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INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, India, Iraq, Jordan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976 proclaiming the year 1981 International Year for Disabled Persons and deciding to devote that year to the realization of a set of objectives, including:

(a) Helping disabled persons in their physical and psychological adjustment to society,

(b) Promoting all national and international efforts to provide disabled persons with proper assistance, training, care and guidance, to make available to them opportunities for suitable work and to ensure their full integration in society

(c) Encouraging study and research projects designed to facilitate the practical participation of disabled persons in daily life, for example by improving their access to public buildings and transportation systems,

(d) Educating and informing the public of the rights of disabled persons to participate in and contribute to various aspects of economic, social and political life,

(e) Promoting effective measures for the prevention of disability and for the rehabilitation of disabled persons.

Noting paragraph (4) of its resolution 31/123, in which it requested the

Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies and the organizations concerned, a draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons.

Recalling its resolution 31/93 on the medium-term plan, paragraph 6 in which it urges organs to refrain from undertaking new activities not programmed in the medium-term plan and the subsequent programme budget unless a pressing need of an unforeseeable nature arises as determined by the General Assembly,

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on and the annexed draft programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons (A/32/288),

1. Approves the proposals of the Secretary-General contained in document A/32/288 for preparatory work for the period 1978-1979.
2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to undertake the measures required to implement these proposals;
3. Decides that the International Year for Disabled Persons represents such a pressing need of an unforeseeable nature;
4. Decides to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Year for Disabled Persons, composed of the representatives of 15 Member States who shall be appointed, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, by the Chairman of the Third Committee, in concurrence with the regional groups.
5. Decides that the task of this Committee shall be to consider, and to make consultations with Member States specialized agencies on, the programme for the International Year for Disabled Persons, prepared by the Secretary-General.
6. Requests the Secretary-General to convene this Committee no later than March 1979 at the United Nations Headquarters, and to submit its report on that meeting during the thirty-fourth session of the Assembly for consideration.
7. Appeals to Member States to make in due time generous voluntary contributions for the International Year for Disabled Persons.
8. Encourages Member States and organizations concerned to take specific action in the preparation of the observance of the International Year for Disabled Persons.
9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of the Assembly's thirty-fourth session an item entitled "International Year for Disabled Persons".