

Poverty 2/ and on international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries, 3/

Taking note of the Secretary-General's proposal in response to resolution 49/110 of 19 December 1994, that the theme of the international year for the eradication of poverty be "Poverty can be and must be eradicated throughout the World".

A. Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996)

1. Urges all Governments, the international community, including the United Nations system, and all other actors in society to pursue seriously the objective of the eradication of poverty within the context of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996);

2. Reaffirms that the activities for the observance of the Year shall be undertaken at all levels, and that assistance should be provided by the United Nations system with a view to creating among States, policy makers and international public opinion a greater awareness of the fact that the eradication of poverty is both a complex and multidimensional problem, and is fundamental to reinforcing peace and achieving sustainable development;

3. Decides that the aim of the activities during the Year shall be to support a longer-term, sustained effort to implement fully and effectively the commitments, recommendations and measures undertaken and the basic provisions already agreed upon at major United Nations conferences since 1990, in particular the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women; 1/

4. Also decides that, in order to achieve the goal of eradicating poverty, activities during the Year, at all levels, shall be guided, inter alia, by the following principles:

(a) A sustained, collective commitment and effort shall be mounted by Governments, local administrations, all relevant actors of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, business and corporations, supported

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