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Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 5th plenary meeting, on 23 September 1977, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"United Nations Environment Programme:

(a) Report of the Governing Council;

(b) Reports of the Secretary-General;

(c) United Nations Conference on Desertification"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 19th to 21st, 23rd to 27th and 55th to 59th meetings, between 17 October and 10 December. An account of the discussion of the Committee is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/32/SR.19-21, 23-27 and 55-59).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fifth session (A/32/25); 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/32/25).

- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on material remnants of wars and their effect on the environment (A/32/137);
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General on co-ordination of action at the regional level in the field of human settlements (A/32/260);
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in occupied territories (A/32/228);
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (A/32/156);
- (f) Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification (A/CONF.74/36);
- (g) Report by the Secretary-General on the results of the United Nations Conference on Desertification (A/32/257 and Corr.1);
- (h) Note by the Secretary-General on natural resources shared by two or more States (A/32/159);
- (i) Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/32/3); 2/
- (j) Report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of its resumed sixty-third session (A/32/3/Add.1, Parts I-VI);
- (k) Note verbale dated 23 August 1977 from the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/32/189);
- (l) Note verbale dated 28 July 1977 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/32/3);
- (m) Note verbale dated 21 October 1977 from the Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/32/6).

4. At its 19th meeting, on 17 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme made an introductory statement and, at the 20th meeting, on 18 October, the Committee heard a statement by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Desertification on the results of the Conference.

5. The Committee then considered six draft resolutions and two draft decisions, as set forth in sections I to VII below.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (A/32/3), chap. IV, sect. E.

I

6. At the 55th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme" (A/C.2/32/L.19/Rev.1), sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Egypt, India, Jamaica, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Portugal, the Sudan, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, later joined by Bangladesh, Denmark and Finland.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.19/Rev.1 (see para. 32 below, draft resolution I).

8. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Italy, Brazil, France, China, Belgium, the Federal Republic of Germany, Viet Nam and the Netherlands. The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya also made a statement.

II

9. At the 55th meeting, on 7 December, the representative of Afghanistan introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.37/Rev.1) entitled "Financial and technical assistance to the least developed among the developing countries", sponsored by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, the Central African Empire, Chad, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mali, Nepal, Rwanda, the Sudan, Swaziland and Uganda, later joined by Bolivia, Botswana, the Comoros, Democratic Yemen, Guinea-Bissau and the Niger.

10. The representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made two proposals:

(a) In operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.37/Rev.1), the word "decision" should be replaced by the word "recommendation" after the words "implementation of the";

(b) In operative paragraph 2, the word "decisions" should be replaced by the word "recommendations".

The representative of Afghanistan accepted those amendments on behalf of the sponsors of the draft resolution.

11. The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.37/Rev.1, as orally revised (see para. 32 below, draft resolution II).

12. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, representatives of the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Belgium (on behalf of the members of the European Economic Community) made statements.

III

13. At the 56th meeting, on 8 December, the representative of Mali, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Measures to be taken for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region" (A/C.2/32/L.50/Rev.2), sponsored by Cape Verde, Chad, the Gambia, India, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger and Senegal, later joined by Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Nigeria, the Sudan, Tunisia, the United Republic of Cameroon and the Upper Volta.

14. Subsequently, the representative of Mali, on behalf of the sponsors, revised the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.50/Rev.2) by deleting operative paragraph 4, which read as follows:

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session."

15. At the 56th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.50/Rev.2 (see para. 32 below, draft resolution III).

16. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of France, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Japan and the United States of America made statements.

IV

17. At the 57th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of Pakistan introduced a draft resolution entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinian people" (A/C.2/32/L.51), on behalf of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, the Comoros, Cuba, Egypt, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates and Yugoslavia, subsequently joined by Algeria, Bahrain, Bolivia, Democratic Yemen, the Sudan, Viet Nam and Yemen.

18. In his introductory statement, the representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors, revised operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution by replacing the words "it does not meet adequately" after the words "the view that" by the phrase "there is a need for further analysis in order to fully".

19. The Committee also had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.2/32/L.87) on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.51).

20. At the 57th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.51, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 95 to 4, with 24 abstentions (see para. 32 below, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows: 3/

3/ At the 58th meeting, the representative of Italy informed the Secretariat that he had intended to abstain in the voting.

In favour: Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde, Central African Empire, Chad, China, Colombia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Surinam, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Cameroon, United Republic of Tanzania, Upper Volta, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Australia, Guatemala, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay.

21. The representatives of Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Belgium (on behalf of the European Economic Community) made statements after the vote. The observer for the Palestine Liberation Organization made a statement.

V

22. At the 58th meeting, on 10 December, Mr. Tukan, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification" (A/C.2/32/L.97), submitted on the basis of informal consultations on the revised draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.27/Rev.1), which had originally been submitted by the delegation of Jamaica on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of Seventy-seven.

23. A statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution was also before the Committee (A/C.2/32/L.91 and Add.1).

24. At the 58th meeting, the Committee took the following action:

(a) It adopted operative paragraph 11 of draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.97 by 82 votes to 16, with 18 abstentions;

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(b) It adopted operative paragraph 12 by 80 votes to 11, with 20 abstentions;

(c) It then adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, by 104 votes to none, with 12 abstentions (see para. 32 below, draft below, draft resolution V).

25. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the German Democratic Republic (on behalf of Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Mongolia, Poland, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics), the Netherlands, Japan, Australia, Italy, Israel, France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Pakistan, the Federal Republic of Germany, the United States of America, Belgium, Sweden, Spain, Norway and Denmark.

VI

26. At the 59th meeting, on 12 December, the representative of the Philippines introduced a draft resolution entitled "Resources of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation" (A/C.2/32/L.28), on behalf of Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Nigeria, Oman, the Philippines, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and Venezuela. During her statement, the representative of the Philippines introduced two revisions:

(a) The replacement, in operative paragraph 1, of the word "Urges" by "Appeals to";

(b) The replacement in operative paragraph 2, of the word "Endorses" by the word "Notes".

27. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding the administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution (A/C.2/32/L.28).

28. At the 59th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/32/L.28, as orally revised (see para. 32 below, draft resolution VI).

29. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Spain, Denmark, France and Sweden made statements.

VII

30. Also at the 59th meeting, the Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to recommend that the General Assembly should take note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-ordination of action at the regional level in the

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field of human settlements (A/32/260), submitted pursuant to paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 31/109 of 16 December 1976 (see para. 33 below, draft decision I).

31. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted a proposal by the Chairman to recommend that the General Assembly, noting Economic and Social Council decision 264 (LXIII), should request the Secretary-General to submit the report concerning specific measures to meet the need for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society called for in paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 31/113, to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session through the Council at its sixty-fifth session (see para. 33 below, draft decision II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

32. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fifth session 4/ and the statement 5/ of the Executive Director of the Programme introducing the report,

Having further considered Economic and Social Council resolution 2112 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 relating to the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling its resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and 31/112 of 16 December 1976,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fifth session;

2. Invites the governing bodies of all organizations within the United Nations system to take full account within their terms of reference, of the decisions of the Governing Council and to ensure that those organizations review their programmes and budgets with a view to participating fully in the effective implementation of the environment programme;

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/32/25).

5/ A/C.2/32/SR.19, paras. 1-13.

3. Stresses the need for ensuring that environmental considerations are taken into account in development programmes in differing socio-economic settings, in the implementation of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order 6/ and in the formulation of the new international development strategy;

4. Invites all Governments to contribute generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, bearing in mind resolution 98 (V) of 24 May 1977 of the Governing Council, so as to permit the full implementation of the medium-term plan for 1978-1981 for Fund programme activities; 7/

5. Notes the report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on the study of the problem of the material remnants of wars, particularly mines, and their effect on the environment, 8/ and decision 101 (V) of 25 May 1977 of the Governing Council and invites Governments concerned to co-operate with the Executive Director in the implementation of the decision;

6. Also notes the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment 9/ and invites Member States, as appropriate, to ratify and implement these conventions and protocols, and requests the Executive Director to continue to take the necessary measures to facilitate the ratification and implementation of these and newly signed conventions and protocols by the greatest possible number of States;

7. Also notes the note by the Secretary-General on the progress made by the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Natural Resources shared by two or more States 10/ and decision 99 (V) of 20 May 1977 of the Governing Council and expresses the hope that the Working Group of Experts will expedite the completion of its work in order for the Governing Council to present its final report on the subject to the General Assembly.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Financial and technical assistance to the least developed among the developing countries

The General Assembly,

6/ General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI).

7/ UNEP/GC/98 and Corr.1 and Corr.2, table 1.

8/ A/32/137.

9/ A/32/156.

10/ A/32/159.

Taking note of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification, held at Nairobi from 29 August to 9 September 1977, 11/

Recognizing that desertification constitutes a world-wide economic and social problem,

Reaffirming the cardinal principle of the permanent sovereignty of States over their natural resources,

Bearing in mind the resolution adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification, in which the Conference recognized that the least developed among the developing countries with limited resources at their disposal were in need of immediate financial and technical assistance from the United Nations and the specialized agencies and international organizations within the United Nations system, 12/

Taking note of resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, 13/

1. Recommends the speedy implementation of the recommendation of the United Nations Conference on Desertification with respect to financial and technical assistance to the least developed countries; 14/

2. Urges the United Nations and its Member States and the specialized agencies and international and regional financial institutions to ensure the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Desertification in favour of those countries by extending additional international and bilateral assistance;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Measures to be taken for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region

The General Assembly,

Considering the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and the relevant

11/ See A/CONF.74/36, chap. II. See also A/32/257.

12/ A/CONF.74/36, chap. II, resolution 2.

13/ Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, vol. I, Report and Annexes (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.

14/ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I, recommendation 28.

resolutions and recommendations adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification, 15/

Bearing in mind the United Nations resolutions and recommendations concerning the drought in the Sahel and the implementation of the medium-term and long-term programme for the recovery and rehabilitation of the region,

Aware of the particular seriousness of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and of the recurrent critical situations resulting from it, which hamper the economic and social development of the region and have particularly adverse effects on the way of life of the population,

Noting in particular the harmful effects of the particularly low level of rainfall in the region,

1. Stresses the need for the immediate implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification; 16/

2. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to consider at its sixth session, on the basis of a report by the Executive Director of the Programme which will take account of the role and activities of the competent existing organs in the region, measures to improve institutional arrangements in the Sudano-Sahelian region, including the establishment of a subregional office of the United Nations Environment Programme in the region for the purpose of supporting efforts undertaken at the national and regional levels by the countries concerned to combat desertification and of encouraging and co-ordinating, in co-operation with competent existing organs, assistance from developed countries, multilateral financial institutions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental donors;

3. Further requests the Governing Council to include in its agenda, when it considers the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, an item concerning measures and modes of action for implementing projects and programmes to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Living conditions of the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976, 17/ and the

15/ A/CONF.74/36, chaps. I and II.

16/ Ibid.

17/ Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.

relevant recommendations for national action 18/ adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held at Vancouver from 31 May to 11 June 1976,

Recalling also resolution 3 of the recommendations of the Conference for international co-operation on living conditions of the Palestinians in occupied territories 19/ and Economic and Social Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 31/110 of 16 December 1976,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories 20/ and expresses the view that there is need for further analysis in order to meet fully the objectives of General Assembly resolution 31/110;

2. Requests therefore the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the relevant United Nations organs and specialized agencies, particularly the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the Economic Commission for Western Asia, to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session a comprehensive and analytical report on the social and economic impact of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories;

3. Requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the above-mentioned report, to consult and co-operate with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people;

4. Urges all States to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

United Nations Conference on Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its 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 further its resolution 3337 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

18/ Ibid., chap. II.

19/ Ibid., chap. III.

20/ A/32/228.

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the Conference, 21/

1. Approves the report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification; 22/

2. Expresses its gratitude to the Government and people of Kenya for acting as host to the Conference;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the Conference for its efficient preparation and organization;

4. Calls upon all Governments to consider, on a priority basis, the recommendations for national action contained in section IV of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification 23/ and, where necessary, the desirability of establishing a national authority to co-ordinate, consolidate and implement national anti-desertification action programmes;

5. Recommends that subregional co-operation be initiated or intensified, as considered necessary, among countries affected by desertification, with the required assistance from the United Nations Environment Programme and other organizations concerned, with a view to formulating specific joint programmes and requests for development assistance for implementation of the Plan of Action;

6. Requests the regional commissions to undertake intensified and sustained action in support of national efforts to combat desertification, to assist Governments, at their request, in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and to convene, as appropriate, in co-operation with interested Governments and regional organizations, intergovernmental regional meetings, technical workshops and seminars to consider the immediate implementation of the recommendations contained in section V of the Plan of Action;

7. Requests the organs, organizations and other bodies of the United Nations system to support international action to combat desertification within the context of the Plan of Action;

8. Decides to entrust the Governing Council and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, as well as the Environment Co-ordination Board, with the responsibility of following up and co-ordinating the implementation of the Plan of Action, in accordance with its recommendation 27, and requests the Governing Council to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and thereafter every two years;

21/ A/32/257 and Corr.1.

22/ A/CONF.74/36.

23/ Ibid., chap. I.

9. Calls upon all countries, in particular developed countries, as well as multilateral financial institutions and non-governmental donors, to provide and increase their assistance to countries suffering from desertification, especially for the financing of their subregional and regional programmes and projects within appropriate consortium arrangements, such as those pertaining to the Sahel green belt, and urges developing countries to give due priority to desertification problems in their development assistance requests;

10. Authorizes the Executive Director to convene immediately a consultative group, which would meet as and when required, comprising representatives from organizations referred to in paragraph 7 above, such other organizations as might be required, donor countries, multilateral financial agencies, as well as developing countries having a substantial interest in combating desertification, to assist in mobilizing resources for the activities undertaken within the framework of implementing the Plan of Action;

11. Endorses in principle the creation of a special account within the United Nations for implementing the Plan of Action;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare and submit a study on the establishment and operation of such an account to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, through the Governing Council and the Economic and Social Council;

13. Invites the Governing Council to have prepared, by a small group of high-level specialists in the international financing of projects and programmes, a study of additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action, and to submit a final report on the subject of additional measures of financing to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to approach Member States and competent organizations and bodies within the United Nations system, as well as scientific institutions concerned outside the system, for further research, development and refinement of the data pertaining to desertification, to close any existing gaps in scientific knowledge and technology, and for further development of the world map of desertification on the basis of the relevant recommendations of the Conference;

15. Further requests the Secretary-General to invite intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with desertification problems and their impact on development to participate in the implementation of the Plan of Action with a view to co-ordinating their activities within world-wide and regional programmes;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference, 24/ especially resolution 2 on financial and technical

24/ Ibid., chap. II.

assistance to the least developed countries and resolution 4 on the effect of weapons of mass destruction on ecosystems.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Resources of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation,

Believing that the current level of resources available to the Foundation is clearly inadequate,

Recognizing that the international community, at both the global and regional levels, should encourage and support Governments determined to take effective action to ameliorate conditions, especially for the least advantaged, in urban and rural settlements,

Bearing in mind the invitation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, in its decision 92 (V) of 25 May 1977, to the General Assembly regarding the setting of a target for total voluntary contributions by Governments to the Foundation,

1. Appeals to all Governments to contribute generously to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation as soon as possible in order to expedite action programmes in the field of human settlements;

2. Notes the proposal of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme regarding the target of \$50 million as a minimum for the total voluntary contributions by Governments for the years 1978-1981; 25/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to convene, during the thirty-third session of the General Assembly, a pledging conference on voluntary contributions by Governments to the Foundation if pledges to meet the minimum target referred to in paragraph 2 above are not forthcoming.

33. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Co-ordination of action at the regional level in the field of human settlements

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on

co-ordination of action at the regional level in the field of human settlements, 26/ submitted pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 31/109 of 16 December 1976.

DRAFT DECISION II

Specific measures to meet the need for a decent living
environment for the most vulnerable groups of society

The General Assembly, noting Economic and Social Council decision 264 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977, requests the Secretary-General to submit the report concerning specific measures to meet the needs for a decent living environment for the most vulnerable groups of society, called for in paragraph 2 of Assembly resolution 31/113 of 16 December 1976, to the Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Council at its sixty-fifth session.
