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Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery
and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian
region

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The issues addressed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1980/51 of 23 July 1980 concerning the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, as outlined in paragraph 7 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/36/208) were considered by the Inter-Agency Consultative Meeting of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in December 1980. Consultations have been initiated by the Administrator of UNDP, under whose authority and supervision the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) operates, with all United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, on the best means and methods of implementing the resolution.
2. As at 5 June 1981, a number of organizations of the United Nations system had responded to the resolution and presented a variety of proposals for its implementation. In particular, views and comments on the matter had been received from the United Nations Department of Technical Co-operation for Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the United Nations University, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the International Telecommunication Union and the World Meteorological Organization

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3. The over-all tone of these responses is very positive, showing that these organizations are actively seeking the most appropriate methods of achieving increased efficiency in using funds and resources available to implement high-priority programmes in the region. The role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in the system is also treated constructively, reflecting a general desire to proceed in a co-ordinated fashion in developing and implementing Sudano-Sahelian projects and programmes.

4. The proposals and suggestions raised are being followed up in further discussions with the organs, agencies and programmes concerned with a view to working out concrete arrangements for joint or more closely co-ordinated proposals and activities. It is the Secretary-General's intention to prepare a more detailed report on the matter for the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1982, at which time it is expected that specific conclusions, in accordance with and in response to the Council's requests, will be available.
