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RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
AND PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AS A RESULT OF THE
ACCUMULATION OF TOXIC AND RADIOACTIVE WASTES, AND STRENGTHENING
OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESOLVING THE
PROBLEM

Tunisia:* draft resolution

Responsibility of States for the prevention of the illegal traffic
in, and accumulation and dumping of, toxic and dangerous products
and wastes affecting in particular the developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/183 of 11 December 1987 on traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/70 and 1988/71 and decision 1988/174, all of 28 July 1988,

Stressing the obligation of all States, taking into account their respective responsibilities, to protect the environment through preventing the illegal traffic in, and accumulation and/or dumping of, toxic and dangerous products and wastes affecting in particular developing countries,

Concerned about the increase in the illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes and the dumping of such products and wastes in the developing

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

countries, as well as in international waters, in contravention of existing national legislation and relevant international legal instruments,

1. Urges all States, bearing in mind their respective responsibilities, to take effective steps to stop and to prevent such illegal traffic and/or dumping practices and to prohibit all transboundary movements of toxic and dangerous products and wastes carried out without the prior consent of the importing or transit country and without full disclosure of the nature of substances to be received or transported;

2. Urges all States generating toxic and dangerous wastes to treat and dispose of them in the country of origin;

3. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts with a Mandate to Prepare a Global Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes established by the United Nations Environment Programme to give due consideration to the present resolution and to the views expressed during the forty-third session of the General Assembly on the responsibility of States for the prevention of the illegal traffic in, and accumulation and/or dumping of, toxic and dangerous products and wastes;

4. Calls upon the international community, in particular developed countries, to strengthen its scientific and technical co-operation with the developing countries and to provide appropriate assistance to them in their efforts to eliminate the adverse consequences of toxic and dangerous products and wastes for human health and the environment.
