

adoption by Governments in Basel, Switzerland, in early 1989,

1. *Stresses* the importance of the active participation of all Governments in the preparatory work for the global convention on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, with a view to its speedy and successful completion;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on developments in regard to the convention.

*40th plenary meeting  
28 July 1988*

#### **1988/72. International co-operation on the environment: the Environment Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its first special session,<sup>45</sup>

*Expressing its concern* at the almost complete stagnation in nominal terms of the resources available to the Environment Fund, at a time when the challenges facing the international community in the field of the environment and in the achievement of sustained, environmentally sound and socially just development by the developing countries continue to multiply and assume critical importance,

*Considering* that a 50 per cent increase in real terms in the resources of the Environment Fund is desirable,

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

2. *Recognizes* the resolve of the Governing Council to exercise fully the role expected of it in accordance with its mandate;

3. *Welcomes* the request of the Governing Council<sup>46</sup> to the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to give priority to the provision of financial and technical assistance for the effective implementation of the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation<sup>47</sup> in each of its programme areas;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments that have substantially increased their contributions to the Environment Fund;

5. *Considers* it essential to increase the resources of the Environment Fund substantially;

6. *Calls upon* Governments of developed countries that have not contributed in the past to the Environment Fund to do so at a level commensurate with that of other developed countries, in order to give the Fund a much wider base, and encourages those Governments

<sup>45</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/43/25).*

<sup>46</sup> *Ibid.*, annex, decision SS.1/5, sect. I.

<sup>47</sup> See UNEP/AEC.1/2, annex I, resolution I/1, sect. I.

that are contributing to the Fund to continue to do so and, if possible, to increase their contributions in accordance with their capacity to do so.

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#### **1988/73. Third replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, in which the international community agreed to increase support, whenever possible, to the Special Programme for Sub-Saharan African Countries Affected by Drought and Desertification of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

*Noting with appreciation* that the target of \$300 million for the Special Programme has been surpassed,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1987/90 of 9 July 1987 on food and agricultural problems and the Final Act of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,<sup>48</sup>

*Stressing* the imperative need to strengthen international co-operation to intensify the global effort to assist the hundreds of millions of human beings who, as a result of acute poverty, continue to suffer, especially in rural areas, from hunger or chronic undernutrition,

*Noting with appreciation* the significant role that the International Fund for Agricultural Development has played in addressing, *inter alia*, the needs of the rural poor, including smallholders, the landless, rural women and other marginalized groups;

*Noting* the appeal made by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its forty-eighth ordinary session to strengthen financing for the fight against poverty and hunger being undertaken by the Fund,<sup>49</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to those recipient developing countries that, by announcing significant increases in their contributions in convertible currency, have ensured that two thirds of their objective of \$75 million has already been achieved,

*Emphasizing* the validity of the unique structure and mandate of the International Fund for Agricultural Development,

*Emphasizing also* the importance of ensuring the continuity of the lending operations of the Fund,

1. *Calls upon* all countries to demonstrate political will and flexibility so that the replenishment of the International Fund for Agricultural Development can be

<sup>48</sup> See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Seventh Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.II.D.1), part one, sect. A.

<sup>49</sup> A/43/398, annex I, resolution CM/Res. 1174 (XLVIII).

completed by the end of 1988, before the next session of the Governing Council of the Fund;

2. *Appeals* to all States members of the Fund to ensure that positive action is taken to reach an early agreement on the third replenishment;

3. *Invites* those recipient developing countries that have not yet done so to announce their increased contributions at the earliest possible date.

*41st plenary meeting  
29 July 1988*

#### **1988/74. National entrepreneurship in economic development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* General Assembly resolution 41/182 of 8 December 1986 on indigenous entrepreneurs in economic development,

*Recognizing* the responsibility of the international community, in particular that of the developed countries, to promote and endeavour to provide an equitable international economic environment supportive of the development of developing countries,

*Bearing in mind* that the promotion and development of national entrepreneurship require a dynamic process of capital formation in developing countries, which is related to the availability to those countries of financial and technical resources and broader market opportunities for them,

*Convinced* that entrepreneurship is an important dimension of economic and social development and that entrepreneurs in the public and private sectors can play an important role in mobilizing resources and promoting economic growth and socio-economic development,

*Aware* that many countries are actively seeking to encourage, strengthen and improve the effectiveness of national entrepreneurs in expanding and modernizing productive capacities, particularly by increasing productivity and technological capabilities, and in contributing generally to the development process,

*Bearing in mind* that the development of national entrepreneurship and its positive contribution to the development process should be pursued within the framework of the overall economic and social development strategy of each country in accordance with its economic and social system and specific objectives, needs and conditions,

*Recognizing* the important role that national entrepreneurs in all countries can play in economic development and technological progress, in the creation of new sources of employment, in the more efficient utilization of human resources and in the acquisition of new technologies,

*Recognizing also* the important role of Governments in promoting the development of national entrepreneurial activity,

*Recognizing further* that organs and organizations of the United Nations system are currently undertaking work in this field,

*Noting* the work of non-governmental organizations that are active in fostering positive entrepreneurial activity in interested developing countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>10</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake a study of measures to promote the contribution of national entrepreneurs to the economic development of developing countries, taking into account the need for a positive international economic environment and focusing on the following:

(a) The experience of developed and developing countries in establishing legal, technical and financial frameworks conducive to the positive contribution of national entrepreneurs to development;

(b) Programmes to help entrepreneurs achieve increased access to domestic and international finance, in order to enhance capital formation in developing countries;

(c) Technical assistance and financial support provided by interested donor countries for activities to promote entrepreneurial skills in interested developing countries;

(d) The acquisition, diffusion, creation and development of technologies, including new technologies, in national entrepreneurial activities;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the report requested in paragraph 4 of the present resolution a section on international factors affecting the growth and competitiveness of enterprises of developing countries, including the need for broader market opportunities;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, avoiding duplication and within existing resources, to prepare a report on the issues dealt with in the present resolution and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council.

*41st plenary meeting  
29 July 1988*

#### **1988/75. Early identification of world economic developments**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Emphasizing* the common interest in a more balanced and sustained growth and development of the world economy,

*Recognizing* the importance of short-term and medium-term analysis of the most acute problems in the world economy,

*Convinced* that the United Nations provides an appropriate framework for the early identification and

<sup>10</sup> A/43/360-E/1988/63.