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Draft programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996)

Report of the Secretary-General

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its forty-eighth session, the General Assembly, by its resolution 48/183 of 21 December 1993, proclaimed 1996 International Year for the Eradication of Poverty. At its forty-ninth session, the Assembly, in its resolution 49/110 of 19 December 1994, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (A/49/572) and requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with all States, concerned specialized agencies, programmes and organs of the United Nations system, relevant international organizations, non-governmental organizations and interested groups, to achieve at an early date the elaboration of the draft programme concerning the preparations for and observance of the Year, containing the objectives, principles, themes and main recommendations for the Year, which should be consistent with the challenge of poverty and the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development, 1/ and to submit a final report thereon to the Assembly for consideration at its fiftieth session, with the aim of ensuring that the Year makes a distinct and significant contribution to the efforts to eradicate poverty.

2. In response to resolution 49/110 and to facilitate an initial exchange of views at the substantive session of 1995 of the Economic and Social Council on a possible programme to observe the Year, the Secretariat prepared a note containing elements of a draft programme for the Year. 2/ The draft programme took into account, and followed closely, the Copenhagen Declaration and

