

3131 (XXVIII). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2994 (XXVII), 2997 (XXVII) and 3000 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its first session,⁵¹

Reaffirming that the quality of human life must constitute the central concern of the United Nations Environment Programme and that therefore the enhancement of the total human habitat and the study of environmental problems having an immediate impact on man should be given the highest priority in the over-all programme,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its first session;

2. *Endorses* the decisions adopted by the Governing Council,⁵² in particular the criteria and the priorities as contained in decision 1 (I) of 22 June 1973.

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3132 (XXVIII). Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling section III of its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 by which it established the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Noting the statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme concerning the current status of the Fund and his appeal for early contributions,⁵³

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments which have so far contributed or pledged contributions,

Appeals to Governments to extend their continuing support to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme in order to make the Programme fully operational.

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3133 (XXVIII). Protection of the marine environment

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2995 (XXVII) and 2996 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972,

Recalling further its resolutions 3000 (XXVII) and 3002 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, as well as its resolutions 2750 C (XXV) of 17 December 1970 and 3067 (XXVIII) of 16 November 1973,

⁵¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9025).*

⁵² *Ibid.*, annex I.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-eighth Session, Second Committee, 1563rd meeting*, paras. 2-15.

Also recalling principle 7 of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,⁵⁴ held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972,

Taking note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its first session,⁵⁵ held from 12 to 22 June 1973, in which the subjects of oceans and genetic resources are among programme priorities,

Noting the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and other Matters, concluded on 29 December 1972, and the recently concluded International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973,

1. *Emphasizes* the need for protecting and conserving the total living resources of ocean space through concerted environmental action;

2. *Stresses* that both national and international action is needed to preserve and enhance the quality of ocean life and to protect the resources of the marine environment;

3. *Underlines* the fact that a number of the world's important living ocean resources are at present threatened by depletion for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is overfishing in certain areas of the world's seas and oceans;

4. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to consider and decide upon making a detailed survey of the living marine resources of the world's seas and oceans threatened with depletion, to be carried out by the United Nations Environment Programme in co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and to be submitted to the Governing Council at its third session;

5. *Further requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to direct special attention to the question of environmental protection of the seas and oceans, in particular its living marine resources, and to report thereon, as well as on the implementation of the present resolution, to the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of the task of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea in relation to the preservation of the marine environment, taking into account recommendation 92 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment⁵⁶ as approved by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment.

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3167 (XXVIII). United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council, contained in resolution 1762 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, that the General Assembly

⁵⁴ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.A.14), chap. I.

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9025).*

⁵⁶ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.A.14), chap. II.