

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eighth session,¹²

Taking note of the results of the High-level Meeting within the Framework of the Economic Commission for Europe on the Protection of the Environment, held at Geneva from 13 to 15 November 1979,¹³ and of decision 8/16 of 29 April 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, requesting the Executive Director of the Programme to co-operate closely with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe in the implementation of the decisions of that Meeting,¹⁴

Concerned that the target for the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 1978-1981 may not be attained,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eighth session and transmits it to the General Assembly for consideration;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the consideration of the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,¹⁵ and emphasizes that models for studying such interrelationships should take due account of the specific requirements of different regions and countries and include the elaboration of a programme of work on the interrelationships, which should be closely linked with the integrated system-wide interagency programming and planning and be placed under the direction of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, who should assume overall responsibility for the co-ordination of the system-wide efforts;

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 34/188, to elaborate concrete and specific proposals on energy and the environment, aimed at making an effective and meaningful contribution to the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, and to report thereon, through its Governing Council, to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981;

4. *Welcomes* the growing co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and invites them to intensify that co-operation;

5. *Calls upon* Governments, international financial institutions and multilateral financial organizations to give high priority to and allocate significant resources for

the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;¹⁶

6. *Invites* the General Assembly to give favourable consideration to the recommendation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, contained in its decision 8/2 of 29 April 1980,¹⁷ that the Governing Council should hold, in 1982, a session of a special nature to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, which would be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency as full members of that session;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* of the efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme in the development of the System-wide Medium-term Environment Programme, in co-operation with the entire United Nations system, and requests all organizations within the system to continue to co-operate fully with the United Nations Environment Programme in this endeavour;

8. *Strongly appeals* to all Governments to make every effort to pledge, in 1980, substantial increases in their contributions for 1981 or, to those Governments that have not yet contributed to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, to pledge to do so, in 1980, in order that the agreed target for the Fund for the period 1978-1981 may be reached;

9. *Invites* Governments to consider proposals whereby additional contributions to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme would be used for measures dealing with serious environmental problems in developing countries, taking into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/188, and requests the Governing Council of the Programme to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981.

*43rd plenary meeting
23 July 1980*

1980/50. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁸ and the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council concerning the items entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations" and "Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation

¹² UNEP/GC.8/10 and Corr.1, 2 and 4-6; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/35/25)*.

¹³ For the report of the Meeting, see E/ECE/993. See also *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 8 (E/1980/28)*, paras. 38-62, and UNEP/GC.8/10, para. 67.

¹⁴ See UNEP/GC.8/10, annex I.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, decision 8/1 of 29 April 1980, sect. II, and annex II.

¹⁶ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

¹⁷ See UNEP/GC.8/10 and Corr.1, 2 and 4-6, annex I.

¹⁸ A/35/178 and Add.1

movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system",¹⁹

Having heard the statement of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,²⁰

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 34/42 of 21 November 1979 and Council resolution 1979/50 of 2 August 1979,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies,

Welcoming warmly the achievement of independence by the people of Zimbabwe and mindful of the imperative need to assist the Government of Zimbabwe in its efforts to bring about reconstruction and economic development,

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the people of Namibia and their national liberation movement, the South West Africa People's Organization, for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained through the continuing efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the extension of assistance to refugees from Namibia, the action taken so far by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance generally to the people of Namibia is still far from adequate to meet their urgent and growing needs,

Noting with satisfaction the intensified efforts of the United Nations Development Programme in the extension of assistance to the national liberation movements concerned and commending the initiative taken by that organization in establishing channels for closer, periodic contacts and consultations between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements in the formulation of assistance programmes,

Noting also the support given by the organizations within the United Nations system to the implementation of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/9 A of 4 November 1977,

Noting with satisfaction the high-level meetings held at Nairobi from 5 to 7 June 1980 between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African

Unity and the United Nations and organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 34/21 of 9 November 1979, on the question of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Commending also those international organizations that have taken measures of support for the oppressed people of South Africa aimed at isolating the racist régime and mobilizing world public opinion against *apartheid*,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by the United Nations system of organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

4. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Council for Namibia, increased assistance to the Nationhood Programme for Namibia;

5. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa until that Government restores to the people of Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal occupation of Namibia by that régime;

6. *Requests also* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council on the *apartheid* policy of the Government of South Africa, to intensify their support for the oppressed people of South Africa and to take such measures as will isolate the *apartheid* régime and mobilize world public opinion against *apartheid*;

¹⁹ E/1980/77 and 78.

²⁰ See E/1980/C.3/SR.4.

7. *Welcomes* the achievement of independence by the people of Zimbabwe and invites all Governments, the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system to extend the maximum possible assistance to the Government of Zimbabwe in its efforts to achieve national reconstruction and economic development;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

9. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

10. *Urges* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

11. *Further urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;

12. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1980 of the Council;

13. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

15. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

*43rd plenary meeting
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1980/51. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolution 34/16 of 9 November 1979 and Council resolution 1979/51 of 2 August 1979,

Recalling further decision 80/35 of 27 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme²¹ on the subject,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,²²

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel;

3. *Strongly urges* that all Governments make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

4. *Further urges* all United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, especially the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme, to increase their assistance through joint undertakings with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries, for the implementation of their recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, together with the executive heads of the United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, as well as the International Labour Organisation, to engage in consultations to determine how they might best help to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph 4 above and thereby enhance the ability of the United Nations

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1), chap. XI.*

²² A/35/176.