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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION YEAR

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 1758th plenary meeting, on 20 September 1969, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 41 entitled "International Education Year: report of the Secretary-General".
2. The Committee considered the item at its 1289th, 1290th, 1297th to 1300th meetings, held on 26 November and 3 to 5 December 1969. At its 1289th meeting, it heard an introductory statement by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.
3. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/7688), the report of the Secretary-General<sup>1/</sup> and the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly.<sup>2/</sup>

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4. At its 1290th meeting, the Chairman suggested that the Committee might adopt the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly

"Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General prepared with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, pursuant to resolution 2412 (XXIII)."

1/ E/4707 and Corr.1 and 2, and Add.1 and 2.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly. Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603), chapter XI, section D.

5. At the suggestion of the representative of Norway, the following paragraph was added:

"Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1436 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969."

6. The Committee then adopted without objection the draft resolution proposed by the Chairman, as orally amended (see paragraph 14 below, draft resolution I).

## II

7. At the 1297th meeting, the representative of India, on behalf of the delegations of Afghanistan, Argentina, Cameroon, Chile, Denmark, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sweden, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Upper Volta and Venezuela, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1086), which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Taking note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's remarks made in paragraphs 196 and 197 of the introduction to his annual report on the work of the organization (A/7601/Add.1) concerning the idea of an international university,

"Recognizing the contribution that such an institution could make to the achievement of the objectives of peace and progress of the United Nations Charter,

"1. Welcomes the initiative taken by the Secretary-General;

"2. Invites the Secretary-General to undertake, in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and any other agency or organization he deems necessary, a comprehensive expert study on the feasibility of such a university, including a clear definition of its goals and objectives, and recommendations as to how it might be organized and financed;

"3. Expresses the hope that the report on the study will be available early in the International Education Year and in time for consideration by the twenty-fifth session of the General Assembly."

8. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of India informed the Committee of the following changes in the text: (a) the second paragraph of

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the preamble would be deleted; (b) the first word in operative paragraph 1 would be replaced by the word "Welcoming" and the paragraph would become the last in the preamble; and (c) paragraphs 2 and 3 would become paragraphs 1 and 2.

9. The following delegations joined in sponsoring the draft resolution: Colombia, El Salvador, Finland, Guyana, Iceland, Jordan, Libya, Maldives, Mauritius and Uganda.

10. At the 1298th meeting, the representative of Czechoslovakia proposed the following oral amendments to the draft resolution:

(a) Paragraph 1 would be amended to read:

"1. Invites the Secretary-General to undertake, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and any other agency or organization he deems necessary,....";

(b) Paragraph 2 would be replaced by the following:

"2. Expresses the hope that the report on the study will be available soon for consideration by the Economic and Social Council."

11. The sponsors revised the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.1086/Rev.1), incorporating the first amendment of Czechoslovakia and certain suggestions made by various delegations. The revision included the following changes:

(a) The draft resolution was entitled "International university";

(b) Paragraph 1 was reworded to read:

"1. Invites the Secretary-General to undertake, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and any other agency or organization he deems necessary, and taking into account the views expressed at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, a comprehensive expert study on the feasibility of such a university, including a clear definition of its goals and objectives, and recommendations as to how it might be organized and financed;";

(c) The following words were added at the end of paragraph 2: "through the Economic and Social Council".

The representative of Czechoslovakia did not press his second amendment to the vote (see paragraph 10 (b) above).

12. At its 1299th meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution unanimously (see paragraph 14 below, draft resolution II).

13. At its 1300th meeting, the Committee heard statements by the Assistant Secretary-General for Inter-Agency Affairs and by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the resolution entitled "International university".

#### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

14. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

##### Report of the Secretary-General on the International Education Year

##### The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>3/</sup> prepared with the assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, pursuant to its resolution 2412 (XXIII) of 17 December 1968;
2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1436 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION II

##### International university

##### The General Assembly

Taking note with appreciation of the Secretary-General's remarks made in paragraphs 196 and 197 of the introduction to his annual report on the work of the organization<sup>4/</sup> concerning the idea of an international university,

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<sup>3/</sup> E/4707 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1 and 2.

<sup>4/</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, twenty-fourth session, Supplement No. 1A (A/7601/Add.1), paras. 196 and 197.

Welcoming the initiative taken by the Secretary-General;

1. Invites the Secretary-General to undertake, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and in consultation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and any other agency or organization he deems necessary, and taking into account the views expressed at the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, a comprehensive expert study on the feasibility of an international university, including a clear definition of its goals and objectives as well as recommendations as to how it might be organized and financed;

2. Expresses the hope that the report on the study will be available early in the International Education Year and in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session through the Economic and Social Council.

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