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The rapporteur, Mr ALDO (UPE, F), takes stock of the work by the Joint Assembly in 1995. He refers to proposals put forward at various stages of the negotiations on the mid-term review of the Fourth Lomé Convention, unstinting efforts to promote human rights and democracy and the constructive role played in serious conflicts (for example in Burundi, Zaire, Rwanda etc.). The rapporteur considers that a delegation should also be sent to Nigeria. Mr Aldo refers to the main resolutions adopted (infrastructures tailored to the environment and the needs of the people, the Cairo and Beijing conferences and the Copenhagen social development summit). The rapporteur stresses the need, in the event of disaster in the ACP countries, for reconstruction aid to be implemented alongside humanitarian aid and emergency action and highlights the importance of promoting a general policy of health education and prevention, especially with regard to AIDS. He calls on the Union to ban the manufacture and sale of anti-personnel landmines on its territory and supports the request for the creation of a specific fund to finance mine clearing and compensation to victims. Finally, the rapporteur considers that the institutional and financial autonomy of the Joint Assembly should be recognized.