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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 39/206 of 17 December 1984, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to report to the Assembly, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region. According to standing arrangements, that report is presented in the first instance to the Governing Council of UNDP, to which the Administrator of UNDP is required to submit an annual report on the subject.
2. In its decision 87/1, annex B, of 17 February 1987, adopted at its special session, the Governing Council of UNDP requested the Administrator to consolidate the above-mentioned annual report with his report on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, which the Administrator is also required to submit annually to the Governing Council. The consolidated report was submitted by the Administrator to the Governing Council as document DP/1987/50.
3. Part one of the consolidated report responds to the request in General Assembly resolution 39/206 for continued reporting by the Secretary-General on the subject. The report has been reissued and made available to the General Assembly as part of the documentation for agenda item 82 (f).

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