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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PROGRAMME OF ACTION CONCERNING DISABLED
PERSONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF DISABLED PERSONS

Belgium, Egypt, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Jordan,
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Morocco, Philippines, Sweden,
Yugoslavia and Zaire: draft resolution

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled
Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its pertinent resolutions, including resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 1/ and resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which, inter alia, it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Recalling its resolution 40/31 and reasserting all of its relevant provisions,

Noting with satisfaction the concrete measures already carried out by the Governments of Member States, the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and by non-governmental organizations to implement the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the United Nations system and by the non-governmental organizations concerned to monitor the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

1/ See A/37/351 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1, annex.

Mindful that, since developing countries are experiencing difficulties in mobilizing resources, international co-operation should be encouraged to assist national efforts in implementing the World Programme of Action and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General 2/ on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons,

1. Invites once again Member States to reinforce national committees as focal points for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, to stimulate activities at the national level, to mobilize public opinion on behalf of the Decade, to participate in the implementation of disability projects with regard to the International Year of Disabled Persons and to assist in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
2. Renews its invitation to Member Governments to give high priority to projects concerning the prevention of disabilities, rehabilitation and the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons within the framework of bilateral assistance;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to administer donated funds, using them for projects under the presented structure of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, 3/ and, in addition, to continue to make new provisions in order to offer a selection of projects to donor countries which might be willing to finance a particular programme under "special purpose contributions";
4. Reaffirms that the resources of the Voluntary Fund should be used to support catalytic and innovative activities in order to implement further the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, with priority given, as appropriate to programmes and projects of the least-developed countries;
5. Invites Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue their contributions to the Voluntary Fund, and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Fund;

2/ A/41/605.

3/ Formerly known as the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons (see General Assembly resolution 40/31 of 29 November 1985, para. 10.

6. Welcomes the offer of the Government of Sweden to be the host in 1987 of a meeting of experts, consisting largely of disabled persons, on conformity with the relevant provisions of resolution 39/26 of 23 November 1984;

7. Takes note with appreciation of the status of preparations for the forthcoming meeting of experts;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the outcome of the meeting of experts;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session the item entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons".
