3 Sept. 1998, which quotes the United States' Secretary of Defense as saying that, at the time of the missile attack against the Al-Shifa factory, the United States was unaware that the facility produced medicines.

A/C.6/53/4 Letter, 24 Sept. 1998, from the Sudan transmitting article published in the New York Times, 23 Sept. 1998, in which it is stated that the United States Central Intelligence Agency has concluded that reports that appeared to document a link between the Sudanese Government and terrorist activities were unreliable.

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TERRORISM (AGENDA ITEM 155) (cont.)

A/C.6/53/5 Letter, 21 Sept. 1998, from the Sudan transmitting text of an interview by the World Socialist Web Site with Tom Carnaffin, the British Technical Manager at the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical factory in the Sudan, which confirms that the factory produced basic medicines for human consumption and for veterinary use.


A/C.6/53/9 Letter, 3 Nov. 1998, from France transmitting draft convention on the suppression of terrorist financing that may serve as a basis for discussions within the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on measures to eliminate international terrorism / Coordinating Delegation, 6th Committee.

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/636 (originally A/C.6/53/L.20/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/108.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/108 Measures to eliminate international terrorism.
Strongly condemns all acts, methods and practices of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, wherever and by whomsoever committed; reiterates that criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons or particular persons for political purposes are in any circumstances unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other nature that may be invoked to justify them; also reiterates its call upon all States to intensify the exchange of information on facts related to terrorism and to avoid the dissemination of inaccurate or unverified information; reiterates its call upon States to refrain from financing, encouraging, providing training for or otherwise supporting terrorist activities; decides to address at its 54th session the question of convening a high-level conference in 2000 under the auspices of the UN to formulate a joint organized response of the International community to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; decides that the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 Dec. 1996 shall continue to elaborate a draft international convention for the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism with a view to completing the instrument, shall elaborate a draft international convention for the suppression of terrorist financing to supplement related existing international instruments, and subsequently shall address means of further developing a comprehensive legal framework of conventions dealing with international terrorism, including considering, the elaboration of a comprehensive convention on international terrorism (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

THIRD DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (1998-2002)

See:
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

TOKELAU QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports
TOKELAU QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18) (cont.)

A/AC.109/2116 Working paper on Tokelau / Secretariat.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)

A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).


Discussion in plenary


At the 78th meeting, draft resolution III in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/66.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/66 Question of Tokelau.

Commends Tokelau’s ongoing work in charting a distinctive constitutional course, reflecting its unique traditions and environment; also commends Tokelau for current initiatives and endeavours, based on wide consultation with its people, to construct a true “house of Tokelau”, acknowledging the role of the village as the foundation of Tokelau, as well as the need to continue the process of strengthening the basis of national self-government; notes the desire of Tokelau, in consultation with the Government of New Zealand, to take over responsibility for the Tokelau public service and the willingness of the Government of New Zealand to make the necessary legislative changes, reflecting its already well-advanced policy of devolving that part of government which deals with the interests of all of Tokelau; acknowledges Tokelau’s need for reassurance, given that local resources cannot adequately cover the material side of self-determination, and the ongoing responsibility of Tokelau’s external partners to assist Tokelau in balancing its desire to self-reliant to the greatest extent possible with its need for external assistance; invites the administering Power and UN agencies to continue their assistance to the social and economic development of Tokelau (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

TOLERANCE—INTERNATIONAL YEARS (1995) (AGENDA ITEM 110B)

Reports

A/53/284 Note transmitting report of the Director-General of Unesco on the implementation of the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance / Secretary-General.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.48 Draft resolution on follow-up to the UN Year for Tolerance / Albania, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Ecuador, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uruguay.

Additional sponsors: El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Panama and Russian Federation (A/53/625/Add.2).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

A/53/625/Add.2 Report / 3rd Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, draft resolution XII in A/53/625/Add.2 (originally A/C.3/53/L.48) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/151.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/151 Follow-up to the UN Year for Tolerance.

Welcomes the role played by Unesco in the implementation of the Follow-up Plan of Action for the UN Year for Tolerance; invites Unesco to consider extending the material and moral support necessary for the functioning and enlargement of the existing regional networks of tolerance, non-violence and solidarity in the Mediterranean and Black Sea Basin, Asia and the Pacific, Africa and Latin America and also invites Unesco to consider the possibility of creating institutional networks of tolerance, non-violence and solidarity in other regions and subregions; requests Unesco to continue to be the lead UN agency in the promotion of tolerance and non-violence; also requests Unesco to include in its report on a culture of peace, to be submitted to the Millennium Assembly, information on the progress made in the implementation of the Follow-up Plan of Action for the UN Year for Tolerance (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110A)

Reports


TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL TREATMENT (AGENDA ITEM 110A) (cont.)


General documents


A/C.3/53/L.23 Draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment / Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela.

Additional sponsors: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and France (A/53/625/Add.1).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

A/53/625/Add.1 Report / 3rd Committee.


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in Plenary


At the 85th meeting, draft resolution III in A/53/625/Add.1 (originally A/C.3/53/L.23) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/139.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/139 Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Notes with appreciation that 106 States have become parties to the Convention; urges all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority; invites all States ratifying or acceding to the Convention and those States that are parties to the Convention and that have not yet done so to consider joining the States parties that have already made the declarations provided for in articles 21 and 22 of the Convention and to consider the possibility of withdrawing their reservations to article 20; urges States parties to notify the Secretary-General of their acceptance of the amendments to articles 17 and 18 of the Convention as soon as possible; urges States parties to comply strictly with their obligations under the Convention; urges States parties to take fully into account the conclusions and recommendations made by the Committee after its consideration of their reports; takes note of the efforts made by the inter-sessional open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights on the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; calls upon all Governments to cooperate with and to assist the Special Rapporteur in the performance of his task, in particular by supplying all necessary information requested by him, to react appropriately and expeditiously to his urgent appeals and to give serious consideration to his requests to visit their countries and to the follow-up to his recommendations (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

TOXIN WEAPONS

See:

BIological WEAPONS--TREATIES (1975)

TRADITIONAL PRACTICES--HEALTH

See:

WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

TRAFFIC IN ARMS

See:

CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL--REGIONAL PROGRAMMES
TRAFFIC IN DRUGS

See: NARCOTIC DRUGS

TRAFFIC IN GIRLS

See: WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

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TRAINING AND RESEARCH (AGENDA ITEM 96)

General documents


Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/611 Report / 2nd Committee.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES--NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES

See: NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES--FELLOWSHIPS

TRANSACTIONAL CRIME

See: CRIME PREVENTION

TRAVEL CONTROLS--UN ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL

See: UN--HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS

TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (TREATY OF TATELOLOCO)

See: NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES--LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM--UN

See: UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

Reports

Ch. 10, American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands / Special Committee of 24.


A/AC.109/2107 Working paper on Turks and Caicos Islands / Secretariat.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).


Discussion in plenary

At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in A/53/594 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

Resolutions

Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; invites the administering Power to take fully into account the wishes and interests of the Government and the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands in the governance of the Territory; calls upon the administering Power and the relevant regional and international organizations to continue to provide assistance for the improvement of the economic, social, educational and other conditions of the population of the Territory; calls upon the administering Power and the territorial Government to continue to cooperate to counter problems related to money laundering, smuggling of funds and other related crimes, as well as drug trafficking (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

UN--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111A)

See also:
UN--ADMINISTRATION
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)
UN--FINANCING

Reports
A/52/811 Note transmitting report of the Board of Auditors on the management review of the secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission / Secretary-General.

A/52/879  Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN peacekeeping operations for the period ended 30 June 1997 / Secretary-General.  
Issued: 30 Apr. 1998.


Issued: 1999.


Corrects text.

A/53/335  Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors / Secretary-General.  
Issued: 1 Sept. 1998.

A/53/335/Add.1  Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes : addendum / Secretary-General.  

A/53/513  Report on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.  

A/53/932  Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN peacekeeping operations for the period ending 30 June 1998 / Secretary-General.  
Issued: 29 Apr. 1999.

A/53/940  Report on the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.  
Issued: 26 May 1999.

A/53/217  Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.16  Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/738  Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/738/Add.1  Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.
At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/738/Add.1 was adopted without vote: decision 53/473.
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UN--ADMINISTRATION (AGENDA ITEM 112)

See also:
UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)
UN--BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS
UN--FINANCING
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM
UN--PROGRAMME PLANNING

Reports
A/51/933 Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, concerning the review of the programme and administrative practices of the Secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO / Secretary-General. Issued: 24 June 1997.
A/52/338/Add.1 Note transmitting comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The challenge of outsourcing for the United Nations system" (A/52/338) / Secretary-General. Issued: 4 June 1998.
A/52/339 Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, concerning the investigation into the alleged conflict of interest in the UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 Sept. 1997.
A/52/776 Note transmitting report of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services on the audits of the regional commissions / Secretary-General. Issued: 27 Jan. 1998.
A/52/821 Note transmitting report by the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, on the audit of the 2nd United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) / Secretary-General. Issued: 20 Mar. 1998.
A/52/887 Note transmitting report by the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services, on the review of the procurement of Lysol brand disinfectant by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees / Secretary-General. Issued: 8 May 1998.
A/52/1010 Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inquiry into allegations of insufficient use of expertise in procurement planning of aviation services in peacekeeping missions / Secretary-General. Issued: 5 Aug. 1998.
A/53/7 1st report : activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 16 Sept. 1998.
A/53/171 Note transmitting report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the UN System" (JIU/REP/98/2) / Secretary-General. Issued: 9 July 1998.


A/S3/811 Note on the allegations of theft of funds by a UN Conference on Trade and Development staff member / Secretary-General. Transmits report of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of theft of funds by a staff member of the UN Conference on Trade and Development.


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A/52/339/Add.1 Note transmitting comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the alleged conflict of interest in the UN Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) / Secretary-General.

A/52/575 Note transmitting comments of the Joint Inspection Unit on the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the review of the programme and administrative practices in the Secretariat of the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (A/51/933) / Secretary-General.

A/52/852 Note on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures / Secretary-General.

A/53/171/Add.1 Note transmitting comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "More coherence for enhanced oversight in the UN system" (A/53/171) / Secretary-General.

A/53/180 Note transmitting note of the Joint Inspection Unit dated 15 July 1998 with regard to its decision to revert to the previous January-December cycle for its programme of work and to adjust its annual report to the same cycle / Secretary-General.


A/53/837 Letter, 17 Feb. 1999, from Cuba referring to an article in "The Washington Times" of 29 Dec. 1998 regarding the negotiations on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001; refutes statements made by the Permanent Mission of the United States to UN and states that the pattern of payments of its Government reflects its determination to meet its financial obligations, and that it will continue to participate constructively in the negotiations on the budget.

A/53/1000 Letter, 9 June 1999, from the Secretary-General referring to attached letter of 7 June from the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia outlining the requirements for conducting investigations in Kosovo as soon as international forces are allowed to enter the area; informs the Security Council of his intention to approve the request of the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal to proceed with issuing invitations to all Member States to offer gratis personnel, and to accept experts for the specialized functions related to forensic investigations, for a period of 6 months, and in accordance with the regime for gratis personnel established by the General Assembly.

A/53/1001 Letter, 11 June 1999, from the Secretary-General requesting approval by the General Assembly of the request submitted by the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia concerning extension of the services of the individual brought in as gratis personnel until 31 Aug. 1999.

A/C.5/52/45 Note on administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO / Secretariat.

A/C.5/53/38 Note on administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO; transmits letter from the President of the Trade and Development Board and letter from the Chairman of the ITC Joint Advisory Group at its 31st session, both addressed to the Chairman of the 5th Committee / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/S.7 Draft decision on administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/S.8 Draft resolution on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.


A/C.5/53/S.31 Draft decision on pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/S.32 Draft resolution on proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001 (proposed following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/S.35 Draft resolution on results-based budgeting (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/S.44 Draft resolution on procurement-related arbitration (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/S.72 Draft resolution on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

UN--ADMINISTRATION (AGENDA ITEM 112) (cont.)


At the 93rd meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decisions in A/53/521/Add.1 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally A/C.5/53/L.35), adopted without vote: resolution 53/205; draft resolution II (originally A/C.5/53/L.33), adopted without vote: resolution 53/206; draft decision I entitled "Revolving credit fund", adopted without vote: decision 53/454; draft decision II entitled "Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO", adopted without vote: decision 53/411 B; draft decision III entitled "Guidelines for Internal Control Standards", adopted without vote: decision 53/465; draft decision IV entitled "Impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures", adopted without vote: decision 53/456; draft decision V entitled "Biennial programme of work of the Sixth Committee for 1999-2000", adopted without vote: decision 53/457; draft decision VI entitled "Items for consideration by the 5th Committee during the resumed 53rd session of the General Assembly", adopted without vote: decision 53/458.


At the 97th meeting, action on the draft resolution and draft decisions in A/53/521/Add.2 was as follows: draft resolution (originally A/C.5/53/L.44), adopted without vote: resolution 53/217: draft decision I entitled "Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization", adopted without vote: decision 53/466; draft decision II entitled "Procurement reform", adopted without vote: decision 53/467 A; the draft resolution in A/53/533/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.43), was adopted without vote: resolution 53/53/218.


At the 101st meeting, action on draft decisions and draft resolution was as follows: draft decision I in A/53/521/Add.3 entitled "Procurement reform", adopted without vote: decision 53/467 B; draft decision II in A/53/521/Add.3 (originally A/C.5/53/L.75), adopted without vote: decision 53/474; draft resolution in A/53/533/Add.2 (originally A/C.5/53/L.72), adopted without vote: resolution 53/225.


At the 102nd meeting, the Assembly decided to extend until the end of Aug. 1999 the services of the 1 remaining individual brought in as gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia: decision 53/483.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/11 Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities. Reaffirms that the circumstances in which the Secretary-General can accept gratis personnel should be strict compliance with paragraphs 4 (a) and (b) of General Assembly resolution 51/243; takes note of the commitment and assurances of the Secretary-General that the recruitment process for the replacement of type II gratis personnel, including those in the 2 international tribunals, will be completed by 28 Feb. 1999; requests the Secretary-General to improve further the planning and implementation mechanism in human resources management in a transparent manner and secure the independent and efficient work of the Secretariat; also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment for any new posts arising from the phase-out of gratis personnel is carried out on as wide a geographical basis as possible with due regard to gender (adopted without vote, 43rd meeting, 26 Oct. 1998).

A/RES/53/205 Results-based budgeting. Decides that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 should be prepared and submitted for its consideration in accordance with existing budgetary procedures and processes; requests the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive and analytical report on his proposal on results-based budgeting; emphasizes that Member States should continue to be fully involved, as at present, in the budgetary process, in accordance with existing UN regulations, rules and budgetary procedures; decides that detailed information on new and non-post requirements should continue to be provided to the Assembly and the Advisory Committee; requests the Joint Inspection Unit to undertake an analytical and comparative study of the experience of the bodies of the UN system that are implementing an approach similar to results-based budgeting and to submit its report no later than 31 Aug. 1999; recognizes the international, multilateral character of the Organization, and emphasizes that the international, multilateral character of the Organization, and emphasizes that the quantitative results expected should not be the sole basis for the justification of resource requirements; stresses the role of Member States in carrying out a thorough analysis of resource allocation to all sections of the programme budget, (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/206 Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001. Decides that the anticipated reduction of US$19.8 million related to compensating economies should not be included in the proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2000-2001; decides that the preliminary estimate of resources for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 should include a provision for special political mission, in the amount of $86.2 million at revised 1998-1999 rates, which should be reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, and that additional requirements shall continue to be treated in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/213; invites the Secretary-General to prepare his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 on the basis of a total preliminary estimate of $2,545 million at revised 1998-1999 rates; decides that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 shall contain provisions for recasting on the basis of the existing methodology; decides that the contingency fund shall be set at the level of 0.75 per cent of the preliminary estimate, namely at $19.1 million, and that this amount is in addition to the overall level of the preliminary estimate and is to be used in accordance with the procedures for the use and operation of the contingency fund (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/217 Procurement-related arbitration. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to it, for consideration at an early stage during its 54th session, a comprehensive report, taking into account the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the views expressed by Member States on the issue of arbitration, which should cover, inter alia: (a) the reasons for arbitration cases; (b) the roles and mandates of various Secretariat structures and negotiating teams in arbitration and settlement processes; (c) the sources of funding for arbitration awards and settlement payments; (d) the selection of outside legal counsels and provisions to preclude conflict of interest; (e) disciplinary action taken against staff members responsible for wrongdoing that resulted in arbitration; (f) pending arbitration cases; (g) measures taken or proposed to prevent or reduce contract disputes which might lead to arbitration in the future (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

A/RES/53/218 Gratis personnel provided by Governments. Notes that, with the exception of one type II gratis personnel, all type II gratis personnel were phased out by 28 Feb. 1999; decides to consider, under the item entitled "Human resources management", the question of the recruitment of 17 gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 as the recruitment was in contravention of General Assembly resolution 51/226; endorses the observation of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 6 of its report that, at the end of June 1999, confirmation should be given that, without exception, all type II gratis personnel have been phased out (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

A/RES/53/225 Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General to submit a detailed report to the General Assembly at its 54th session, through the Advisory Committee, on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization, taking into account the reports mentioned in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee, including procedures for determining gross negligence and the financial and other responsibilities to be incurred by those who have committed such negligence, and preventive measures to identify the risk factors that expose the Organization to management irregularities and measures to improve internal control and accountability (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).
A/53/PV.97 (7 Apr. 1999). At the 97th meeting, the draft decision in A/53/891 entitled “Review of the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B” was adopted without vote: decision 53/471 A.

A/53/PV.101 (8 June 1999). At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/891/Add.1, entitled “Review of the Implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B”, was adopted without vote: decision 53/471 B.


A/53/7/Add.6 7th report: conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 10 Nov. 1998.


A/53/7/Add.9 10th report: Relationship between the treatment of perennial activities in the programme budget and the use of the contingency fund / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 8 Dec. 1998.


A/53/643 Report on comprehensive study of the question of honorariums payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the UN / Secretary-General. Issued: 5 Nov. 1998.


A/53/947 Report on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 May 1999.


General documents


A/53/662 Note on Integrated Management Information System project / Secretary-General.


A/53/664 Letter, 11 Nov. 1998, from Indonesia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on the utilization of the Development Account; states that the Group has decided that the highest amount of resources appropriated under section 34 of the current programme budget should be used to fund new projects clearly related to development priorities, suggesting a set of criteria for the formulation of such projects.

A/53/837 Letter, 17 Feb. 1999, from Cuba referring to an article in "The Washington Times" of 29 Dec. 1998 regarding the negotiations on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001; refutes statements made by the Permanent Mission of the United States to UN and states that the pattern of payments of its Government reflects its determination to meet its financial obligations, and that it will continue to participate constructively in the negotiations on the budget.

A/C.2/53/6 Letter, 30 Oct. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the 2nd Committee transmitting letter from the Chairman of the 5th Committee requesting the Committee to resume deliberations on the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/374) on the utilization of the development dividend, and to communicate the outcome of its deliberations to the 5th Committee by Friday, 13 Nov. 1998.


A/C.5/53/26 Letter, 12 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Information concerning the request in General Assembly resolution 52/220 that a report on integration of the UN information centres with UNDP be submitted to the Assembly at the 53rd session; states that the consensus among the membership of the Committee on Information is that this issue should first be considered by the Committee before being considered by the General Assembly, accordingly, the report will be prepared for consideration by the Committee at its 21st session in 1999.

A/C.5/53/29 Letter, 27 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the 2nd Committee transmitting to the 5th Committee the summary records of the meetings at which the 2nd Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General (A/53/374) on the utilization of the Development account.
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A/C.5/53/31 Letter, 29 Oct. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly, transmitting letter from the Chairman of the 6th Committee addressed to the Chairman of the 5th Committee; states that as the ICJ's response to paragraph 4 of resolution 52/161 relate closely to agenda item 113, an item assigned to the 5th Committee, the 6th Committee had decided to transmit the document (A/53/326) to the 5th Committee for consideration.


A/C.5/53/47 UN Political Office in Bougainville: revised estimates under section 3, Peacekeeping operations and special missions; section 32, Staff assessment; and income section 1, income from staff assessment.

A/C.5/53/53 Note on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures / Secretary-General.


A/C.5/53/53 Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.3 Draft resolution on analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the 9th session of the UN Conference on Trade and Development, uncluding the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and proposals pursuant to General Assembly decision 52/462 of 31 March 1998 (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.17 Draft decision on financial arrangements associated with the dining room at the International Court of Justice (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.25 Draft resolution on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991, and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

The draft resolution was adopted as sect. VIII of resolution 53/214.

A/C.5/53/L.31 Draft decision on pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.


The draft resolution was adopted as sect. VII of resolution 53/214.
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A/C.5/53/L.34 Draft decision on development account (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


A/53/485/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.

A/53/485/Add.2 Report / 5th Committee.


A/C.5/53/L.76 Draft resolution on the question of East Timor (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.


A/C.5/53/SR.40 Draft resolution / 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/SR.41 Draft resolution / 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/SR.42 Draft resolution / 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/SR.43 Draft resolution / 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/SR.44 Draft resolution / 5th Committee.


A/53/485/Add.3 (26 May 1999).


A/53/485/Add.6 (26 May 1999).

At the 36th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/485 (originally A/C.5/53/L.6) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/3.


At the 97th meeting, action on the draft resolutions and draft decision in A/53/485/Add.2 was as follows: draft resolution I (originally A/C.5/53/L.41), adopted without vote: resolution 53/220; draft resolution II (originally A/C.5/53/L.42), adopted without vote: resolution 53/220 A; draft decision I entitled "UN Fund for International Partnership", adopted without vote: decision 53/474; draft decision II entitled "Modalities for operating the Development Account", adopted without vote: decision 53/476.
A/53/PV.103 (29 June 1999).

At the 103rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/485/Add.5 (originally A/C.5/53/L.76) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/240.


At the 105th meeting, draft decision in A/53/485/Add.6, entitled "Outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO" was adopted without vote: decision 53/485.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/3 Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the 9th session of the UN Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, and proposals pursuant to General Assembly decision 52/462 of 31 March 1998.

Endorses the proposals of the Secretary-General, contained in his report (A/53/7/Add.2) c: the understanding that the amount to be utilized by UNCTAD should not exceed US$5,526,600; agrees to the use of the amount of $1,088,000 for the expenses of experts attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the commissions of the Trade and Development Board in accordance with paragraph 114 of the document entitled "A Partnership for Growth and Development" on the understanding that: (a) it would only involve a one-time expenditure within the framework of the biennium 1998-1999, made possible because of extra resources that have been allocated as a result of underspending; (b) the financing of the expenses of the experts should not set a precedent regarding the financing from the regular budget of UNCTAD of expenses of experts attending, in their personal capacity, expert meetings convened by the commissions of the Board; (c) special consideration would be given to the needs of developing countries, in particular, the least developed countries; invites the Trade and Development Board to take a final decision, at its 45th session, on the question of the selection, nomination and appointment of experts to participate in the expert meetings of its commissions, so as to enable the secretariat of UNCTAD to carry out the activities foreseen without further delay; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its 54th session, comprehensive information on the savings, resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the 9th session of UNCTAD (adopted without vote, 36th meeting, 12 Oct. 1998).
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Approves a net decrease of US$48,200,900 in the appropriations approved for the biennium 1998-1999 and a net decrease of $4,552,500 in the estimates of income for the biennium 1998-1999, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections; reiterates that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings; decides that the vacancy rate for posts in the Professional and higher categories should not be more than 5 percent at the end of the biennium 1998-1999; requests the Board of Auditors to review the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in its updated special audit of the Integrated Management Information System; decides to approve an additional appropriation of $3.3 million; approves the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the emoluments, pensions and other conditions of service of the judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda; takes note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates", and notes that a balance of $15,307,800 would remain in the contingency fund; takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the recasting of outstanding statements of programme budget implications and revised estimates, and decides that the recasting and any related adjustments should be reflected in the revised appropriation for the biennium 1998-1999 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).


Resolves that, for the biennium 1998-1999, the estimates of income US$363,840,300 approved by it in its resolution 52/221 B of 22 Dec. 1997 shall be decreased by $1,150,700 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).


Resolves that for the year 1999: budget appropriations totalling US$1,260,537,900 and consisting of $1,266,165,600, being half of the appropriations initially approved for the biennium 1998-1999 in resolution 52/221 A of 22 Dec. 1997, less $5,627,700, being the reduction approved by the Assembly in resolution A above, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 5.1 and 5.2 of the Financial Regulations of the UN (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).


Requests the Secretary-General to take all corrective measures required to make the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) fully operational and avoid further delays and unnecessary cost increases in the implementation of the project; decides that the resources required to conclude the development of IMIS by Aug. 2000 shall not exceed US$77.6 million; reiterates the need for a comprehensive programme for IMIS training to be included as part of the ongoing training programme offered to staff at all duty stations concerned; requests the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of the recommendations 3 and 4 of its resolution 52/212 B in future progress reports on IMIS and clearly to establish roles, responsibilities and accountability of all offices and staff concerned in the implementation of the remaining releases and to report thereon in his next progress report; further requests the Secretary-General to maintain an effective monitoring system to ensure that implementation problems are addressed properly as they arise; decides to approve an additional appropriation of $3.2 million under section 270, Support services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).
A/RES/53/220A Development account.
Approves, from the 8 proposals made in the report of the Secretary-General, the following proposals: (a) promotion of electronic commerce (UNCTD); (b) capacity-building in economic and social analysis in Africa through the networking of expertise (ECA); (d) computer and telecommunication system for international and national drug control (UN International Drug Control Programme); (e) capacity-building and networking for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda in least developed countries (UN Centre for Human Settlements), on an ad hoc and one-time basis only, without setting a precedent and without prejudicing the outcome of its consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account; emphasizes that, in the implementation of those proposals, emphasis should be placed on the promotion of development activities, and that the implementation should demonstrate the benefits accruing in building national capacities, particularly in developing countries and also in countries with economies in transition; stresses that, in the implementation of the proposals, particular attention should be given to the utilization of technical, human and other resources available in the developing countries (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

Decides that the title of proposal H should be changed to "Activities for capacity-building in developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of Agenda 21, the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, and the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action; approves the following reformulated proposals contained in the report of the Secretary-General on an ad hoc and one-time basis only, without setting a precedent and without prejudicing the outcome of its consideration of the sustainability and establishment of the mechanism and modalities of the Development Account:
F. On-line network of regional institutions for capacity-building in public administration and finance (Department of Economic and Social Affairs); G. Research network for economic policy analysis (Department of Economic and Social Affairs); H. Activities for capacity-building in developing countries in pursuance of the objectives of Agenda 21, the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, and the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (Department of Economic and Social Affairs); decides that the anticipated duration of the approved projects contained in the report of the Secretary-General shall not be used as a precedent for setting time limits for the programmes of the regular budget; decides also to keep the implementation of the projects under review (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

Decides to appropriate an amount of US$2,531,100 for the Mission, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission; decides also that the amount to be assessed will be determined after the review of the report which the Secretary-General will submit to the General Assembly at its 54th session, taking into account voluntary contributions received; decides further that such assessments as will be necessary shall be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set (adopted without vote, 103rd meeting, 29 June 1999).
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A/53/345/Add.1 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from the Secretary-General reporting that Grenada has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
A/53/345/Add.2 Letter, 22 Sept. 1998, from the Secretary-General reporting that Togo has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
A/53/345/Add.3 Letter, 23 Sept. 1998, from the Secretary-General reporting that Burundi and the Republic of Moldova have made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
A/53/345/Add.4 Letter, 25 Sept. 1998, from the Secretary-General reporting that Vanuatu has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
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A/53/345/Add.6 Letter, 2 Oct. 1998, from the Secretary-General reporting that Equatorial Guinea has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
A/53/835 Letter, 18 Feb. 1999, from the Secretary-General transmitting list of Member States that are in arrears under the terms of Art. 19 of the Charter and the minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by them for 1997-1998.
A/53/835/Add.1 Letter, 19 Feb. 1999, from the Secretary-General reporting that the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
A/53/835/Add.2 Letter, 5 Mar. 1999, from the Secretary-General reporting that El Salvador and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya have made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
A/53/835/Add.3 Letter, 12 Apr. 1999, from the Secretary-General reporting that Honduras has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.
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A/53/900 Letter, 5 Apr. 1999, from Honduras reporting payment to the Secretariat and requesting the deletion of the country’s name from the decision to be submitted to the General Assembly by the 5th Committee, contained in document A/53/464/Add.4.
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A/53/1020 Letter, 9 July 1999, from the Secretary-General transmitting list of the countries which are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Organization for the preceding 2 full years (1997-1998), and the minimum payments required to retain their right to vote.

A/53/1020/Add.1 Letter, 29 July 1999, from the Secretary-General reporting that Cambodia has made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

A/53/1040 Letter, 19 Aug. 1999, from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly concerning 29 Member States which are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the UN, under the terms of Art. 19 of the Charter.

A/53/1040/Add.1 Letter, 1 Sept. 1999, from the Secretary-General informing the President of the General Assembly that Dominica and Togo have made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

A/53/1040/Add.2 Letter, 10 Sept. 1999, from the Secretary-General informing the President of the General Assembly that Mongolia has made the necessary payments to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


A/C.5/53/21 Letter, 6 Oct. 1999, from the President of the General Assembly transmitting letter dated 5 Sept. from Guinea-Bissau seeking to secure the vote during the 53rd session of the General Assembly, as an exception to the application of Art. 19 of the Charter; states that Guinea-Bissau is committed to meeting its financial obligations to the Organization as soon as the situation in the country is normalized.

A/C.5/53/22 Letter, 6 Oct. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly transmitting letter of 2 Oct. from Georgia; requests an exception to the application of Art. 19 of the UN Charter and assistance in securing the right to vote during the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/C.5/53/23 Letter, 9 Oct. 1999, from the Acting President of the General Assembly transmitting letter received from Bosnia and Herzegovina; requests exception to the application of Art. 19 of the UN Charter since the lack of funding necessary to pay its UN dues can be attributed to the conditions left by the recent war.

A/C.5/53/24 Letter, 14 Oct. 1999, from the Acting President of the General Assembly transmitting letter dated 12 Oct. from the Republic of the Congo, containing the Government's request for an exception to the application of Art. 19 of the UN Charter; states that the country is gradually recovering from a civil war that destroyed the production infrastructure, mainly the banking system, and ruined the economy.

A/C.5/53/28 Letter, 22 Oct. 1999, from the President of the General Assembly transmitting letter from Iraq requesting an exception from the application of Art. 19 of the UN Charter; states that, until there is a full or partial lifting of the sanctions imposed on the country, Iraq does not have the funds for the payment of its contributions to international organizations.


A/C.5/53/64 Letter, 1 July 1999, from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the 5th Committee; transmits letter of 28 June from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions in which he refers to the requests for exemptions under Art. 19 of the Charter from Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Tajikistan; includes an appendix containing sections of the Committee's report on its 59th session on the matter.

A/C.5/53/65 Letter, 12 July 1999, from the Acting President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the 5th Committee; transmits letter of 8 July from Georgia concerning the Government's lack of financial resources to cover its budgetary obligations to the UN; states that it will take the necessary steps to pay the year's contribution of $197,428 before Aug. 1999 and requests that the 5th Committee discuss the possibility of granting Georgia the right to vote in the General Assembly during its 54th session.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.4 Draft decision (proposed following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

At the 3rd meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/345/Add.1 that Grenada had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


At the 10th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/345/Add.2 that Togo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


At the 12th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/345/Add.3 that Burundi and the Republic of Moldova had made the necessary payment to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


At the 26th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/345/Add.4 that Vanuatu had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


At the 24th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information A/53/345/Add.5 indicating that Dominica had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


At the 26th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/345/Add.6 that Equatorial Guinea had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.


At the 32nd meeting, action on draft decisions was as follows: draft decision in A/53/464, adopted without vote: decision 53/406 A; draft decision in A/53/464/Add.1, adopted without vote: decision 53/406 B.


At the 72nd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/464/Add.2 (originally A/C.5/53/L.13) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/36 A.


At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/464/Add.3 (originally A/C.5/53/L.21) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/36 B-E.


At the 94th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/835 that 40 Member States are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the UN within the terms of Art. 19 of the Charter.
At the 97th meeting, the draft decision in A/53/464/Add.4 entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN" was adopted, as orally amended, without vote: decision 53/406 C.

A/53/PV.98 (23 Apr. 1999).
At the 98th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/835/Add.4 that Afghanistan and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

At the 99th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/835/Add.5 and A/53/835/Add.6 that Cape Verde and Ecuador had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

A/53/PV.100 (25 May 1999).
At the 100th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/835/Add.7 that Yemen had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

At the 101st meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/835/Add.8 that Haiti had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

At the 104th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information contained in a letter from the Secretary-General (A/53/1020) indicating that 31 Member States are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the UN within the terms of Art. 19 of the Charter and (A/53/1040/Add.1) that Dominica and Togo had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the specified amount; the Assembly also took note of the information contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/1046) concerning request of Georgia for exemption under Art. 19 of the Charter of the UN; it further agrees to consider this item directly in plenary meetings.

At the 107th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information in A/53/1040/Add.2 that Mongolia had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Art. 19 of the Charter.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/36[A] Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.
Reaffirms its role in accordance with the provisions of Art. 19 of the Charter of the UN and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; requests the Committee to hold a special session of one week's duration as early as possible in 1999 to consider representations from Member States with respect to the application of Art. 19 of the Charter and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed 53rd session pursuant to rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly; invites Member States to submit detailed information to the Committee in explanation of their requests as soon as possible so as to facilitate the work of the Committee (adopted without vote, 72nd meeting, 30 Nov. 1998).
A/RES/53/36[B] Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

Urges all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to avoid the financial difficulties being experienced by the UN; takes note of the decision of the Committee on Contributions to continue its consideration of the elements of the methodology for the scale of assessments for the regular budget of the Organization at its 59th session and to make a consolidated set of recommendations to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/36[C] Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

Requests the Committee, at its 59th session, to consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the possibilities for tightening the application of Art. 19 of the Charter; also requests the Committee to review the procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Art. 19 of the Charter; further requests the Committee to consider further and to make recommendations, encourage the timely, full and unconditional payment of assessed contributions (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/36[D] Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

Emphasizes the need to apply equal and non-discriminatory treatment when considering requests from Member States for exemption under Art. 19 of the Charter (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/36[E] Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

Endorses the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions on the assessment of non-member States, contained in paragraph 102 of its report; requests the Committee to consider further the view set out in paragraph 99 of its report, taking into account the actual participation of as well as the benefits enjoyed by non-member States in UN activities (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/36[F] Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

Decides that: (a) the failure of the Republic of Moldova to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Art. 19 of the Charter of the UN is attributable to conditions beyond its control and that, accordingly, it is permitted to vote until 31 Dec. 1999; (b) the failure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros and Tajikistan to pay the amount necessary to avoid the application of Art. 19 of the Charter is attributable to conditions beyond their control and that, accordingly, they are permitted to vote until 30 June 2000; decides to revert to the procedural aspects of the consideration of requests for exemption under Art. 19 of the Charter at the 54th session of the General Assembly (adopted without vote, 105th meeting, 28 July 1999).

A/RES/53/36[G] Scale of assessment for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

Requests the Committee on Contributions to consider the request of Georgia, under Art. 19 of the Charter, on the subject of the country’s arrears, as a matter of priority, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, and to transmit its views, also as a matter of priority, to the General Assembly, to the extent possible before the end of its 53rd session; decides to grant Georgia temporary exemption under Art. 19 of the Charter so that it may be permitted to vote until a final decision on the matter is taken by the General Assembly; decides also that the procedural arrangements in the present resolution will not set a precedent for the future (adopted without vote, 105th meeting, 28 July 1999).

A/RES/53/36B-E Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

The resolution is divided into separate parts: A/RES/53/36 B-E.

A/RES/53/36F-G Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the UN.

The resolution is divided into 2 parts: A/RES/53/36 F-G.

UN--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (1998-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 177)

Reports
A/52/7 (GAOR, 52nd sess., Suppl. no. 7) 1st report on the proposed programme budget 1998-1999 / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

### UN--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (1998-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 117) (cont.)

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Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/744 Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/744/Add.1 Report. Part II / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/744 (originally A/C.5/53/L.24) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/208.

At the 97th meeting, the draft decision entitled "Pattern of conference" in A/53/744/Add.1 was adopted without vote: decision 53/470.

At the 106th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/1043) informing about the decision of the Committee to authorize the Commission on Sustainable Development, acting as the preparatory body for the 22nd special sess. of the General Assembly, on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, to hold a 2-day resumed sess. on 9 and 10 Sept. 1999 in order to complete its work: decision 53/402.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/208 Pattern of conferences. Requests the Secretary-General to provide all the conference services required as a result of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its 53rd session; decides to include all necessary resources in the budget for the next biennium to provide interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States; stresses that the quality of interpretation in the 6 official languages should be improved in accordance with its resolution 52/214; reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the 6-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the 6 official languages of the General Assembly; requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to introduce new technologies such as machine-assisted translation and common terminology databases while ensuring that there are no adverse effects on the quality of documentation and translation and recommends that computer-assisted translation systems should be compatible with the existing computer platforms used in UN; endorses the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that a way be found to apply income generated through optical disk system subscription directly to help to meet the cost of maintaining and/or expanding the optical disk system, and to establish a mechanism to monitor satisfaction with the optical disk system; endorses the view expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 10 of its report that the report of the Secretary-General does not provide sufficient information at this stage to allow the General Assembly to endorse the full-fledged development of a cost-accounting system; encourages all users of UN conference facilities, in order to avoid involuntary exposure to passive smoking, to refrain from smoking, in particular in conference rooms (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UN--CHARTER (AGENDA ITEM 154)

See also:
UN SYSTEM--STRENGTHENING
UN--CHARTER (AGENDA ITEM 154) (cont.)

Reports


A/53/312 Report on implementation of provisions of the Charter related to assistance to third states affected by the application of sanctions / Secretary-General.

A/53/326 Report on consequences that the increase in the volume of cases before the ICJ has on the operation of the Court / Secretary-General.

A/53/326/Add.1 Report on consequences that the increase in the volume of cases before the ICJ has on the operation of the Court: addendum / Secretary-General.

A/53/326/Corr.1 Report on consequences that the increase in the volume of cases before the ICJ has on the operation of the Court: corrigendum / Secretary-General.
Corrects text.

A/53/386 Report on the Repertory of Practice of the UN Organs and Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council / Secretary-General.

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions


A/C.6/53/L.3 Draft resolution on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the UN related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions / Belarus, Bulgaria, Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine.

A/C.6/53/L.3/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the UN related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions / Coordinating Delegation, 6th Committee.


Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

A/53/635 Report / 6th Committee.


Discussion in plenary


UN--CHARTER (AGENDA ITEM 154) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/106 Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the UN and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization. Takes note of the report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the UN and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization; decides that the Special Committee will hold its next session from 12-23 Apr. 1999; requests the Special Committee, at its session in 1999: (a) to continue its consideration of all proposals concerning the question of the maintenance of international peace and security in all its aspects in order to strengthen the role of UN; (b) to continue to consider on a priority basis the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the UN related to assistance to 3rd States affected by the application of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter; (c) to continue its work on the question of the peaceful settlement of disputes between States; (d) to continue to consider proposals concerning the Trusteeship Council in the light of the report of the Secretary-General; (e) to continue to consider, taking into account the comments presented by the International Court of Justice and States pursuant to resolution 52/16 of 15 Dec. 1997, practical ways and means of strengthening the Court, while respecting its authority and independence; invites the Special Committee at its session in 1999 to continue to identify new subjects for consideration in its future work with a view to contributing to the revitalization of the work of UN, to discuss how to offer its assistance to the working groups of the General Assembly for this purpose, and to continue considering ways and means of improving coordination between the Special Committee and other working groups dealing with the reform of the Organization, including the role of the Chairperson of the Special Committee for this purpose, and to continue considering ways and means of improving its working methods (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/107 Implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the UN related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions. Renews its invitation to the Security Council to consider the establishment of further mechanisms or procedures, as appropriate, for consultations with 3rd States, which are or may be confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Council under Chapter VII of the Charter, with regard to a solution of those problems; requests the Secretary-General to pursue implementation of resolutions 50/51, 51/208 and 52/162 and to ensure that the competent units within the Secretariat continue to collate and coordinate information about international assistance available to 3rd States affected by the implementation of sanctions; reaffirms the important role of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring the economic assistance efforts by the international community and the UN system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council; invites the organizations of the UN system, international financial institutions, other international organizations, regional organizations and Member States to address special economic problems of 3rd States affected by sanctions imposed under Chapter VII of the Charter (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

UN--ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION

See:
ECONOMIC COOPERATION ORGANIZATION--UN

UN--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 115)

See also:
UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)
UN--ADMINISTRATION
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)
UN--BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

Reports
UN--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 115) (cont.)


General documents
A/53/673 Letter, 16 Nov. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement on the financial situation of the UN issued by the Presidency of the European Union, 16 Nov.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/494.

UN--HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS (AGENDA ITEM 152)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.6/53/L.13 Draft resolution on the report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country / Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, France, Honduras, Malaysia, Senegal, Spain and United Kingdom.

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/633 (originally A/C.6/53/L.13) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/104.
At the 94th meeting, the Assembly took note of the appointments of Cuba, Hungary and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya as members of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: decision 53/322.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/104 Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country. Endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country; endorses the recommendation of the Committee that its membership be increased by 4 members, including 1 each from African, Asian, Latin American and Caribbean and Eastern European States, to be chosen by the President of the General Assembly in accordance with resolution 2819 (XXVI) of 15 Dec. 1971, in consultation with the regional groups; notes that during the reporting period the travel controls previously imposed by the host country on staff of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities remained in effect, and requests the host country to consider removing such travel controls, and in this regard notes the positions of affected States, of the Secretary-General and the host country; requests the host country to continue to take steps to resolve the problem relating to the parking of diplomatic vehicles in a fair, balanced and non-discriminatory way, with a view to responding to the growing needs of the diplomatic community, and to continue to consult with the Committee on this important issue; welcomes the efforts of the Committee aimed at identifying affordable health-care programmes for the diplomatic community (adopted without vote, 83rd meeting, 8 Dec. 1998).

UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 119)

See also:
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM
UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL--ACTIVITIES
UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL--STATUTES

Reports


A/C.5/52/2 Report on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the UN and the specialized agencies and related organizations (submitted on behalf and with the approval of the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination) / Secretary-General. Issued: 24 Sept. 1997.


General documents

A/53/327 Note on internal vacancies in the Secretariat / Secretary-General. Concerns a recent judgement of the UN Administrative Tribunal concerning the distinction between internal and external candidates.
UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 119) (cont.)

A/53/1000 Letter, 9 June 1999, from the Secretary-General referring to attached letter of 7 June from the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for Yugoslavia outlining the requirements for conducting investigations in Kosovo as soon as international forces are allowed to enter the area; informs the Security Council of his intention to approve the request of the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal to proceed with issuing invitations to all Member States to offer gratis personnel, and to accept experts for the specialized functions related to forensic investigations, for a period of 6 months, and in accordance with the regime for gratis personnel established by the General Assembly.

A/53/1001 Letter, 11 June 1999, from the Secretary-General requesting approval by the General Assembly of the request submitted by the Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia concerning extension of the services of the individual brought in as gratis personnel until 31 Aug. 1999.

A/C.5/53/34 Note on human resources management : views of the staff representatives of the UN Secretariat / Secretary-General.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.8 Draft resolution on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.26 Draft decision on human resources management (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.43 Draft resolution on gratis personnel provided by Governments (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.45 Draft resolution on human resources management (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

A/C.5/53/L.72 Draft resolution on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


A/53/PV.43/Add.1 Report. Part II / 5th Committee.


A/53/PV.48 Report / 5th Committee.

A/53/PV.48/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 93rd meeting, the draft decision in A/53/748 (A/C.5/53/L.26) was adopted without vote: decision 53/460.

At the 97th meeting, action on draft resolutions was as follows: the draft resolution in A/53/533/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.43), adopted without vote: resolution 53/218; the draft resolution in A/53/748/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.26), adopted without vote: resolution 53/221.


At the 101st meeting, the Assembly decided to extend until the end of Aug. 1999 the services of the remaining individual brought in as gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia: decision 53/483.
UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AGENDA ITEM 119) (cont.)

"Resolutions

A/RES/53/11 Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities.
Reaffirms that the circumstances in which the Secretary-General can accept gratis personnel should be strict compliance with paragraphs 4 (a) and (b) of General Assembly resolution 51/243; takes note of the commitment and assurances of the Secretary-General that the recruitment process for the replacement of type II gratis personnel, including those in the 2 international tribunals, will be completed by 28 Feb. 1999; requests the Secretary-General to improve further the planning and implementation mechanism in human resources management in a transparent manner and secure the independent and efficient work of the Secretariat; also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that recruitment for any new posts arising from the phase-out of gratis personnel is carried out on as wide a geographical basis as possible with due regard to gender (adopted without vote, 43rd meeting, 26 Oct. 1998).

A/RES/53/218 Gratis personnel provided by Governments.
Notes that, with the exception of one type II gratis personnel, all type II gratis personnel were phased out by 28 Feb. 1999; decides to consider, under the item entitled "Human resources management", the question of the recruitment of 17 gratis personnel in the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 as the recruitment was in contravention of General Assembly resolution 51/226; endorses the observation of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 6 of its report that, at the end of June 1999, confirmation should be given that, without exception, all type II gratis personnel have been phased out (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

A/RES/53/221 Human resources management.
Decides that all issues relating to human resources management, including its reform, shall continue to be considered by the 5th Committee in the context of the item entitled "Human resources management"; decides that the Office of Human Resources Management shall remain the central authority for the monitoring and approval of the recruitment and placement of staff and for the interpretation of the regulations and rules of the Organization and their enforcement; recognizes the need to promote responsibility and accountability of staff members at all levels; requests the Secretary-General to ascertain whether racial discrimination exists in recruitment, promotion and placement; decides that the Secretary-General may consider external candidates for posts at the P-4 level, while giving fullest regard, in filling these posts, to the requisite qualifications and experience of staff already in the service of the UN; also requests the Secretary-General to adapt the number of occupational groups selected for national competitive examinations to the requirements of the Organization; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the performance appraisal system is applicable to all staff within the meaning of Art. 97 of the Charter of the UN; requests the Secretary-General to have recourse to the employment of retirees only if the operational requirement of the Organization cannot be met by existing staff; reaffirms that no post should be considered the exclusive preserve of any Member State or group of States; decides that the objective of 50/50 gender distribution by the year 2000 should be pursued (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General to submit a detailed report to the General Assembly at its 54th session, through the Advisory Committee, on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization, taking into account the reports mentioned in paragraph 4 of the report of the Committee, including procedures for determining gross negligence and the financial and other responsibilities to be incurred by those who have committed such negligence, and preventive measures to identify the risk factors that expose the Organization to management irregularities and measures to improve internal control and accountability (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN--INTERNAL OVERSIGHT (AGENDA ITEM 144)

Reports


A/53/467 Note transmitting report of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the UN health insurance programme / Secretary-General. Issued: 7 Oct. 1998.


A/53/811 Note on the allegations of theft of funds by a UN Conference on Trade and Development staff member / Secretary-General. Transmits report of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into allegations of theft of funds by a staff member of the UN Conference on Trade and Development.


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/496.

UN--INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

See: INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION--UN

UN--LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES

See: LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES--UN

UN--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 19)

General documents

A/53/190 (S/1998/681) Letter, 23 July, 1998, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Slovenia, transmitting letter by the respective Ministers for Foreign Affairs, addressed to the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE); informs UN of their common position with regard to the issue of possible membership of Yugoslavia in OSCE.

A/53/926 (S/1999/477) Note transmitting application of the Republic of Kiribati for admission to membership in the UN / Secretary-General.

A/53/927 (S/1999/478) Note transmitting application of the Republic of Nauru for admission to membership in the UN / Secretary-General.
UN--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 19) (cont.)

A/53/1004 Letter, 25 June 1999, from the President of the Security Council transmitting Security Council resolution 1248 (1999) on the admission of the Republic of Kiribati to membership in the UN, adopted at its 4016th meeting, 25 June; requests the Secretary-General to transmit it to the 53rd session of the General Assembly along with verbatim records of the 3995th and 4016th meetings of the Council, at which the application of the Republic of Kiribati was considered.

A/53/1005 Letter, 25 June 1999, from the President of the Security Council transmitting Security Council resolution 1249 (1999) on the admission of the Republic of Nauru to membership in the UN. adopted at its 4017th meeting, 25 June; requests the Secretary-General to transmit it to the 53rd session of the General Assembly along with verbatim records of the 3996th and 4017th meetings of the Council, at which the application of the Republic of Nauru was considered.

A/53/1022 (S/1999/793) Note transmitting application of the Kingdom of Tonga for admission to membership in the UN / Secretary-General.

A/53/1029 Letter, 28 July 1999, from the President of the Security Council requesting the Secretary-General to transmit to the resumed 53rd session of the General Assembly, Security Council resolution 1253 (1999) on the admission of the Kingdom of Tonga to membership in the UN, and verbatim records of the 4024th and 4026th meetings of the Council, at which the application of the Kingdom of Tonga was considered.

UN--OAU

See: OAU--UN

UN--ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

See: ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE--UN

UN--ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

See: ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE--UN

UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM (AGENDA ITEM 30)

See also:

UN--ADMINISTRATION
UN--BUDGET (1998-1999)
UN--BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS
UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
UN SYSTEM--STRENGTHENING

Reports

A/53/676 Report on status of implementation of actions described in the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Renewing the UN : a programme for reform" / Secretary-General. Issued: 18 Nov. 1998.
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM (AGENDA ITEM 30)
(cont.)

General documents
A/53/688 Note on review of the International Civil Service Commission / Secretary-General.
A/53/915 Letter, 19 Apr. 1999, from Belarus submitting proposal to include the topic "The role of the UN in promoting peace and the sustainable development of mankind in conditions of globalization", among the topics to be considered by the General Assembly at the Millennium Summit.
A/53/1006 Letter, 1 July 1999, from the Chairman of the 2nd Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly transmitting draft resolution entitled "Report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements", which was approved by consensus on 28 June 1999.
A/53/53/53 Note on the impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.73 Draft resolution on the Millennium Assembly of the UN / President, General Assembly.
A/53/L.77 Draft resolution on the UN reform : measures and proposals and strengthening of the UN system / Acting President, General Assembly.
A/53/L.78 Draft resolution on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements / President, General Assembly.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.67 (23 Nov. 1998).

At the 92nd meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.73 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/202.

At the 101st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.77 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/239.

At the 105th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.78 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/242.
A/RES/53/202 Resolution on the Millennium Assembly of the UN.

Decides to designate the 55th session of the General Assembly "The Millennium Assembly of the UN"; also decides to convene, as an integral part of the Millennium Assembly of the UN, a Millennium Summit of the UN for a limited number of days in order to be decided by the General Assembly at its resumed 53rd session; decides to continue its consideration of the item "United Nations reform: measures and proposals"; and agrees that a decision on the intergovernmental preparatory process, in particular its format and terms of reference, ensuring the full and effective participation of all Member States, members of the specialized agencies and observers in preparing for the Millennium Assembly, should be taken at the earliest opportunity by the General Assembly at its resumed 53rd session (adopted without vote, 92nd meeting, 17 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/239 Resolution on UN reform: measures and proposals and strengthening of the UN system.

Decides that the 54th session of the General Assembly shall close on Tuesday, 5 Sept. 2000, in the morning, and that the 55th session of the General Assembly shall open on Tuesday, 5 Sept. 2000, in the afternoon; also decides that the Millennium Summit shall begin on Wednesday, 6 Sept. 2000 (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).
UN--PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS (cont.)

PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

UN--PERSONNEL QUESTIONS

See:

UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

UN--PROGRAMME PLANNING (AGENDA ITEM 114)

See also:

UN--ADMINISTRATION
UN--FINANCING

Reports:


A/53/6 (Prog.3) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001: Programme 3. Peaceful uses of outer space.


A/53/6 (Prog.5) Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001: Programme 5. Economic and social information and policy analysis.


A/53/16 (GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 16) Report on the work of its 38th session / Committee for Programme and Coordination.

A/53/16/Part I (Reissued as GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 16) Report on the 1st part of its 38th session / Committee for Programme and Coordination.


A/53/90 Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives / Secretary-General.

A/53/90/Rev.1 (Adv. mimeo) Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives / Secretary-General.

A/53/90/Rev.2 (Adv. mimeo) Note transmitting report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the strengthening the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives / Secretary-General.
UN--PROGRAMME PLANNING (AGENDA ITEM 114) (cont.)


General documents


A/C.2/53/5 Letter, 27 Sept. 1998, from the Chairman of the 5th Committee requesting that the 2nd Committee seek the views of the members of the 2nd Committee on the relevant proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 (programme 18 (economic and social development in Western Asia), programme 20 (Humanitarian assistance) and programme 28 (economic and social affairs)).


A/C.4/53/9 Letter, 26 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the 5th Committee requesting the views of the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) on the proposed revisions to Programme 1 (Political Affairs) and Programme 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space) of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.


A/C.5/53/43 Letter, 11 Nov. 1998, from the Vice-Chairperson of the 3rd Committee reporting that the Committee has no views to communicate on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

A/C.5/53/44 Letter, 5 Nov. 1998, from the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) reporting that members of the Committee have no comments on the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/743 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary


At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/743 (originally A/C.5/53/L.18) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/207.

At the 97th meeting, the draft decision intitled "Programme planning" in A/53/743/Add.1 was adopted without vote: decision 53/469.
Resolutions

A/RES/53/207 Programme planning. Adopts the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 submitted by the Secretary-General, as amended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination; decides that priorities shall continue to be established in the medium-term plan and shall guide the allocation of resources in subsequent programme budgets through the mechanisms provided for in General Assembly resolution 41/213; approves the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the revisions to the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation; approves the new programme narratives for section 7A, Economic and social affairs and section 26, Public Information; requests the Secretary-General to report with clear evidence on the impact of the reform of the Organization and restructuring of the Secretariat on programme delivery during the biennium 1998-1999; approves the addition of the programmes on policy coordination and sustainable development and on population to the schedule of in-depth evaluations to be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its 41st session; endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on the in-depth evaluations of the UN International Drug Control Programme and the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UN--PUBLIC INFORMATION

See:
INFORMATION

UN--REFORM

See:
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

UN--STAFF RULES

See:
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

UN. ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS (AGENDA ITEM 73C)

See also:
UN INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH

UN. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 17A)

General documents

A/53/101 Note on the appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions / Secretary-General.
A/53/101/Add.1 Note on the appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: addendum / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/5 Note on appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.81 (7 Dec. 1998). At the 81st meeting, the Assembly appointed Nazareth A. Incera, Ahmad Kamal, Rajat Saha, Nicholas A. Thorne, Fumikoshi Toya and Gian Luigi Valenza as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a 3-year term of office beginning 1 Jan. 1999: decision 53/312 A.
A/53/PV.106 (2 Sept. 1999). At the 106th meeting, the Assembly agreed to consider directly in plenary meetings the sub-item of the appointment of a person to fill the unexpired portion of the term of office of Mr. Bidnyi, that is, until 31 December 1999: it further agreed to appoint Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov to the mentioned post: decision 53/312 B.

UN. BOARD OF AUDITORS--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 17C)

General documents

A/53/103 Note on the appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/7 Note on appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors / Secretary-General.
Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/709 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 81st meeting, the Assembly appointed Chairman of the Commission of Audit of the Philippines as a member of the Board of Auditors for a 3-year term of office beginning 1 July 1999: decision 53/314.

UN. COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 16A)

General documents
A/53/440 Note on the election of 7 members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination / Secretary-General.
A/53/440/Add.1 Note on the election of 7 members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: addendum / Secretary-General.
A/53/440/Add.2 Note on the election of 7 members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: addendum / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
At the 43rd meeting, the Assembly declared Benin, China, Egypt, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Uruguay elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1999: decision 53/308 A.
At the 94th meeting, the Assembly declared the Comoros elected a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 18 Feb. 1999 and expiring on 31 Dec. 2001: decision 53/308 B.
At the 97th meeting, Portugal was elected a member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office 7 Apr.-21 Dec. 1999: decision 53/308 C.

UN. COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

UN. CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT--REPORTS (1998) (AGENDA ITEM 73B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.1/53/L.12/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the report of the Conference on Disarmament / United Kingdom.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, draft resolution B in A/53/586 (originally A/C.1/53/L.12/Rev.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/79 B.
Resolutions
Welcomes the decisions of the Conference on Disarmament to establish an Ad Hoc Committee under item 4 of its agenda entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; further welcomes the decision of the Conference on Disarmament to entrust its successive Presidents with the task of pursuing intensive consultations and seeking the views of its members on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and takes note of the recommendation by the last President of the 1998 session that they should resume at the start of the 1999 session; encourages the Conference on Disarmament to continue its consultations on the review of its membership with a view to reaching an early agreement on its further expansion; also encourages the Conference on Disarmament to intensify further the ongoing review of its agenda and methods of work; requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

UN. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION--ACTIVITIES
See:
INFORMATION

UN. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION--PROGRAMME ON PALESTINE
See:
PALESTINE QUESTION

UN. CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT--REPORTS (1998) (AGENDA ITEM 73B) (cont.)

Resolutions
Welcomes the decisions of the Conference on Disarmament to establish an Ad Hoc Committee under item 4 of its agenda entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons", to negotiate with a view to reaching agreement on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons; further welcomes the decision of the Conference on Disarmament to entrust its successive Presidents with the task of pursuing intensive consultations and seeking the views of its members on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", and takes note of the recommendation by the last President of the 1998 session that they should resume at the start of the 1999 session; encourages the Conference on Disarmament to continue its consultations on the review of its membership with a view to reaching an early agreement on its further expansion; also encourages the Conference on Disarmament to intensify further the ongoing review of its agenda and methods of work; requests the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).

UN. DISARMAMENT COMMISSION--REPORTS (1998) (AGENDA ITEM 73A)

Reports

General documents
A/C.1/53/INF/2 Information note : additional sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions / Secretariat.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.79 (4 Dec. 1998). At the 79th meeting, draft resolution A in A/53/586 (originally A/C.1/53/L.1) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/79 A.

Resolutions
Requests the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding 3 weeks during 1999 and to submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its 10th special session; requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Disarmament Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament, together with all the official records of the 53rd session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution; also requests the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Disarmament Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the necessary resources and services, including verbatim records, to that end (adopted without vote, 79th meeting, 4 Dec. 1998).
UN. DIVISION FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

See:

PALESTINE QUESTION

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--MEMBERS
(AGENDA ITEM 15B)

Discussion in plenary

At the 56th meeting, the following countries were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1999: Bolivia, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia, Morocco, Norway, Rwanda, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Syrian Arab Republic, United Kingdom and Venezuela: decision 53/310.

At the 57th meeting the Czech Republic was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a 3-year term beginning on 1 Jan. 1999: decision 53/310.

UN. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL--REPORTS
(1998) (AGENDA ITEM 12)

Reports


General documents

A/53/466 Letter, 29 Sept. 1998, from Indonesia transmitting Ministerial Declaration and Declaration of Commitment and Resolution of Joint Conference of the Group of 77 and China, which was adopted at the 22nd annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, New York, 25 Sept. 1998.

A/53/899 Note on revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.24 Draft resolution on the International Year of Mountains / Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia.

At the 92nd meeting, the Assembly took note of chapters I to VII and sections A to C of chapter VIII, and chapters IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/53/3): decision 53/451.

At the 97th meeting, draft resolution in the annex of A/53/899 entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme" was adopted without vote: resolution 53/223.

Resolutions


Proclaims the year 2002 as the International Year of Mountains; invites FAO to serve as the lead agency for the International Year of Mountains, in collaboration with Governments, UNEP, UNDP, Unesco and other relevant organizations of the UN system and non-governmental organizations; calls upon Governments, national and international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to make voluntary contributions in accordance with the guidelines of the Economic and Social Council for international years and anniversaries and to lend other forms of support to the International Year of Mountains; encourages all Governments, UN system and all other actors to take advantage of the International Year of Mountains in order to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable mountain development (adopted without vote, 54th meeting, 10 Nov. 1998).


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A/RES/53/62 Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institution associated with the UN. Recommends that all States intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and other relevant resolutions of the UN; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of the Territories; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the UN system to strengthen existing measures of support and to 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; requests the specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system concerned to provide information on: (a) environmental problems facing the Non-Self-Governing Territories; (b) the impact of natural disasters and other environmental problems on those Territories; (c) ways and means to assist the Territories in fighting drug trafficking, money laundering and other illegal and criminal activities; (d) the illegal exploitation of the marine resources of the Territories and the need to utilize those resources for the benefit of the peoples of the Territories (adopted 112-0-51, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/223 Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme. Decides that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of 3 years from among the States included in the lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme; requests the Economic and Social Council to elect 1 member from the States included in list E for a term of 3 years beginning on 1 Jan. 2000; decides that the distribution of seats shall be reviewed 2 years before the end of 1 full rotation scheme of 4 terms; the result of the review shall enter into force on 1 Jan. 2012; decides also, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of FAO of the UN, that the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 Jan. 2000 (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

A/RES/53/223 Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme. Decides that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of 3 years from among the States included in the lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme; requests the Economic and Social Council to elect 1 member from the States included in list E for a term of 3 years beginning on 1 Jan. 2000; decides that the distribution of seats shall be reviewed 2 years before the end of 1 full rotation scheme of 4 terms; the result of the review shall enter into force on 1 Jan. 2012; decides also, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of FAO of the UN, that the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 Jan. 2000 (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY--WORK PROGRAMME (AGENDA ITEM 60)

General documents

Discussion in plenary
At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/491.
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UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1ST COMMITTEE--WORK PROGRAMME (AGENDA ITEM 80)

General documents

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 79th meeting, the Assembly took note of the report of the 1st Committee (A/53/593): decision 53/423.

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2ND COMMITTEE--WORK PROGRAMME (1999-2000)

General documents

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT : 1999)

See:
DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (4TH SPECIAL SESS. ON DISARMAMENT : 1999)

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--AGENDA (AGENDA ITEM 8)

Reports

General documents
A/53/50 Note transmitting preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly / Secretary-General.
A/53/100 Annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly.
A/53/100/Add.1 Annotated agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly.
A/53/142 Letter, 5 June 1998, from China, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Niger, Pakistan, Senegal, South Africa, Tunisia and Zimbabwe requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly an item entitled "World Solar Programme 1996-2005".
A/53/143 Letter, 23 June 1998, from Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela requesting the Secretary-General to include in the provisional agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly an item entitled "Observer status for the Association of Caribbean States in the General Assembly". Transmits explanatory memorandum and draft resolution.
A/53/144 Letter, 30 June 1998, from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States requesting the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly entitled "Observer status for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly".
A/53/145 Letter, 8 July 1998, from Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Gambia, Grenada, Liberia, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Swaziland and Solomon Islands requesting the Secretary-General to include an item in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly entitled "Observer status for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the General Assembly". Transmits explanatory memorandum and draft resolution.
A/53/145/Add.1 Letter, 8 July 1998, from Burkina Faso, El Salvador, the Gambia, Grenada, Liberia, Nicaragua, Sao Tome and Principe, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Solomon Islands and Swaziland, addendum. Adds Malawi to the list of signatories.

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A/53/150 Provisional agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly, to convene at UN Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 9 Sept. 1998, at 3 p.m.

A/53/191 Note requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of the Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Financing of the UN Observer Mission in Sierra Leone", and proposing that it be allocated to the 5th Committee.


A/53/200 Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/53/231 Letter, 11 Aug. 1998, from Namibia requesting that an item entitled "Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa" be included in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly and proposing that it be considered directly in plenary meetings.

A/53/232 Letter, 14 Sept. 1998, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo requesting that an additional item entitled "The armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" be included in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly, and proposing that the item be considered directly in plenary.

A/53/233 Letter, 5 Oct. 1998, from the Islamic Republic of Iran requesting the inclusion of an item entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly; transmits an explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution.


A/53/235 Note requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of an additional sub-item entitled "Appointment of a member of the UN Staff Pension Committee" under agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) / Secretary-General.

A/53/236 Letter, 25 Jan. 1999, from Chile requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of UNDP" under agenda item 17 (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments) / Secretary-General.

A/53/237 Note requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of an additional item entitled "Financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and that it be allocated to the 5th Committee / Secretary-General.


A/53/251/Add.1 Agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly: addendum.

A/53/251/Add.2 Agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly: addendum.

A/53/251/Add.3 Agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly: addendum.

A/53/251/Add.4 Agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly: addendum.

A/53/251/Add.5 Agenda of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly: addendum.

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A/53/252/Add.1 Allocation of agenda items for the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly : addendum.
A/53/252/Add.2 Allocation of agenda items for the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly : addendum.
A/53/252/Add.3 Allocation of agenda items for the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly : addendum.
A/53/252/Add.4 Allocation of agenda items for the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly : addendum.
A/53/252/Add.5 Allocation of agenda items for the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly : addendum.

A/53/290 Letter, 24 Aug. 1998, from Burundi requesting the withdrawal of the item entitled "The situation in Burundi", which the Government of Burundi had requested to be included in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/53/298 Letter, 19 Aug. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences requesting that the General Assembly authorize that the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, and the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, to meet in New York during the 53rd session of the Assembly within available facilities and services.

A/53/298/Add.1 Letter, 7 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, requesting that the General Assembly authorize the Committee on Information to meet in New York during the 53rd session of the Assembly within available facilities and services.

A/53/298/Add.2 Letter, 7 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences, requesting that the General Assembly authorize the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories to meet in New York from 2 to 5 Nov. 1998, during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/53/362 Letter, 10 Sept. 1998, from Panama requesting that an additional item entitled "Need to review General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 owing to the fundamental change in the international situation and to the coexistence of two Governments across the Taiwan Strait" be included in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/53/431 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Saint Kitts and Nevis associating itself with the request by 9 countries for the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly to review General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 Oct. 1971 on the representation of China at the UN.

A/53/682 Letter, 18 Nov. 1998, from the Chairman of the 5th Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly concerning the tendency of the Main Committees of the General Assembly to consider budgetary matters that do not fall within their purview; transmits relevant resolutions and rules of procedure of the Assembly regarding the competence of the 5th Committee in these matters.

A/53/701 Note on cooperation between the UN and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation / Secretary-General.

A/53/802 Letter, 12 Mar. 1999, from the Secretary-General requesting the President of the General Assembly to reopen agenda item 110 entitled "Human rights questions", in order to consider the report of the Group of Experts for Cambodia.

A/53/899 Note on revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme / Secretary-General.

A/53/963 Note on the election of judges of the International Tribunal for Rwanda / Secretary-General.

A/53/1015 Letter, 7 July 1999, from Chile in its capacity as Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, addressed to the President of the Assembly; requests the General Assembly at its 53rd session to authorize the holding of a short resumed session in order to enable it to formalize the consensus agreements that have been reached and to finish its work on time.

A/53/1043 Letter, 24 Aug. 1999, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences authorizing the preparatory body for the 22nd special session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (the Commission on Sustainable Development) to hold a 2-day resumed session in Sept. 1999 in order to complete its work.

A/BUR/53/1 Memorandum on the organization of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items / Secretary-General.
A/BUR/53/1/Add.1 Memorandum on the organization of the 53rd regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items, Addendum / Secretary-General.

A/C.2/53/8 Letter, 19 Nov. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the 2nd Committee, of transmittal regarding letter of 18 Nov. from the Chairman of the 5th Committee concerning budgetary matters, to be issued as document A/53/682.

A/INF/53/3 Note containing the tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly for the period 28 Sept.-mid-Oct. 1998 / President, General Assembly.

A/INF/53/3/Add.1 Note containing the tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly covering the period 8 Oct.-3 Nov. 1998 / President, General Assembly.

A/INF/53/3/Add.2 Note on the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly covering the period from 26 Oct.-10 Dec. 1998 / President, General Assembly.

A/INF/53/3/Add.3 Note on the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly covering the period from 10 Nov.-10 Dec. 1998 / President, General Assembly.

A/INF/53/3/Add.4 Note on the schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly covering the period from 2-10 Dec. 1998 / President, General Assembly.

Discussion in the General Committee
A/53/250 1st report / General Committee.
A/53/250/Add.1 2nd report / General Committee.
A/53/250/Add.2 3rd report / General Committee.
A/53/250/Add.3 4th report / General Committee.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.2 (9 Sept. 1998).

At the 2nd meeting, the Assembly decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences and authorized the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA and the Committee on Relations with the Host Country to meet during the 53rd session: decision 53/403 A.


At the 3rd meeting, the Assembly decided on the items to be included in the agenda of the 53rd session and on the allocation of items to the plenary and to the Main Committees: decision 53/402; the Assembly decided that the subsidiary organs referred to in paragraph 41 be authorized to meet during the main part of the 53rd session: decision 53/403 B.


At the 36th meeting, the Assembly authorized the Committee on Information to meet in New York during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly: decision 53/403 C.


At the 46th meeting, the Assembly decided to include additional items entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" and "Dialogue among civilizations" into the agenda of the 53rd session: decision 53/402.


At the 48th meeting, the Assembly decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences and authorize the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories to meet in New York from 2 to 5 Nov. 1998: decision 53/403 D.


At the 48th meeting, the Assembly decided to adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences and authorize the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories to meet during the main part of the 53rd session: decision 53/403 E.


At the 80th meeting, the Assembly decided the following: (a) to consider agenda item 167 entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" directly in plenary meeting; (b) to include agenda item entitled "Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly" in the provisional agenda of the 54th session; (c) to include an additional sub-item "Appointment of a member of the UN Staff Pension Committee" under agenda item 17, "Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments' and to allocate it to the 5th Committee: decision 53/402.

At the 93rd meeting, the Assembly decided to authorize the International Organization of la Francophonie to participate, in the capacity of Observer, in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and of its subsidiary organs, instead of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation: decision 53/453.

At the 94th meeting, the Assembly decided to include in the agenda of the 53rd session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Customs Cooperation Council in the General Assembly" and consider it directly in plenary meeting: decision 53/402.

A/53/PV.95 (23 Mar. 1999).
At the 95th meeting, the Assembly decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 110 entitled "Human rights questions": decision 53/402.

At the 97th meeting, draft resolution in the annex of A/53/899 entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme" was adopted without vote: resolution 53/223; the Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 12: decision 53/402.

At the 98th meeting, the Assembly, on the recommendation of the Secretary-General (A/53/237), decided, to include in the agenda of the 53rd session an additional sub-item under item 17 entitled "Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of UNDP": decision 53/402.

At the 99th meeting, the Assembly decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 47, entitled "Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighboring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994": decision 53/402.

At the 102nd meeting, the Assembly, on the request of the Secretary-General (A/53/1001), decided to consider agenda items 112, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the UN" and 119, entitled "Human resources management" directly in plenary meeting: decision 53/402.

At the 104th meeting, the Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/53/238 and Add. 1), decided to include in the agenda of the 53rd session an additional item entitled "Financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo": decision 53/402; At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda 37 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development" and to be considered directly in plenary meeting: decision 53/402.

At the 106th meeting, the Assembly took note of the information contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/1043) informing about the decision of the Committee to authorize the Commission on Sustainable Development, acting as the preparatory body for the 22nd special sess. of the General Assembly, on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, to hold a 2-day resumed sess. on 9 and 10 Sept. 1999 in order to complete its work: decision 53/402.

At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to conclude the discussion on the following agenda items at the present session: 10 to 12, 20, 30, 37 to 40, 43 to 45, 47, 58, 93, 94, 108, 110 to 114, 117 to 128, 130 to 143, 145, 152, 155, 161, 163, 165 and 170.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/223 Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme
Decides that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of 3 years from among the States included in the lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme; requests the Economic and Social Council to elect 1 member from the States included in list E for a term of 3 years beginning on 1 Jan. 2000; decides that the distribution of seats shall be reviewed 2 years before the end of 1 full rotation scheme of 4 terms; the result of the review shall enter into force on 1 Jan. 2012; decides also, subject to the concurrence of the Conference of FAO of the UN, that the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 Jan. 2000 (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).
At the 107th meeting, the President declared closed the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/C.1/53/4 Membership of the 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/4/Add.1 Membership of the 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/4/Add.2 Membership of the 1st Committee.
A/C.4/53/20/Add.1 Membership of the 5th Committee.
A/C.4/53/20/Add.2 Membership of the 5th Committee.
A/C.5/53/L.1/Rev.1 Note on the status of preparedness of documentation for the 5th Committee during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.1 Note on the status of preparedness of documentation for the 5th Committee during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.46 Note on the status of preparedness of documentation for the 5th Committee during the 2nd part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.46/Rev.1 Note on the status of preparedness of documentation for the 5th Committee during the 2nd part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.6/53/8 Note on the organization of work of the 6th Committee / Secretariat.

A/C.5/53/6 Membership of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
A/C.5/53/6/Add.1 Membership of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) : addendum.
A/C.5/53/6/Rev.1 Membership of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) : addendum.
A/C.3/53/Inf/l Note on the membership of the Main Committees of the General Assembly / Secretary-General.

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS.: 1998-1999) -- GENERAL DEBATE (AGENDA ITEM 9) (cont.)

A/53/515 Letter, 16 Oct. 1998, from Yugoslavia, in reply to the statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania in the general debate of the General Assembly, 2 Oct. 1998; in which he said that Yugoslavia conducted a policy of ethnic cleansing against Albanians in the provinces of Kosovo and Metohija; states that it is the radical separatism and terrorism that are the basic reason for the problems in the area.

Discussion in plenary

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS.: 1998-1999) -- OFFICERS (AGENDA ITEM 5)

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)
At the 1st meeting, André Mernier (Belgium) was elected Chairman of the 1st Committee by acclamation.
At the 2nd meeting, Akkara Arystanbekova (Kazakhstan), Raimundo Gonzalez (Chile) and Aleg Laptsenak (Belarus) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the 1st Committee by acclamation.
At the 7th meeting, Moataz Zahrani (Egypt) was elected Rapporteur of the 1st Committee by acclamation.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
At the 1st meeting, Pablo Macedo (Mexico) was elected Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) by acclamation.
At the 2nd meeting, Tomas Hrbáč (Slovakia) and Chun Hae-jin (Republic of Korea) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) by acclamation.
At the 5th meeting, Ferden Carpçı (Turkey) was elected Vice-Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) by acclamation.
At the 9th meeting, Bernard Tanch-Bouchoué (Côte d'Ivoire) was elected Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) by acclamation.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
At the 1st meeting, Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) was elected Chairman of the 2nd Committee by acclamation.
At the 2nd meeting, David Prendergast (Jamaica), Burak Ozugergin (Turkey), Odyek Agona (Uganda) were elected Vice-Chairmen, and Uladzimir Gerus (Belarus) was elected Rapporteur of the 2nd Committee by acclamation.

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
At the 1st meeting, Ali Hachani (Tunisia) was elected Chairman of the 3rd Committee by acclamation.
At the 2nd meeting, Roger Stephen Ball (New Zealand), Luis Fernando Carranza-Cifuentes (Guatemala) and Victoria Sandru (Romania) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the 3rd Committee by acclamation. At the same meeting, Hassan Kassem Najem (Lebanon) was elected Rapporteur of the 3rd Committee by acclamation.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Belgium)
At the 1st meeting, Movses Abelian (Armenia) was elected Chairman of the 5th Committee by acclamation.
At the 2nd meeting, Manlan Ahounou (Côte d'Ivoire), Sharon Brennen-Hassock (Bahamas) and Miles Armitage (Australia) were elected Vice-Chairmen and Tanmam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic) was elected Rapporteur of the 5th Committee by acclamation.

Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)
At the 1st meeting, Jargalsaikhan Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia) was elected Chairman of the 6th Committee by acclamation.
At the 2nd meeting, Socorro Flores Liera (Mexico) was elected Vice-Chairman of the 6th Committee by acclamation.
UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--OFFICERS (AGENDA ITEM 5) (cont.)

At the 3rd meeting, Phakiso Mochochoko (Lesotho) and Hendrikus Verwaaij (Netherlands) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the 6th Committee. Rytis Paulauskas (Lithuania) was elected Rapporteur.

Discussion in plenary
At the 2nd meeting, the following representatives, having been elected Chairmen of the 6 Main Committees, were named members of the General Committee for the 53rd session: André Mernier (Belgium), Pablo Macedo (Mexico), Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran), Ali Hachani (Tunisia), Movses Abelian (Armenia) and Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan (Mongolia): decision 53/302.

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--OPENING (AGENDA ITEM 1)

Discussion in plenary
The 53rd session of the General Assembly was declared open by the Temporary President, Hennadiy Udovenko, Chairman of the delegation of Ukraine.

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--PRAYER OR MEDITATION (AGENDA ITEM 2)

Discussion in plenary
At the 1st meeting, the members of the General Assembly observed a minute of silent prayer or meditation in accordance with rule 62 of the rules of procedure.

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS

Reports


UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999)--VICE-PRESIDENTS (AGENDA ITEM 6)

Discussion in plenary
At the 2nd meeting, the following Member States were elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, China, France, Georgia, Germany, Lesotho, Liberia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States and Yemen: decision 53/304.

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999). 1ST COMMITTEE--GENERAL DEBATE (AGENDA ITEM 9)

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999). 1ST COMMITTEE--WORK ORGANIZATION (AGENDA ITEM 8)

General documents
A/C.1/53/1 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the 1st Committee; transmits list of agenda items allocated to the 1st Committee by the General Assembly.
A/C.1/53/2 Programme of work and timetable of the 1st Committee.
A/C.1/53/7 Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences drawing the attention of the Chairman of the 1st Committee to the Committee's underutilization of conference facilities and services during the 52nd session of the General Assembly, and requesting that appropriate action be taken to improve the utilization of conference resources.
UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999). 1ST COMMITTEE--WORK ORGANIZATION (AGENDA ITEM 8) (cont.)


A/C.1/53/INF/1 Note including documents before the 1st Committee at the 53rd session of the General Assembly issued or to be issued by 12 Oct. 1998 / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/1/Add.1 Note including documents before the 1st Committee at the 53rd session of the General Assembly: addendum / Secretariat.

A/C.1/53/INF/4 Situation reports on agenda items 63 to 80 / 1st Committee.

A/C.1/53/INF/4/Rev.1 Situation reports on agenda items 63 to 80 / 1st Committee.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

A/C.1/53/PV.26 (9 Nov. 1998).

UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999). 2ND COMMITTEE--GENERAL DEBATE (AGENDA ITEM 9)

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


A/C.2/53/L.64 Note on the organization of work of the 3rd Committee and its draft biennial programme of work for 1999-2000 / Secretariat.

A/C.2/53/L.7 Note on the status of preparation of the documentation before the 2nd Committee, as at 11 Sept. 1998 / Secretariat.

A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1 Note on the status of preparation of the documentation before the 2nd Committee, as at 30 Sept. 1998 / Secretariat.

A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1 Note on the organization of work of the 2nd Committee for the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)


A/C.3/53/1 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly transmitting the list of agenda items allocated to the 3rd Committee for consideration during the 53rd session of the Assembly.


A/C.3/53/L.1 Note on organization of the work of the 3rd Committee / Secretariat.


A/C.3/53/L.1/Rev.1 Note on the organization of the work of the 3rd Committee (as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting on 16 Sept. 1998) / Secretariat.


General documents
A/C.4/53/1 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly reporting that the Assembly decided to allocate agenda item entitled "Appointment of a member of the UN Staff Pension Committee" for consideration of the 5th Committee during the 53rd session.
A/C.5/53/1/Add.1 Letter, 7 Dec. 1998, from the President of the General Assembly informing the Chairman of the 5th Committee of the Assembly's decision to allocate to the 5th Committee agenda item 170 entitled "Financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

A/C.4/53/7 Letter, 8 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informing the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) that at the 52nd session of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee utilized 67 per cent of its allocated conference resources and lost 22 hours 40 minutes owing to late starting and early adjournment of meetings requests that appropriate action be taken to improve the utilization of conference resources.
A/C.4/53/9 Letter, 26 Oct. 1998, from the Chairman of the 5th Committee requesting the views of the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) on the proposed revisions to Programme 1 (Political Affairs) and Programme 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space) of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.
A/C.4/53/L.1 Note on the organization of work of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee) / Chairman, Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
A/C.4/53/L.5 Note on organization of work / Chairman, Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
A/C.4/53/L.7 Letter, 26 Oct. 1998, from the Acting President of the General Assembly informing the Chairman of the 5th Committee of the Assembly's decision to allocate to the 5th Committee agenda item 170 entitled "Financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".
A/C.4/53/L.1/Rev.1 Note on the status of preparedness of documentation for the 5th Committee during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.1/Rev.2 Note on the status of preparedness of documentation for the 5th Committee during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.2 Note on items for consideration by the 5th Committee during the main part of the 53rd session of the General Assembly: revised programme of work / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.37 Note on documentation for the 5th Committee during the 1st part of the resumed 53rd session of the General Assembly / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.38 Note on items for consideration by the 5th Committee during the 1st resumed 53rd session of the General Assembly: proposed programme of work / Secretariat.
A/C.5/53/L.46 Letter, 12 July 1999, from the Acting President of the General Assembly informing the Chairman of the 5th Committee of the Assembly's decision to allocate to the 5th Committee agenda item 170 entitled "Financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".
A/C.5/53/L.47 Note on the items for consideration by the 5th Committee during the 2nd resumed 53rd session of the General Assembly: proposed programme of work / Bureau.

DISCUSSION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COMMITTEE (5TH COMMITTEE)


UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (53RD SESS. : 1998-1999). CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 3A)

Discussion in plenary

At the 1st meeting, the following were appointed Members of the Credentials Committee: China, Fiji, Jamaica, Mali, New Zealand, Russian Federation, United States, Venezuela and Zimbabwe: decision 53/301.


Discussion in the Credentials Committee
A/53/556 1st report / Credentials Committee.
A/53/556/Add.1 2nd report / Credentials Committee.
A/53/726 Special report / Credentials Committee.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.54 (10 Nov. 1998).

At the 54th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/556 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/23 A.

At the 80th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/726 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/23 B.


Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.1 (9 Sept. 1999).

At the 1st meeting, Didier Opertti (Uruguay) was elected President of the 53rd session of the General Assembly by acclamation: decision 53/302.

UN. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS--REPORTS (AGENDA ITEM 110E)

Reports

General documents
A/53/725 (S/1998/1148) Letter, 3 Dec. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytug Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community, which refers to the statements under agenda items on human rights questions made by the representatives of Greece and the Greek Cypriot community at a meeting of the 3rd Committee on 10 Nov. 1998.
Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.45 Draft resolution on the question of resources for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the human rights activities of the UN / Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Monaco, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname, Swaziland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and United Kingdom. Additional sponsors: Argentina, Azerbaijan, Belize, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Morocco, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United States, Venezuela and Zambia (A/53/625/Add.5).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

A/53/625/Add.5 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/625/Add.5 (originally A/C.3/53/L.45) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/167.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/167 Question of resources for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the human rights activities of the UN. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps, without delay, to follow up Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/83 and Economic and Social Council decision 1998/275, in particular in the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, without diverting resources from UN development programmes and activities (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

UN. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE--ACTIVITIES

(AGENDA ITEM 110A)

Reports


Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


UN. INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 17D)

General documents

A/53/104 Note on confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee / Secretary-General. A/C.5/53/8 Note on confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/710 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary


At the 81st meeting, the Assembly confirmed the appointment of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a 3-year term of office beginning 1 Jan. 1999: Yves Oltramare, Emmanuel Noi Omaboe and Jürgen Reimnitz: decision 53/315.

UN. SECRETARIAT--WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

See:

UN--HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT


(AGENDA ITEM 10)

Reports


General documents


A/53/431 Letter, 15 Sept. 1998, from Saint Kitts and Nevis associating itself with the request by 9 countries for the inclusion of an item in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly to review General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 Oct. 1971 on the representation of China at the UN.


A/53/445 Letter, 30 Sept. 1998, from Austria transmitting statement by the Presidency of the European Union on the report of the UN Panel of Eminent Persons on the situation in Algeria, issued 22 Sept. 1998; states that the Union hopes that the report will help the Algerian Government in its effort to develop the rule of law and to strengthen the democratic process and the reforms to which Algeria is committed.


A/53/790 Letter, 8 Jan. 1999, from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and the United States informing the Secretary-General that the Governments of Ecuador and Peru concluded their respective constitutional processes to bring into force the agreements regarding the definitive settlement of their border dispute, signed in Brasilia on 26 Oct. 1998; transmits the Presidential Act of Brasilia also signed on the same day.

A/53/807 Letter, 26 Jan. 1999, from Qatar transmitting statement on the situation in Kosovo issued on the same day by the Islamic Group at UN: condemns crimes against humanity being committed by the Serbian security forces and urges the Security Council to take action under Chapter VII of UN Charter to ensure the safety and security of the inhabitants of Kosovo.


A/53/860 (S/1999/335) Letter, 25 Mar. 1999, from Ukraine transmitting statement concerning NATO air strikes against targets in the territory of Yugoslavia, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 24 Mar.; states that the use of military force against a sovereign State without authorization of the UN Security Council is inadmissible.


A/53/911 (S/1999/431) Letter, 15 Apr. 1999, from Ukraine transmitting excerpts from the Presidential statement at his meeting on 15 Apr. with the representatives of the national mass media on the mediation initiative of Ukraine regarding the settlement of the Kosovo crisis; states that the use of force is inadmissible without a relevant decision of the UN Security Council and presents a 3-phase plan for the settlement of the Yugoslav conflict.
Discussion in plenary
At the 28th meeting, the General Assembly decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1); decision 53/404.

UN. SECURITY COUNCIL--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 15A)

General documents
Discussion in plenary
At the 33rd meeting, the following States were elected non-permanent members of the Security Council for a 2-year term beginning 1 Jan. 1999: Argentina, Canada, Malaysia, Namibia and Netherlands; decision 53/306.

UN. SECURITY COUNCIL--MEMBERSHIP (AGENDA ITEM 59)

Reports

General documents
A/53/203 Note verbale, 28 July 1998, from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea transmitting communique sent to the Member States of the UN; concerns the dispute with regard to Japan's actions against Koreans during its occupation of Korea.
A/53/865 (S/1999/286) Identical letters, 15 Mar. 1999, from Venezuela addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, concerning the Arria Formula in the Security Council; states that this informal mechanism should be used at the discretion of the President of the Security Council and with the authorization of its members. Also states that it should be used in accordance with its original concept and should not be invoked in order to receive representatives of countries which are full members of the UN.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.16 Draft resolution on question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters / Afghanistan, Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gambia, Indonesia, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Zimbabwe. The draft resolution was withdrawn by its co-sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/53/L.46 (A/53/PV.66).

A/53/L.42 Amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16 / Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, United Kingdom, United States and Uzbekistan. The amendments to draft resolution A/53/L.16/Rev.1 were withdrawn by their co-sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/53/L.46 (A/53/PV.66).

A/53/L.46 Draft resolution on the question of equitable representation on an increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters / President, General Assembly. Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.64 (20 Nov. 1998).
A/53/PV.65 (20 Nov. 1998).

At the 66th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.46 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/30.

At the 107th meeting, the draft decision in A/53/47, para. 28, was adopted without vote: decision 53/487.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/30 Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters. Determines not to adopt any resolution or decision on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters, without the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the Members of the General Assembly (adopted without vote, 66th meeting, 23 Nov. 1998).

UN. SECURITY COUNCIL--REPORTS (1998-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 11)

Reports


General documents

UN. SECURITY COUNCIL--REPORTS (‘998-1999) (AGENDA ITEM 11) (cont.)

A/53/678 (S/1998/1089) Identical letters, 13 Nov. 1998, from Belarus addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council, transmitting statement adopted, 12 Nov. by the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly (the lower house of Parliament), in connection with a possible military action against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: calls on the parliaments and parliamentarians of all countries to prevent military action in Kosovo and to promote a peaceful solution to the problem.


Discussion in plenary

At the 42nd meeting, the Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/53/2): decision 53/409.

UN. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE ROLE OF THE ORGANIZATION

See:
UN--CHARTER

UN. STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

See:
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

UN. UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES (AGENDA ITEM 17J)

Discussion in plenary

At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/489.

UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 17E)

General documents
A/53/105 Note on the appointment of members of the UN Administrative Tribunal / Secretary-General.
A/53/105/Add.1 Note on the appointment of members of the UN Administrative Tribunal / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/9 Note on the appointment of members of the UN Administrative Tribunal / Secretary-General.

Contains the curricula vitae of the 3 candidates for vacancies that will occur in the membership of the UN Administrative Tribunal, beginning on 1 Jan. 1999.
A/C.5/53/9/Add.1 Note on the appointment of members of the UN Administrative Tribunal: addendum / Secretary-General.

Contains curriculum vitae of a candidate to fill in vacancy in the membership of the UN Administrative Tribunal, until 31 Dec. 2001.
A/INF/53/5 Note transmitting annual note from the UN Administrative Tribunal to the President of the General Assembly / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/711 Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/711/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 81st meeting, the Assembly appointed Kevin Haugh and Deborah Taylor Ashford as members of the UN Administrative Tribunal for a 3-year term of office beginning on 1 Jan. 1999: decision 53/316 A.

At the 101st meeting, Marsha A. Echols (United States) was appointed a member of the UN Administrative Tribunal for term of office beginning on 8 June 1999 and ending on 31 Dec. 2001: decision 53/316 B.

UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL--STATUTES (AGENDA ITEM 156)

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in the Legal Committee (6th Committee)
UN ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL—STATUTES (AGENDA ITEM 156) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 83rd meeting, the draft decision in A/53/637 (originally A/C.6/53/L.10) was adopted without vote: decision 53/430.

UN AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS

See:
CRIME PREVENTION

UN ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION—FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 123)

See also:
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA—FINANCING

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.64 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Angola Verification Mission and the UN Observer Mission in Angola (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/745/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/745/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.64) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/228.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/228 Financing of the UN Angola Verification Mission and the UN Observer Mission in Angola.
Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Observer Mission in Angola the amount of US$7,441,540 gross for the liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $369,153 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $72,387 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides also there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $357,700 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $149,720 gross in respect of the period from 3 Jan. 1989-30 Sept. 1994; decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of $149,720 gross in respect of the period from 3 Jan. 1989-30 Sept. 1994 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of $4,571,900 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998; decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of $4,571,900 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA—FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 134)

General documents
A/C.5/53/57 Note on the financing of the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda / Secretary-General.
UN ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA--FINANCING
(AGENDA ITEM 134) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.57 Draft decision on the financing of the UN Protection Force, the UN Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the UN Preventive Deployment Force, the UN Peace Forces Headquarters; the UN Operation in Somalia II; the UN Mission in Haiti and the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/990 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/990 (originally A/C.5/53/L.57) was adopted without vote: decision 53/477.

UN CIVILIAN POLICE MISSION IN HAITI

See:
UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING

UN COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW--ACTIVITIES

See:
INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

UN CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)

See:
ENVIRONMENT--SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT--CONFERENCE (1992 : RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL)--FOLLOW-UP

UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

See:
HUMAN SETTLEMENTS -- CONFERENCE (1996 : ISTANBUL)--FOLLOW-UP

UN CONFIDENCE RESTORATION OPERATION IN CROATIA

See:
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

UN CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (1982)

See:
LAW OF THE SEA

UN DECADE FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY (1997-2006)

See:
POVERTY--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1997-2006)

UN DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (1990-1999)

See:
INTERNATIONAL LAW
INTERNATIONAL LAW--INTERNATIONAL DECADES (1990-1999)

UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE--FINANCING
(AGENDA ITEM 122A)

See also:
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

Reports

A/53/779/Corr.1 Report on financing of the UN Peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: UN Disengagement Observer Force: corrigendum / Secretary-General. Replaces annex IV with the attached figure.
A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.
A/53/895/Add.1 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: UN Disengagement Observer Force; UN Interim Force in Lebanon / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.56 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Disengagement Observer Force (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/979 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/979 (originally A/C.5/53/L.56) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/226.
Resolutions

Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Disengagement Observer Force the amount of US$35,351,308 gross for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $1,758,908 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $344,900 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned among Member States at the monthly rate of $2,945.942 gross; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $732,900 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of $1,085,300 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998; decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of $1,085,300 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; requests the Secretary-General to credit back to Member States in a phased manner not to exceed 3 years, beginning with $5.6 million during the current session of the General Assembly, the net surplus balance of $13,622,162 held in the suspense account for the Force (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN HABITAT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS FOUNDATION--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 1111)

Reports
A/53/5/Add.8 (GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 5H) UN Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation: financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 Dec. 1997 and report of the Board of Auditors.
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes: addendum / Secretary-General.
A/53/513 Report on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

General documents
A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/738 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.
Resolutions
A/RES/53/204  Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (AGENDA ITEM 16B)

General documents
A/53/389  Note on the election of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees; proposes that the term of office of Sadako Ogata as UN High Commissioner for Refugees be extended for a period of 2 years, beginning on 1 Jan. 1999 and ending on 31 Dec. 2000 / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.20  (29 Sept. 1998). At the 20th meeting, the Assembly decided that the term of office of Sadako Ogata as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees be extended for a period of 2 years, 1 Jan. 1999 - 31 Dec. 2000: decision 53/305.

UN INSTITUTE FOR DISARMAMENT RESEARCH (AGENDA ITEM 73D)

See also:
UN ADVISORY BOARD ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS

Reports
A/53/187  Note transmitting the report of the Director of the UN Institute for Disarmament Research on the activities of the Institute for the period from July 1997-June 1998 and the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute containing the proposed programme of work for 1998-1999 / Secretary-General.

General documents
A/C.5/53/29  Note on the request for a subvention to the UN Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1999 / Secretary-General.

Discussion in the International Security Committee (1st Committee)

UN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION MISSION IN KOSOVO--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 170)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.79  Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary

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UN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION MISSION IN KOSOVO--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 170) (cont.)

**Resolutions**

**A/RES/53/241** Financing of the UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding US$200 million, inclusive of the amount of $50 million authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, for the operation of the Mission under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 Dec. 1994, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Mission; decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of $125 million among Member States; emphasizes that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions; requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, as a matter of priority, a comprehensive report on the financing of the Mission, including full budget estimates and information on the utilization of resources until the time of the submission of the report, to enable the General Assembly to take action on it at the earliest opportunity; notes the intention of the Secretary-General to submit the full budget to the General Assembly by the end of Sept. or early Oct. 1999 (adopted without vote, 105th meeting, 28 July 1999).

**UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON--FINANCING** (AGENDA ITEM 122B)

See also: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

**Reports**


A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

A/53/895/Add.1 Report on the financing of the UN Peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: UN Disengagement Observer Force; UN Interim Force in Lebanon / Advisory Committee on Administrate and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

**Draft resolutions/decisions**

A/C.5/53/L.58 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon / Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

**Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)**


At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/982 (originally A/C.5/53/L.58) was adopted (119-2-1): resolution 53/227.

**Resolutions**

A/RES/53/227 Financing of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon.

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Interim Force in Lebanon the amount of US$148,904.623 gross for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $7,407,886 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $1,452,597 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides also to apportion among Member States the amount of $12,397,474 gross for the period from 1-31 July 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $335,784 approved for the period from 1-31 July 1999; decides to apportion among Member States the amount of $136,372,209 gross for the period from 1 Aug. 1999-30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of $12,397,474 gross; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $3,693,616 approved for the period from 1 Aug. 1999-30 June 2000 (adopted 119-2-1, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

**UN INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMME--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111J)**

**Reports**


A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN Funds and programmes : addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 Sept. 1998.
UN INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL
PROGRAMME--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111) (cont.)

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors.
Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UN IRAQ-KUWAIT OBSERVATION MISSION--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 124A)

See also:
IRAQ-KUWAIT SITUATION

Reports
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in plenary
At the101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/987 (originally A/C.5/53/L.60) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/228.
RESOLUTIONS

A/RES/53/229 Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): UN Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission the amount of US$53,991,024 gross for the maintenance of the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $2,686,445 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $526,779 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, a two-thirds share of this amount, equivalent to $34,664,080 to be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait, subject to the review by the Security Council with regard to the question of termination or continuation of the Mission; decides also to apportion among Member States the amount of $19,326,944 gross representing one third of the cost of the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,994,900 approved for the Observation Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of $1,339,300 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; decides further that two thirds of the net unencumbered balance of $3,084,300, equivalent to $2,056,200, shall be returned to the Government of Kuwait (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN LOGISTICS BASE AT BRINDISI

See:
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

UN LOGISTICS BASE (BRINDISI, ITALY)--AUDIT

See:
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

UN MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 125)

See also:
WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION
UN MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA—FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 125) (cont.)


Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the additional amount of US$37,250,460 gross for the operation of the Mission for the period 1 July 1998-30 June 1999, taking into account the amount of $22,749,540 gross already appropriated for the period 1 July-31 Oct. 1998; decides also to apportion the additional amount of $37,250,460 gross for the period 1 Nov. 1998-30 June 1999 among Member States, at a monthly rate of $4,656,307.50 gross; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $2,805,200 approved for the period 1 Nov. 1998-30 June 1999 (adopted without vote, 50th meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).


Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of US$52,124,911 gross for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $2,593,381 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $508,530 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides also to apportion among Member States the amount of $10,714,566 gross for the period from 1 July-14 Sept. 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $812,275 approved for the period from 1 July-14 Sept. 1999; decides to apportion among Member States the amount of $41,410,345 gross for the period from 15 Sept. 1999-30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of $4,343,743 gross; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $3,139,325 approved for the period from 15 Sept. 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $6,523,200 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN MISSION FOR THE VERIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMITMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUATEMALA—FINANCING

See:
UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA.
MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP—FINANCING

UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA—FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 138)

See also:
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA—FINANCING

Reports
UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 138)
(cont.)

A/53/800 Report on the financing of the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina / Secretary-General.
A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.
A/53/895/Add.6 Report on the financing of the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.48 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/985 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/985 (originally A/C.5/53/L.48) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/233.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/233 Financing of the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Decides to appropriate the amount of US$178,204,381 gross for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $8,865,886 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $1,738,493 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned among Member States at a monthly rate of $14,850,365 gross; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $10,012,400 approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $21,752,900 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998; decides that, for Members States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of $21,752,900 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 132)

See also:
HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS
UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING

General documents
A/C.5/53/55 Note on the financing of the UN Mission in Haiti / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.57 Draft decision on the financing of the UN Protection Force, the UN Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the UN Preventive Deployment Force, the UN Peace Forces Headquarters; the UN Operation in Somaliland I; the UN Mission in Haiti and the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/990 Report / 5th Committee.
UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 132) (cont.)


Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/C.5/989 (originally A/C.5/53/L.57) was adopted without vote: decision 53/477.

UN MISSION IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 181)

Reports


A/53/971 Report on the financing of the UN Mission in the Central African Republic / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/989 (originally A/C.5/53/L.66) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/238.

Resolutions
Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of US$34,309,800 gross for the operation of the Mission in respect of the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of $29,105,850 gross already apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/249, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of $4,309,800 gross for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $449,100 approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides to appropriate the amount of $33,367,875 gross for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $1,659,640 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $325,435 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides also that, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $795,200 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000 (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTAN--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 136)

Reports
A/52/772/Add.2 Report on the financing of the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: addendum / Secretary-General.

A/53/474 Report on the financing of the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara and the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

A/53/784 Report on the financing of the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan / Secretary-General.

A/53/816 Report on the financing of the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan / Secretary-General.

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of US$34,309,800 gross for the operation of the Mission in respect of the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of $29,105,850 gross already apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/249, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of $4,309,800 gross for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $449,100 approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides to appropriate the amount of $33,367,875 gross for the operation and liquidation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $1,659,640 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $325,435 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides also that, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $795,200 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000 (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).
UN MISSION OF OBSERVERS IN TAJIKISTAN--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 136) (cont.)

A/53/985 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.
A/53/985/Add.5 Report on the financing of the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in plenary

At the 50th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/545 (originally A/C.5/53/L.10) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/19 A. (Adopted without vote)
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/545/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.55) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/19 B. (Adopted without vote)

Resolutions


Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of US$11,984,880 gross for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $2,408,400 gross for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and the amount of $1,233,000 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, there shall be set off against the apportionment their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998; decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, their share of the unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote, 8 June 1999).

Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Mission of Observers in Tajikistan the amount of US$11,984,880 gross for the maintenance of the Mission of Observers for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $2,408,400 gross for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and the amount of $1,233,000 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, there shall be set off against the apportionment their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998; decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission of Observers, their share of the unencumbered balance of $2,408,400 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote, 8 June 1999).

See also:
UN ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 123)

Issued: 5 May 1999.
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA--FINANCING
(AGENDA ITEM 123) (cont.)


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.64 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Angola Verification Mission and the UN Observer Mission in Angola (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/745 Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/745/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 93rd meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/745 (originally A/C.5/53/L.19) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/211.
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/745/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.64) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/228.

Resolutions
Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Observer Mission in Angola the additional amount of US$87.2 million gross for the operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999, taking into account the amount of $45,899,080 gross already appropriated for the period from 1 July-31 Oct. 1998 under the provisions of its resolution 52/8 C, and inclusive of the amount of $10.9 million gross authorized by the Advisory Committee for the month of Nov. 1998; decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement to apportion the additional amount of $42,821,400 gross for the period from 1 Nov. 1998-26 Feb. 1999 among Member States; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,289,000 approved for the period from 1 Nov. 1998-26 Feb. 1999; decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion among Member States the amount of $44,378,600 gross for the period from 27 Feb.-30 June 1999 at a monthly rate of $10.9 million gross subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Observer Mission beyond 26 Feb. 1999; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,336,000 approved for the period from 27 Feb.-30 June 1999 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN ANGOLA--FINANCING
(AGENDA ITEM 123) (cont.)


Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Observer Mission in Angola the amount of US$7,441,540 gross for the liquidation of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $369,153 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $72,387 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides also there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $357,700 approved for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides further that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $149,720 gross in respect of the period from 3 Jan. 1999-30 Sept. 1994; decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Verification Mission and the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of $4,571,900 gross in respect of the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote. 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA--FINANCING
(AGENDA ITEM 131)

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.54 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Observer Mission in Georgia (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.101 (8 June 1999). At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/863 (originally A/C.5/53/L.54) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/232.
UN OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 131) (cont.)

Resolutions


Decides to appropriate the amount of US$290,200 gross for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1997-30 June 1998, in addition to the amount of $18,580,500 gross already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 51/236 of 13 June 1997 and inclusive of the amount of $290,200 gross from the amount of $1,653,600 authorized by the Advisory Committee; decides also to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Observer Mission in Georgia the amount of $31,000,479 gross for the maintenance of the Observer Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $1,541,759 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $302,320 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy; decides further to apportion among Member States the amount of $2,583,373 gross for the period from 1-31 July 1999; decides that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $124,600 approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 1-31 July 1999; decides also to apportion among Member States the amount of $28,417,103 gross for the period from 1 Aug. 1999-31 June 2000, at a monthly rate of $2,583,373 gross (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 133)

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/984 (originally A/C.5/53/L.53) was adopted without vote: decision 53/478.

UN OBSERVER MISSION IN SIERRA LEONE--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 163)

Reports


Draft resolutions/decisions


Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)


Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.64 (20 Nov. 1998).

At the 64th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/680 (originally A/C.5/53/L.14) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/29.

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Resolutions
Decides to appropriate the amount of US$22 million gross for the establishment and operation of the Observer Mission for the period from 13 July 1998-30 June 1999, inclusive of the cost of deploying military and civilian personnel in the amount of $783,700 gross for the period from 17 Apr.-12 July 1998 and of the amount of $10,624,200 gross authorized by the Advisory Committee for the period from 13 July-13 Nov. 1998, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Observer Mission; decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of $12,926,600 gross among Member States for the period from 13 July 1998-13 Jan. 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $316,300 approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 13 July 1998-13 Jan. 1999; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States the amount of $403,900 approved for the Observer Mission for the period from 14 Jan.-30 June 1999 (adopted without vote, 64th meeting, 20 Nov. 1998).

UN OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES--ACCOUNTS
(1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111K)

Reports
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes: addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 Sept. 1998.

General documents
A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary

At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).
UN OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE—FINANCING  
(AGENDA ITEM 129)

Discussion in plenary  
At the 107th meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of this agenda item and to include it in the draft agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/495.

UN OPERATION IN SOMALIA—FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 128)

General documents  
A/C.5/53/S. Note on the financing of the UN Operation in Somalia / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions  
A/C.5/53/S.57 Draft decision on the financing of the UN Protection Force, the UN Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the UN Preventive Deployment Force, the UN Peace Forces Headquarters; the UN Operation in Somalia II; the UN Mission in Haiti and the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)  
A/53/980 Report / 5th Committee.  

Discussion in plenary  
At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/980 (originally A/C.5/53/S.57) was adopted without vote: decision 53/477.

UN PEACE FORCES—HEADQUARTERS

See:  
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA—FINANCING

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS—FINANCING  
(AGENDA ITEM 130)

See also:  
CYPRUS QUESTION

Reports  
A/53/783 Report on the financing of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus / Secretary-General.  
Corrects text.

A/53/805 Report on the financing of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus / Secretary-General.  

A/53/895 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.  
Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

A/53/895/Add.3 Report on the financing of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.  
Issued: 5 Apr. 1999.

Draft resolutions/decisions  
A/C.5/53/S.59 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)  
A/53/980 Report / 5th Committee.  

Discussion in plenary  
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/980 (originally A/C.5/53/S.59) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/231.
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 130) (cont.)

**Resolutions**

A/RES/53/231 Financing of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

- Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus an amount of US$45,630,927 gross for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of an amount of $2,270,759 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, and the amount of $445,268 for the UN Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy;
- decides also, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions of one third of the cost of the Force, equivalent to $14,630,810, by the Government of Cyprus and the annual pledge of $6.5 million from the Government of Greece, to apportion among Member States the amount of $24,500,117 gross, for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, at a monthly rate of $2,041,676 gross;
- decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,738,500 approved for the Force for the period from 1 July-30 June 2000; and
- decides also that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1999; decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of $178,500 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; decides further to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the period prior to 16 June 1993 for the Force, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 141)

- See also:
  - HAITI--POLITICAL CONDITIONS
  - UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING

**Reports**


**General documents**

A/C.5/53/SR.55 Note on the financing of the UN Protection Force, the UN Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the UN Preventive Deployment Force and UN Peace Forces headquarters / Secretary-General.

**Draft resolutions/decisions**

A/C.5/53/L.57 Draft decision on the financing of the UN Protection Force, the UN Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the UN Preventive Deployment Force; the UN Operation in Somalia II; the UN Mission in Haiti and the UN Assistance Mission for Rwanda (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

**Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)**

A/53/990 Report / 5th Committee.


**Discussion in plenary**

A/53/PV.101 (8 June 1999). At the 101st meeting, the draft decision in A/53/990 (originally A/C.5/53/L.57) was adopted without vote: decision 53/477.

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 127)

- See also:
  - BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA SITUATION
  - UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA--FINANCING
  - UN PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE--FINANCING
  - UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMUIM--FINANCING
UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 141) (cont.)

A/53/895 Report on the financing of the UN peacekeeping operations / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.
A/53/895/Add.7 Report on the financing of the UN Support Mission in Haiti, the UN Transition Mission in Haiti and the UN Civilian Police Mission in Haiti / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. Issued: 1 Apr. 1999.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.40 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Support Mission in Haiti, the UN Transition Mission in Haiti and the UN Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (submitted following informal consultations) / Rapporteur, 5th Committee.
A/C.5/53/L.50 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Support Mission in Haiti, the UN Transitional Mission in Haiti and the UN Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (submitted following informal consultations) / Vice-Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/873 Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/873/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary

At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/PV.101 (originally A/C.5/53/L.50) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/222 A.


At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/873/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.40) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/222 B.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/222A Financing of the UN Support Mission in Haiti, the UN Transition Mission in Haiti and the UN Civilian Police Mission in Haiti. Decides to appropriate the amount of US$12,264,015 gross for the maintenance of the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of $17,704,685 gross already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/246 and inclusive of the amount of $3 million gross and net authorized by the Advisory Committee; decides also to apportion among Member States the additional amount of $12,264,015 gross for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $686,400 approved for the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999 (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).
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UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 141) (cont.)

A/RES/53/228 Financing of the UN Support Mission in Haiti, the UN Transition Mission in Haiti and the UN Civilian Police Mission in Haiti.

Decides, on an exceptional basis, that the special arrangements approved in its resolution 51/15 B of 13 June 1997 for the Support Mission, with regard to the application of article 4 of the financial regulations of the UN shall be applied to the Transition Mission and the Civilian Police Mission; decides also to appropriate the amount of US$18,641,616 gross for the maintenance and liquidation of the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of $927,537 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $161,879 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned as an ad hoc arrangement among Member States; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $1,023,200 approved for the Civilian Police Mission for the period from 1 July 1999-30 June 2000; decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Missions, there shall be set off against the apportionment their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $906,800 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998; decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Missions, their share of the unencumbered balance of $906,800 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN POPULATION AWARD (AGENDA ITEM 12)

Reports
A/53/406 Note transmitting report of the Executive Director of the UN Population Fund on the UN Award (1998) / Secretary-General.

UN PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 140)

See also:
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

Reports
A/53/437 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force / Secretary-General.
A/53/437/Add.1 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force: addendum / Secretary-General.
Issued: 5 May 1999.
A/53/481 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
A/53/786 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force / Secretary-General.
A/53/B12 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force / Secretary-General.
A/53/B12/Add.1 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force: addendum / Secretary-General.
Issued: 4 May 1999.
A/53/546 Report on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force / Secretary-General.
A/53/546/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.
A/C.5/53/L.11 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.
A/C.5/53/L.65 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.
Discussion in the 5th Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/546 Report / 5th Committee.
A/53/546/Add.1 Report / 5th Committee.
Discussion in plenary
At the 50th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/546 (originally A/C.5/53/L.11) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/20 A.
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/546/Add.1 (originally A/C.5/53/L.65) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/20 B.
UN PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE--FINANCING
(AGENDA ITEM 140) (cont.)

Resolutions
A/RES/53/20A Financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force.
Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the UN Preventive Deployment Force the amount of US$29 million gross for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of $21,053,745 gross already appropriated under the provisions of its resolution 52/245; decides also to apportion the additional amount of $12,315,418 gross for the period from 1 July 1998-28 Feb. 1999 among Member States; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $394,966 approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998-28 Feb. 1999; decides to apportion, among Member States, the amount of $16,684,582 gross for the period from 1 Mar.-30 June 1999 at a monthly rate of $4,171,145.50 gross; decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $189,634 approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $189,634 approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998; decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; decides further to appropriate the amount of $183,730 gross for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July-15 Oct. 1999, inclusive of the amount of $9,305 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $1,825 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (adopted without vote, 50th meeting, 2 Nov. 1998).

A/RES/53/20B Financing of the UN Preventive Deployment Force.
Decides to reduce the appropriation provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 52/245 of 26 June 1998 and 53/20 A in the amount of US$50,053,745 gross, inclusive of the amount of $1,053,745 for the support account for peacekeeping operations, for the maintenance of the Force in respect of the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999, to the amount of $43,062,700 gross, inclusive of the amount of $1,053,745 for the support account; decides also to apportion among Member States the additional amount of $9,093,537 gross for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides further that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of $189,634 approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 1998-30 June 1999; decides that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment their respective share of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998; decides also that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of $6,895,700 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; decides further to appropriate the amount of $183,730 gross for the liquidation of the Force for the period from 1 July-15 Oct. 1999, inclusive of the amount of $9,305 for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of $1,825 for the UN Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN PROTECTION FORCE

See:
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

UN REGIONAL CENTRE FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT IN AFRICA

See:
DISARMAMENT--UN. GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12TH SPECIAL SESS. : 1982)--FOLLOW-UP

UN REGISTER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS

See:
ARMS TRANSFERS--TRANSPARENCY
UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

See:

UNRWA--ACCOUNTS (1997)
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES

UN RESOLUTIONS--IMPLEMENTATION (AGENDA ITEM 55)

General documents

A/53/166 Letter, 1 July 1998, from Democratic People's Republic of Korea transmitting its national reunification policy issued on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of the publication of the 4 July "North-South Joint Statement".

A/53/178 Letter, 13 July 1998, from China; refers to the letter by Nicaragua and some other countries (A/53/145) requesting the inclusion in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly of an item entitled "Need to review General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 owing to the fundamental change in the international situation and to the coexistence of two Governments across the Taiwan Strait" and states its position.

A/53/181 Letter, 17 July 1998, from Nicaragua in response to a letter from China (A/53/178) concerning the request of 13 July by Nicaragua and 10 other nations that the participation of Taiwan (China) in the UN should be included in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/53/382 Letter, 10 Sept. 1998, from Panama requesting that an additional item entitled "Need to review General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 owing to the fundamental change in the international situation and to the coexistence of two Governments across the Taiwan Strait" be included in the agenda of the 53rd session of the General Assembly.

A/53/462 Letter, 6 Oct. 1998, from China concerning speeches made by some countries during the general debate of the current session of the General Assembly, in which the question of "Taiwan's representation at the UN" was raised; states the position of the Chinese Government on the matter.


A/53/762 Letter, 17 Dec. 1998, from South Africa in the capacity of Chairman of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-aligned Countries transmitting statement on the situation in Iraq, issued 17 Dec.; deplores the ongoing military actions and calls for the immediate cessation of all military strikes and the avoidance of actions that might further aggravate tension in the region.


A/53/1033 (S/1999/858) Letter, 6 Aug. 1999, from Yugoslavia concerning the status of Yugoslavia in the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance Especially as Waterfowl Habitat (1971) (Ramsar Convention), adopted by the 7th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (A/53/975-S/1999/615): states that Yugoslavia is a full-fledged Party to the Convention and that the Contracting Parties are not authorized to make a decision on Yugoslavia's status; refers to articles 34-35 of the Vienna Convention on Succession of States in Respect of Treaties that regulates the participation of States in international treaties of predeceased States.

Discussion in plenary


At the 82nd meeting, the Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the 54th session: decision 53/428.

UN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

See:

RADIATION EFFECTS

UN SPECIAL MISSION TO AFGHANISTAN

See:

AFGHANISTAN SITUATION
UN STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE--MEMBERS (AGENDA ITEM 17K)

General documents
A/53/112 Note on appointment of a member of the UN Staff Pension Committee / Secretary-General.
A/C.5/53/46 Note on appointment of a member of the UN Staff Pension Committee / Secretary-General. Contains candidate's curriculum vitae.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

At the 93rd meeting, the Assembly appointed Kenshiro Akimoto as a member of the UN Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of a term of office 1 Jan. 1999-31 Dec. 2000: decision 53/319.

UN STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SECURITY QUESTIONS IN CENTRAL AFRICA--ACTIVITIES

See:
CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES--REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

UN SUPPORT MISSION IN HAITI

See:
UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING

UN SYSTEM--DECOLONIZATION

See:
DECOLONIZATION--UN SYSTEM

UN SYSTEM--PERSONNEL QUESTIONS

See:
PERSONNEL QUESTIONS--UN SYSTEM

UN SYSTEM--STRENGTHENING (AGENDA ITEM 58)

See also:
UN--CHARTER
UN--ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

Reports
A/53/170 Report on arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the UN system / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 July 1998.

General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.68 Draft decision on non-governmental organizations / Canada.
A/53/L.74 Draft resolution on the strengthening of the UN system / President, General Assembly.
A/53/L.77 Draft resolution on the UN reform: measures and proposals and strengthening of the UN system / Acting President, General Assembly.

Discussion in plenary
At the 92nd meeting, draft decision A/53/L.68 was adopted without vote: decision 53/452.
A/53/PV.95 (23 Mar. 1999).
A/53/PV.96 (17 Apr. 1999).
At the 97th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.74 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/224.
At the 101st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.77 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/239.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/224 Strengthening of the UN system.
Decides that the 53rd session of the General Assembly shall close on 13 Sept. 1999 and that the 54th session of the General Assembly shall open on Tuesday, 14 Sept. 1999; also decides to consider further during its 53rd session the question of the opening and closing dates of future regular sessions of the General Assembly (adopted without vote, 97th meeting, 7 Apr. 1999).

A/RES/53/239 UN reform: measures and proposals and strengthening of the UN system.
Decides that the 54th session of the General Assembly shall close on Tuesday, 5 Sept. 2000, in the morning, and that the 55th session of the General Assembly shall open on Tuesday, 5 Sept. 2000, in the afternoon; also decides that the Millennium Summit shall begin on Wednesday, 6 Sept. 2000 (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).
UN TRANSITION MISSION IN HAITI

See:
UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN HAITI--FINANCING

UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMUM--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 139)

See also:
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.49 Draft resolution on the financing of the UN Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/986 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/986 (originally A/C.5/53/L.49) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/234.

Resolutions
Decides that, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements approved by General Assembly resolution 51/153 B of 13 June 1997 for the Transitional Administration with regard to the application of art. IV of the financial regulations of the UN, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Transitional Administration shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4 shall be applied to the Support Group: decides also to authorize the Secretary-General to utilize an amount of US$601,200 gross from the resources provided for the period ending 30 June 1998 in order to meet the cost of completing the liquidation of the mission as well as the final audit, inclusive of the amount of $553,400 gross related to liquidation activities with which the Advisory Committee has already occurred; decides further that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Transitional Authority and the Support Group shall be credited their respective share of the remaining unencumbered balance of $14,646,100 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998; decides that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their obligations to the Transitional Authority and the Support Group, their share of the remaining unencumbered balance of $14,646,100 gross in respect of the period ending 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 126)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.52 Draft resolution on the financing and liquidation of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/988 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/986 (originally A/C.5/53/L.49) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/234.
UN TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 126) (cont.)

Discussion in plenary
At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/988 (originally A/C.5/53/L.52) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/230.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/230 Financing and liquidation of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia.
Notes with concern that the provisions of its decision 52/485 have not been complied with, and reiterates that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification of items written off and lost; expresses its deep concern regarding the losses of the UN property in this mission; requests the Secretary-General to provide an updated report in respect of the period 1 Jan. 1996-31 Dec. 1997 on losses of UN property in peacekeeping operations to the General Assembly at its 54th session; also requests the Secretary-General to ensure the safety of UN assets and the need to have accountability procedures in place to deter and penalize those responsible for the losses of UN property and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN UNIVERSITY--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 96A)

Reports
A/53/392 Note transmitting report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "The UN University: enhancing its relevance and effectiveness" (JIU/REP/98/3) / Secretary-General; issued: 15 Sept. 1998.

General documents
A/53/392/Add.1 Note transmitting comments on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "UN University: enhancing its relevance and effectiveness" (A/53/392) / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.24 Draft resolution on the UN University / Algeria, Australia, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Azerbaijan, Benin, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Ethiopia, Iceland, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, Romania, Republic of Moldova, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Turkmenistan.

UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA

See: CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION
UN VERIFICATION MISSION IN GUATEMALA.
MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP--FINANCING (AGENDA ITEM 142)

See also:
CENTRAL AMERICA SITUATION

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.51 Draft resolution on the financing of the Military Observer Group of the UN Verification Mission in Guatemala (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Disccusision in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.101 (8 June 1999). At the 101st meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/981 (originally A/C.5/53/L.51) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/235.

Resolutions

Decides that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of US$84,200 gross in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of $68,983; decides also, that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group, their share in the unencumbered balance of $184,200 gross in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of $68,983 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations; decides further to transfer to the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the Special Account for the Military Observer Group of the UN Verification Mission in Guatemala; requests the Secretary-General to ensure the safety of UN assets and that there are accountability procedures in place to deter and penalize those responsible for the losses of the UN property and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 54th session; requests the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the final disposition of assets of the Observer Group, in particular of assets sold and written off, and include its recommendations in the audit report for the period July 1998-June 1999 (adopted without vote, 101st meeting, 8 June 1999).

UN VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

See:
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

UN YEAR OF DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS (2001)

See:
DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINORS

See:
REFUGEES

UNAMIR

See:
UN ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA--FINANCING
UNAVEM

See:

UN ANGOLA VERIFICATION MISSION--FINANCING

UNCRO

See:

UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

UNCTAD. SECRETARY-GENERAL (AGENDA ITEM 171)

General documents

A/53/799 Note on confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the UNCTAD / Secretary-General.

Discussion in plenary


At the 94th meeting, the Assembly confirmed the extension of the appointment of Rubens Ricupero as Secretary-General of UNCTAD for another 4-year term of office, 15 Sep. 1999-14 Sept. 2003: decision 53/321.

UNDOF

See:

UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER FORCE--FINANCING

UNDP--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111B)

See also:

UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)

Reports


General documents

A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)

A/53/738 Report / 5th Committee.


Discussion in plenary


At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

Resolutions

A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors.

Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UNDP. ADMINISTRATOR (AGENDA ITEM 17L)

Discussion in plenary

A/53/PV.98 (23 Apr. 1999).

At the 98th meeting, the Assembly confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mark Mallock Brown as Administrator of UNDP for a 4-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1999: decision 53/323.

UNEP--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111G)

See also:

UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)
UNEP--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111G) (cont.)

Reports
A/53/5/Add.6 (GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 5F) Fund of the UNEP : financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 Dec. 1997 and report of the Board of Auditors.
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes : addendum / Secretary-General.
A/53/513 Report on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

General documents
A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/738 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
  At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereto contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UNFICYP
See:
UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CYPRUS--FINANCING

UNFPA--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111H)

See also:
UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)

Reports
A/53/5/Add.7 (GAOR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 5G) UNFPA : financial report and audited financial statements for the biennium ended 31 Dec. 1997 and report of the Board of Auditors.
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes : addendum / Secretary-General.
A/53/513 Report on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.
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Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/738 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UNHCR--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111F)

See also:
UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)

Reports
A/53/5/Add.5 (GADR, 53rd sess., Suppl. no. 5E) Voluntary funds administered by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees: audited financial statements for the year ended 31 Dec. 1997 and report of the Board of Auditors.
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes: addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 Sept. 1998.
A/53/513 Report on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors / Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

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A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/738 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.
UNHCR--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111F)
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Resolutions
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UNHCR--ACTIVITIES

See:
REFUGEES

UNICEF--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111C)

See also:
UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)

Reports
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes: addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 Sept. 1998.

General documents
A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
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A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments thereon contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

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See:
UN INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON--FINANCING

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See also:
UN--ACCOUNTS (1997)

Reports
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General documents
A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (5th Committee)
A/53/738 Report / 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

UNITAR--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 96B)

Reports

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.2/53/L.32 Draft resolution on the UN Institute for Training and Research / Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).
The draft resolution was withdrawn by its sponsors in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.44 (A/53/611).
A/C.2/53/L.44 Draft resolution on the UN Institute for Training and Research (submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.32) / Burak Özügergin (Turkey), Vice-Chairman, 2nd Committee.

Discussion in the Economic and Financial Committee (2nd Committee)
A/53/611 Report / 2nd Committee.
UNITAR--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 96B) (cont.)

**Discussion in plenary**


At the 91st meeting, draft resolution II in *A/53/611* (originally *A/C.2/53/L.44*) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/195.

**Resolutions**

*A/RES/53/195* UN Institute for Training and Research.

Reaffirms the importance of a coordinated UN system-wide approach to research and training and underlines the need for UN training and research institutions to avoid duplication in their work; reaffirms also the relevance of UNITAR; stresses the need for the Institute to strengthen further its cooperation with other UN institutes and relevant national, regional and international institutes; also stresses the need for continuity in the management of the Institute; renews its appeal to all Governments and to private institutions that have not yet contributed financially or otherwise to the Institute to give it their generous financial and other support; encourages the Board of Trustees of UNITAR to continue its efforts to address the discrepancy between the contributions to the General Fund of the Institute and participation in its programmes; stresses the need for enhanced coordination between the main training and research institutions of the UN system; notes the survey prepared by the Institute of training institutes and training programmes within the UN; welcomes the progress made in building partnerships between the Institute and other agencies and bodies of the UN system with respect to their training programmes; underlines the need to develop further and expand the scope of these partnerships, particularly at the country level; requests the Board of Trustees to attract experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition for the preparation of the relevant training materials for the programmes and activities of the Institute (adopted without vote, 91st meeting, 15 Dec. 1998).

**UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS QUESTION**

(AGENDA ITEM 18)

**Reports**


**Hearings requested**


**Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)**

*A/53/594* Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).


**Discussion in plenary**


At the 78th meeting, draft resolution IV in *A/53/594* was adopted without vote: resolution 53/67.

**Resolutions**


Requests the administering Power, bearing in mind the views of the people of the Territory ascertained through a democratic process, to keep the Secretary-General informed of the wishes and aspirations of the people regarding their future political status; also requests the administering Power to continue to assist the territorial Government in achieving its political, economic and social goals; further requests the administering Power to facilitate the participation of the Territory, as appropriate, in various organizations, in particular the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and the Caribbean Community; welcomes the conclusion of the negotiations between the administering Power and the territorial Government on the question of Water Island (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

**UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS--ANNIVERSARIES (50TH : 1998)**

**See:**

HUMAN RIGHTS--TREATIES--IMPLEMENTATION
UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM (AL~QUDS)

See: UNRWA--ACTIVITIES

UNMIBH

See: UN MISSION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA--FINANCING

UNMIH

See: UN MISSION IN HAITI--FINANCING

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UNOMIG

See: UN OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA--FINANCING

UNOMIL

See: UN OBSERVER MISSION IN LIBERIA--FINANCING

UNPF-HQ

See: UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

UNPREDEP

See: UN PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE--FINANCING

UNPROFOR

See: UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA--FINANCING

UNRWA--ACCOUNTS (1997) (AGENDA ITEM 111D)

Reports
A/53/335/Add.1 Report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning UN funds and programmes: addendum / Secretary-General. Issued: 10 Sept. 1998.

General documents
A/53/217 Note transmitting concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports prepared by the Board of Auditors for the financial period ended 31 Dec. 1997 / Secretary-General.

Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.5/53/L.16 Draft resolution on financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (submitted following informal consultations) / Chairman, 5th Committee.

Discussion in plenary
At the 93rd meeting, draft resolution in A/53/738 (originally A/C.5/53/L.16) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/204.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/204 Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors. Accepts the financial reports and audited financial statements and the reports and audited opinions of the Board of Auditors and accepts the concise summary of principal findings, conclusions and recommendations of the Board of Auditors; notes with serious concern that the Board of Auditors has qualified its audit opinion on the financial statements of UNDP, UNFPA and the UN International Drug Control Programme; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes mentioned above to take steps to rectify the situation in order to avoid another qualification during the next audit; approves all the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, and endorses the comments therein contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; requests the Secretary-General and the executive heads of UN funds and programmes to ensure timely implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3-5 of its resolution 52/212 B of 31 Mar. 1998 (adopted without vote, 93rd meeting, 18 Dec. 1998).

UNRWA--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 83)

See also:
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION
PALESTINE QUESTION

Reports
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 83) (cont.)


A/53/472 Report on offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for Palestine refugees / Secretary-General. Issued: 8 Oct. 1998.


A/53/518/Corr.1 Note transmitting the 53rd report of the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine: corrigendum / Secretary-General. Corrects text.


A/53/569 Report / Working Group on the Financing of the UNRWA.


General documents


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.4/53/L.9 Draft resolution on assistance to Palestine refugees / Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom.

A/C.4/53/L.10 Draft resolution on the Working Group on the Financing of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East / Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and United Kingdom.

A/C.4/53/L.11 Draft resolution on persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 and subsequent hostilities / Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

A/C.4/53/L.12 Draft resolution on offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for Palestine refugees / Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

A/C.4/53/L.13 Draft resolution on the operations of the UNRWA / Bahrain, Bangladesh, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

A/C.4/53/L.14 Draft resolution on Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues / Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

A/C.4/53/L.15 Draft resolution on the University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees / Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Malaysia, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Palestine.

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)

A/53/597 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).


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Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, action on the
draft resolutions in A/53/597 was as
follows: draft resolution I
(originally A/C.4/53/L.10), adopted
(157-1-2): resolution 53/46; draft
resolution II (originally
A/C.4/53/L.11), adopted
(156-2-1): resolution 53/47; draft
resolution III
(originally A/C.4/53/L.12), adopted
(160-0-1): resolution 53/48; draft
resolution IV (originally
A/C.4/53/L.13), adopted
(157-2-2): resolution 53/49; draft
resolution V
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(156-2-1): resolution 53/50; draft
resolution VI
(originally A/C.4/53/L.15), adopted
(156-2-2): resolution 53/51.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/47 Assistance to Palestine
refugees.
Notes with regret that repatriation
or compensation of refugees, as
provided for in paragraph 11 of its
resolution 194 (III), has not yet been
effected and that, therefore, the
situation of the refugees continues to
be a matter of concern; notes with
regret that the UN Conciliation
Commission for Palestine has been
unable to find a means of achieving
progress in the implementation of
paragraph 11 of General Assembly
resolution 194 (III), and requests the
Commission to exert continued efforts
towards the implementation of that
paragraph and to inform the
Assembly as appropriate, but not later
than 1 Sept. 1999; welcomes
strengthened cooperation between the
Agency and the World Bank and other
specialized agencies, and calls upon
the Agency to make a decisive
contribution in bringing a fresh
imetus to the economic and social
stability of the occupied territories;
urges all Member States to extend and
expedite aid and assistance with a
view to the economic and social
development of the Palestinian people
and the occupied territories;
reiterates its deep concern regarding
the persisting critical financial
situation of the Agency; notes with
profound concern that the structural
deficit problem confronting the Agency
portends an almost certain decline in the
living conditions of the Palestine
refugees and that it, therefore, has
possible consequences for the peace
process; decides to extend the mandate
of the Agency until 30 June 2002,
without prejudice to the provisions of
paragraph 11 of General Assembly
resolution 194 (III) (adopted 157-1-2,
78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/48 Persons displaced as a
result of the June 1967 and
subsequent hostilities.
Reaffirms the right of all persons
displaced as a result of the June 1967
and subsequent hostilities to return
to their homes or former places of
residence in the territories occupied
by Israel since 1967; expresses the
hope for an accelerated return of
displaced persons through the
mechanism agreed upon by the parties
in article XII of the Declaration of
Principles on Interim Self-Government
Arrangements; endorses, in the
meanwhile, the efforts of the
Commissioner-General of the UN Relief
and Works Agency for Palestine
Refugees in the Near East to continue
to provide humanitarian assistance, as
far as practicable, on an emergency
basis, and as a temporary measure, to
persons in the area who are currently
displaced and in serious need of
continued assistance as a result of
the June 1967 and subsequent
hostilities; strongly appeals to all
Governments and to organizations and
individuals to contribute generously
to the Agency and to other
intergovernmental and non-governmental
organizations concerned for the above
purposes (adopted 156-2-1, 78th
meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 83) (cont.)

A/RES/53/49  Offers by Member States of grants and scholarships for higher education, including vocational training, for Palestine refugees. Strongly appeals to all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to augment the special allocations for grants and scholarships to Palestine refugees, in addition to their contributions to the regular budget of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; invites the relevant specialized agencies and other organizations of the UN system to continue, within their respective spheres of competence, to extend assistance for higher education to Palestine refugee students; appeals to all States, specialized agencies and the UN University to contribute generously to the Palestinian universities in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, including, in due course, the proposed University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees; appeals to all States, specialized agencies and other international bodies to contribute towards the establishment of vocational training centres for Palestine refugees; requests the Agency to act as the recipient and trustee for the special allocations for grants and scholarships and to award them to qualified Palestine refugee candidates (adopted 160-0-1, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/50  Operations of the UNRWA. Welcomes the completion of the transfer of the headquarters of the Agency to Gaza and the signing of the Headquarters Agreement between the Agency and the Palestinian Authority; calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, to accept the de jure applicability of the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 Aug. 1949, and to abide scrupulously by its provisions; also calls upon Israel to abide by Articles 100, 104 and 105 of the Charter of the UN and the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the UN with regard to the safety of the personnel of the Agency and the protection of its institutions and the safeguarding of the security of the facilities of the Agency in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem; calls once again upon the Government of Israel to compensate the Agency of identification cards for Palestine refugees and their descendants in the occupied Palestinian territory; expresses concern over the remaining austerity measures which have affected the quality and level of some of the services of the Agency; urges all States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to continue and to increase their contributions to the Agency so as to ease current financial constraints and to support the Agency in maintaining the provision of the most basic and effective to the Palestine refugees (adopted 157-2-2, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).
UNRWA--ACTIVITIES (AGENDA ITEM 83) (cont.)

A/RES/53/51 Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues.
Reaffirms that the Palestine Arab refugees are entitled to their property and to the income derived therefrom, in conformity with the principles of justice and equity; requests the Secretary-General to take all appropriate steps, in consultation with the UN Conciliation Commission for Palestine, for the protection of Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel, expresses its appreciation for the work done to preserve and modernize the existing records of the Commission, and requests the Secretary-General to complete this task; calls upon all the parties concerned to provide the Secretary-General with any pertinent information in their possession concerning Arab property, assets and property rights in Israel that would assist him in the implementation of the present resolution; urges the Palestinian and Israeli sides, as agreed between them, to deal with the important issue of Palestine refugees' properties and their revenues in the framework of the final status negotiations of the Middle East peace process (adopted 156-2-1, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/52 University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees.
Emphasizes the need for strengthening the educational system in the Palestinian territory occupied by Israel since 5 June 1967, including Jerusalem, and specifically the need for the establishment of the proposed university; requests the Secretary-General to continue to take all necessary measures for establishing the University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds", in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/13 B of 3 Nov. 1980; calls once more upon Israel, the occupying Power, to cooperate in the implementation of the present resolution and to remove the hindrances that it has put in the way of establishing the University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" (adopted 156-2-2, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

UNTAES

See:
- UN TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION FOR EASTERN SLAVONIA, BARANJA AND WESTERN SIRMION--FINANCING

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- HUMAN RIGHTS--PROGRAMME OF ACTION (1993)

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See:
- WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT

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- UN--CALENDAR OF MEETINGS (1998-1999)

WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION (AGENDA ITEM 18)

See also:
- UN MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA--FINANCING

Reports
A/AC.109/2118 Working paper on Western Sahara / Secretariat.

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Draft resolutions/decisions
A/C.4/53/L.4 Draft resolution on question of Western Sahara / Chairman, Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).

Discussion in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee)
A/53/594 Report / Special Political and Decolonization Committee (4th Committee).
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Discussion in plenary
At the 78th meeting, draft resolution I in A/53/594 (originally A/C.4/53/L.4) was adopted without vote: resolution 53/64.

Resolutions
A/RES/53/64 Question of Western Sahara.

Notes with satisfaction the agreements reached between Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberacion de Saguia el-Hamra y de Rio de Oro for the implementation of the settlement plan and urges the parties to implement those agreements fully and in good faith; urges the 2 parties to continue their cooperation with the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy, as well as with his Special Representative, and to refrain from undertaking anything that would undermine the implementation of the settlement plan and the agreements reached for its implementation; reaffirms the responsibility of the UN towards the people of Western Sahara, as provided for in the settlement plan; reiterates its support for further efforts of the Secretary-General for the organization and the supervision by the UN, in cooperation with OAU, of a referendum for self-determination of the people of Western Sahara that is impartial and free of all constraints, in conformity with Security Council resolutions 658 (1990) and 690 (1991), by which the Council approved the settlement plan for Western Sahara; requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to consider the situation in Western Sahara, bearing in mind the positive ongoing implementation of the settlement plan, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its 54th session (adopted without vote, 78th meeting, 3 Dec. 1998).

WESTERN SIRMUIM

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A/53/203 Note verbale, 28 July 1998, from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea transmitting communique sent to the Member States of the UN; concerns the dispute with regard to Japan’s actions against Koreans during its occupation of Korea.

A/53/447 Letter, 30 Sept. 1998, from Kazakhstan transmitting message from the President to the people of Kazakhstan, entitled “Democratization of society and economic and political reform in the new century”.


Draft resolutions/decisions

A/C.3/53/L.10 Draft resolution on traffic in women and girls / Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Monaco, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay and Viet Nam.


A/C.3/53/L.11 Draft resolution on traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls / Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Additional sponsors: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Benin, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Guyana, India, Latvia, Madagascar, Poland, Swaziland, Thailand and Uruguay (A/53/618).
A/C.3/53/L.12 Draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women / Argentina, Bolivia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Norway, Panama, Philippines, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden.

Additional sponsors: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, France, Greece, Hungary, Malawi, Mali, Portugal, Rwanda, South Africa, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Venezuela and Zambia (A/53/618).

A/C.3/53/L.12/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women / Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela and Zambia.

Additional sponsors: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Samoa, Singapore, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, United States, Yemen and Zambia (A/53/618).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)
A/53/618 Report / 3rd Committee.

Discussion in plenary

Resolutions


Welcomes national, regional and international efforts to implement the recommendations of the World Congress against Commercial and Sexual Exploitation of Children; urges Governments to continue their efforts to implement the provisions on trafficking in women and girls contained in the Platform for Action of the 4th World Conference on Women and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights; encourages Governments to intensify their efforts to implement the policy recommendations and strategies on trafficking in women and girls contained in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions; calls upon Governments to take appropriate measures to address the root factors that encourage trafficking in women and girls; calls upon all Governments to criminalize trafficking in women and girls in all its forms; urges concerned Governments to support and allocate resources for programmes to strengthen preventive action; encourages Governments to intensify collaboration with non-governmental organizations; invites Governments to take steps to enable women who are victims of trafficking to make complaints to the police; encourages Governments to take effective and expeditious measures to combat all aspects of organized criminal activities related to trafficking at the international level in women and children (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/117 Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls.

Emphasizes the need for technical and financial assistance to developing countries working to achieve the elimination of traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls from UN funds and programmes, international and regional financial institutions, and bilateral and multilateral donors, as well as the need for assistance to non-governmental organizations and community-based groups active in this field from the international community; invites: (a) relevant specialized agencies, UN bodies and non-governmental organizations to exchange information on the subject of the present resolution, and encourages the exchange of such information between non-governmental organizations active in this field and the bodies monitoring the implementation of relevant human rights treaties; (b) the Commission on the Status of Women, at its 43rd session, to address the subject of traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls, including female genital mutilation, during its review of the critical area of concern "Women and health"; requests the Secretary-General: (a) to include information on the subject of traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls in the compilation of updated statistics and indicators on the situation of women and girls around the world, which he is requested to provide by the end of 1999; (b) to make available to the Commission on Human Rights, at its 55th session, the outcome of the discussions in the Commission on the Status of Women on this issue (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).
A/RES/53/118 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Urges States to limit the extent of any reservations they lodge to the Convention, to formulate any such reservations as precisely and as narrowly as possible, to ensure that no reservations are incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention or otherwise incompatible with international treaty law, to review their reservations regularly with a view to withdrawing them and to withdraw reservations that are contrary to the object and purpose of the Convention or that are otherwise incompatible with international treaty law; invites States parties to the Convention to give due consideration to the statement regarding reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to mark the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; urges States parties to the Convention to take appropriate measures so that acceptance of the amendment to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention by a two-thirds majority of States parties can be reached as soon as possible so that the amendment may enter into force; stresses that a comprehensive and integrated approach to the promotion and protection of the human rights of women, including the integration of the human rights of women into the mainstream of the UN system-wide activities, requires systematic, increased and sustained attention to an implementation of the general recommendations of the Committee, at the request of the General Assembly, throughout the UN system (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

A/RES/53/119 Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat. Calls upon the Secretary-General to implement fully and to monitor the strategic plan of action for the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (1995-2000) in order to achieve the goal of 50/50 gender distribution by the year 2000, especially at the D-1 level and above; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that heads of departments and offices develop gender action plans that establish concrete strategies for the achievement of gender balance in individual departments and offices, with full respect for the principle of equitable geographical distribution and in conformity with Article 101 of the Charter, so as to ensure, as far as possible, that the appointment and promotion of women will not be less than 50 per cent until the goal of 50/50 gender distribution is met; also requests the Secretary-General to continue his work to create a gender-sensitive work environment supportive of the needs of his staff, both women and men; further requests the Secretary-General to enable the Focal Point for Women in the Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women to monitor effectively and facilitate progress in the implementation of the strategic plan, including by ensuring access to the information required to carry out that work (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

See also:
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A/53/658 (S/1998/1056) Letter, 10 Nov. 1998, from Turkey transmitting letter from Aytuğ Plumer of the Turkish Cypriot community referring to the statements made by Cyprus in the 3rd Committee.


A/53/1045 Letter, 25 Aug. 1999, from Finland transmitting statement on "honour killings" motivated by family honour in Pakistani society, issued by the Presidency of the European Union on 13 Aug. 1999; condemns the honour killing of Samia Sarwar and urges the Pakistani Government to prevent such killings and to prosecute the perpetrators.

Draft resolutions/decisions

A/53/L.69 Amendment to the draft resolution recommended by the 3rd Committee (A/53/619, paragraph 10) / Indonesia.

A/53/L.69/Add.1 Amendment to draft resolution recommended by the 3rd Committee (A/53/619, paragraph 10) : addendum.

Additional sponsors: Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lesotho, Malaysia, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

A/53/L.69/Add.1 Draft resolution on follow-up to the 4th World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (submitted on the basis of informal consultations) / Chairperson, 3rd Committee.

Additional sponsors: Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lesotho, Malaysia, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe (A/53/L.69/Add.1).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)


Discussion in plenary


At the 85th meeting, the draft resolution in A/53/619 (originally A/C.3/53/L.27), as amended, was adopted without vote: resolution 53/120.
WOMEN'S ADVANCEMENT--CONFERENCES (4TH : 1995 : BEIJING)--FOLLOW-UP (AGENDA ITEM 104) (cont.)

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A/RES/53/120 Follow-up to the 4th World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Requests all bodies that deal with programme and budgetary matters, including the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the governing bodies of UN funds and programmes, to ensure that all programmes, medium-term plans and, in particular, programme budgets visibly mainstream a gender perspective; requests the Economic and Social Council to ensure that gender mainstreaming is an integral part of all its activities concerning integrated follow-up to recent UN conferences; urges Governments that have not yet done so to establish or strengthen appropriate national machineries for the advancement of women at the highest political level; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that a gender perspective is integral to all operational activities; reiterates that the special session which will take place from 5-9 June 2000, should review and appraise progress in implementation; decides that the special session shall be entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the 21st century"; requests the Secretary-General to provide by the end of 1999 a compilation of updated statistics and indicators on the situation of women and girls, including older women and those with special needs, in countries around the world, including by issuing a new volume of The World's Women (adopted without vote, 85th meeting, 9 Dec. 1998).

WORKING GROUP ON REIMBURSEMENT OF CONTINGENT-OWNED EQUIPMENT
See: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS--FINANCING

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A/53/574 Report on the measures taken within the UN system to resolve the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers / Secretary-General. Issued: 4 Nov. 1998.
A/53/574/Corr.1 Report on the measures taken within the UN system to resolve the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers : corrigendum / Secretary-General. Corrects text.

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Draft resolutions/decisions
A/53/L.43 Draft resolution on global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers / Pakistan.
A/53/L.43/Rev.1 Revised draft resolution on global implications of the year 2000 date conversion problem of computers / Pakistan.

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.81 (7 Dec. 1998). At the 81st meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.43/Rev.1 was adopted without vote: resolution 53/86.
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Requests all Member States urgently to increase their efforts to solve the year 2000 problem, including by working to ensure that the private sector is fully engaged in addressing the problem, tackling it in those systems within their own control and appointing their respective national coordinators for this purpose; requests the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure that all parts of the UN system take measures to ensure that their computers and equipment with embedded microprocessors are year 2000 compliant well before the target date by drawing up a plan of action for the UN system; takes note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's proposed guidelines for addressing the year 2000 problem of computers prepared by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1998 and urges Member States to draw upon them in addressing the diverse aspects of the year 2000 problem; requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the UN system closely monitors actual and potential sources of funding to support the efforts of the developing countries and countries with economies in transition to address the year 2000 problem, and to facilitate the dissemination of relevant information on those funding possibilities to the Member States; also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its 54th session on the steps taken within the UN system and with Member States to resolve the problem (adopted without vote, 81st meeting, 7 Dec. 1998).

Discussion in the Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee (3rd Committee)

ZONES OF PEACE--SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN REGION (AGENDA ITEM 32)

Reports
A/53/488 Report on zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic / Secretary-General. Issued: 12 Oct. 1998. - Includes replies received from Governments and organizations and bodies of the UN System.

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Draft resolutions/decisions

Discussion in plenary
A/53/PV.70 (25 Nov. 1998). At the 70th meeting, draft resolution A/53/L.41, as orally revised, was adopted (126-0-1); resolution 53/34.

YOUTH (AGENDA ITEM 100)

See also:
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A/RES/53/34 Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic. This resolution calls upon all States to cooperate in the promotion of the objectives established in the declaration of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic and to refrain from any action inconsistent with those objectives and with the Charter of the UN and relevant resolutions of the Organization; urges the international community and all relevant international and private organizations to fulfill expeditiously their pledges to provide assistance to facilitate the demobilization and social reintegration of ex-combatants, the demining process, the resettlement of displaced persons and the reconstruction of the Angolan economy in order to consolidate the gains in the peace process; affirms the importance of the South Atlantic to global maritime and commercial transactions and its determination to preserve the region for all peaceful purposes and activities protected by international law, in particular the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea; views with concern the increase in drug trafficking and related crimes, including drug abuse, and calls upon the States members of the zone to promote regional cooperation to combat all aspects of the problem of drugs and related offences; welcomes the offer by Benin to host the 6th meeting of the States members of the zone; requests the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the UN system to render all appropriate assistance that States members of the zone may seek in their joint efforts to implement the declaration of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (adopted 126-0-1, 70th meeting, 25 Nov. 1998).
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