

with the recommendations as adopted at the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development;<sup>79</sup>

19. *Notes* the suggestion made by the World Food Council at its seventh ministerial session that national and international efforts should be stepped up for the training of skilled national staff, that the maximum encouragement should be given to highly qualified agricultural specialists from developing countries to continue working in or to return to those countries, and that measures to avoid the drain of such personnel to developed countries should be considered.<sup>80</sup>

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### **1981/72. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolutions 32/172 of 19 December 1977, 34/187 of 18 December 1979 and 35/72 of 5 December 1980, and Council resolution 1980/52 of 23 July 1980,

*Recalling also* decision 9/22 of 26 May 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>81</sup> and decision 81/4 of 19 June 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>82</sup>

*Reiterating its concern* over the seriousness of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and the persistent critical situation resulting from it, which hampers the economic and social development of the countries of the region,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>83</sup> and the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth session,<sup>84</sup>

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/88 of

<sup>79</sup> See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979* (WCARRD/REP); transmitted to the General Assembly by a note of the Secretary-General (A/34/485).

<sup>80</sup> See WFC/1981/17, part one, para. 13.

<sup>81</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/36/25).

<sup>82</sup> See E/1981/61, annex I; for the final text, see *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 11* (E/1981/61/Rev.1).

<sup>83</sup> E/1981/C.1/L.6.

<sup>84</sup> UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/36/25).

15 December 1978, 34/187 and 35/72, and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration, noting with satisfaction the decision of the Governing Council to include Benin among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;<sup>85</sup>

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;<sup>86</sup>

3. *Welcomes* the decisions of the Governing Councils of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme on the further continuation of the joint venture of the two Programmes aimed at ensuring the timely and effective provision of assistance to the group of designated countries by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations that have contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

5. *Urges* all Governments, organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and other organizations, to intensify their assistance either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

6. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to report annually on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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### **1981/73. International co-operation on the environment**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Reaffirming* the need for further international co-operation in the field of the environment and reiterating that environmental considerations should be viewed in the context of the national plans and priorities and development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

*Having regard* to General Assembly resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly decided,

<sup>85</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I, decision 9/22 B.

<sup>86</sup> A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

*inter alia*, to convene, in 1982, a session of a special character of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its ninth session,<sup>87</sup> the note by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,<sup>88</sup> prepared on the basis of the recommendations of a high-level group of experts, as well as the reports of the Governing Council concerning the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy<sup>89</sup> and on marine pollution,<sup>90</sup>

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

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme concerning the contribution of the Programme to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, submitted in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/49 of 23 July 1980; supports the appeal of the Governing Council to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy that the Conference should give sufficient emphasis and attach high priority to uses of new and renewable energy sources which would make it possible to tackle the major problem of fuel wood;<sup>91</sup> invites the Conference to give serious consideration to the environmental effects of the production and use of various renewable sources of energy; and considers that the Programme should have an active role in the follow-up to the Conference, as regards the relationship between new and renewable sources of energy and the environment;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on marine pollution and the report of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization on the same subject,<sup>92</sup> submitted in pursuance of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 34/183 of 18 December 1979, and transmits them to the General Assembly for consideration;

4. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to play its role fully in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, and stresses the need for all Governments and United Nations agencies to take environmental considerations fully into account when participating in negotiations and conferences

organized by the United Nations on subjects other than environmental ones, such as the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

5. *Endorses* in principle, as recommended by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>93</sup> the proposals made by the high-level group of experts with regard to the programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development<sup>94</sup> and the important role that the Programme should assume in this regard consistent with its mandate, invites the General Assembly to request the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to provide for the implementation of those proposals within the context of the programme of work to be established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/74, taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/51, and takes note of the views expressed by the Governing Council on the report of the Secretary-General on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development;<sup>95</sup>

6. *Requests* organs and organizations of the United Nations system to take fully into account the view of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme should be seen not only as a document of use to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, but also, to the extent relevant to their particular mandates, as a document of basic interest to the governing bodies of other United Nations organizations,<sup>96</sup> and expresses its appreciation of the continued efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme, in co-operation with the entire United Nations system, in the development of the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme;

7. *Invites* the General Assembly to give favourable consideration to the draft resolution on a session of a special character of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in 1982, proposed in decision 9/2 of 26 May 1981 of the Governing Council;<sup>97</sup>

8. *Agrees* to consider the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on additional resources for serious environmental problems in developing countries at its second regular session of 1982;<sup>98</sup>

9. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that continue to contribute generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

<sup>87</sup> UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25)*.

<sup>88</sup> UNEP/GC.9/2/Add.4.

<sup>89</sup> E/1981/85.

<sup>90</sup> E/1981/C.1/L.7.

<sup>91</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I, decision 9/7.

<sup>92</sup> See A/36/233.

<sup>93</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.

<sup>94</sup> *Ibid.*, annex II.

<sup>95</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.

<sup>96</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/4/Add.1, para. 5.

<sup>97</sup> See UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I.

<sup>98</sup> By its decision 9/24, the Governing Council decided to postpone its response to paragraph 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/49 and to paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 35/74 relating to additional resources for environmental problems in developing countries (see UNEP/GC.9/15 and Corr.1, annex I).

10. *Appeals* to all Governments to increase substantially their contributions to the Fund and to make, before the end of 1981, firm pledges of contributions to the Fund for the period 1982-1983, taking into account decision 9/23 of 26 May 1981 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, as adopted;

11. *Reiterates its appeal* to Governments that have not yet contributed to the Fund to do so before the end of 1981 and to those Governments still contributing amounts below their means to increase their contributions for the period 1982-1983.

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#### **1981/74. Convening of a World Population Conference in 1984**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the note by the Secretariat containing the text of the draft resolution entitled "Convening of a World Population Conference in 1984" and the amendment thereto<sup>99</sup> and the revised statement of financial implications of the draft resolution,<sup>100</sup>

1. *Decides* to postpone consideration of the draft resolution and the amendment thereto until its resumed second regular session of 1981;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the opinion of many delegations in favour of holding a conference, to provide at the resumed second regular session of the Council in 1981 further information on the outstanding issue related to financing from extra-budgetary resources;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to examine the views expressed by a few delegations which, while not opposing a conference, suggested that alternative approaches also be explored;

4. *Decides*, at the same time, that the Secretary-General should furnish information on preparatory and organizational arrangements for a conference.

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#### **1981/75. Industrial development co-operation**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of

16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Recalling also* the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation,<sup>101</sup> adopted at the Second General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which laid down the main measures and principles for industrial development and co-operation within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order.

*Recalling* the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrialization of Developing Countries and International Co-operation for their Industrial Development,<sup>102</sup> adopted at the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, which spelt out a strategy for the further industrialization of developing countries for the 1980s and beyond, as well as a plan of action for the restructuring of world industry within the framework of the establishment of the new international economic order,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/61 of 24 July 1980 and General Assembly resolutions 35/66 on industrial development co-operation and 35/56 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, adopted on 5 December 1980,

*Conscious* of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as the central co-ordinating organ within the United Nations system for the promotion of industrial development co-operation and for the fulfilment of the agreed measures and the attainment of the agreed targets in both the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action and the New Delhi Declaration and Plan of Action,

*Bearing in mind* that, within the framework of the new international economic order, far-reaching changes in the structure of the world economy involve the restructuring of world industry, taking fully into account the capabilities and potentials of the developing countries.

*Stressing* the importance of the industrialization of developing countries in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

*Reiterating* the need for a substantially increased transfer of financial resources to developing countries for their accelerated industrialization,

*Bearing in mind* the necessity of maintaining the momentum of technical assistance delivery achieved by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in recent years,

*Having considered* the report of the Industrial Development Board on its fifteenth session,<sup>103</sup> the annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for 1980<sup>104</sup> and

<sup>101</sup> See A/10112, chap. IV.

<sup>102</sup> See ID/CONF.4/22, chap. VI.

<sup>103</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/36/16).*

<sup>104</sup> *Annual Report of the Executive Director, 1980 (ID/B/260 and Corr.1 and ID/B/260/Add.1 and 2).*

<sup>99</sup> E/1981/L.42.

<sup>100</sup> E/1981/40/Rev.1.