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UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION

Jamaica: revised draft resolution\*

Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 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), in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

1. Endorses the report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification; 1/
2. Expresses its gratitude to the Government and people of Kenya for acting as host to the Conference;
3. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Secretary-General of the Conference for the efficient preparation and organization of the Conference;
4. Calls upon all Governments to consider, on a priority basis, the

\* The revised draft resolution is submitted by the delegation of Jamaica on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77.

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recommendations for national action contained in section IV of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification 2/ 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, and to assist Governments, at their request, in the implementation of the Plan of Action, and to convene, as appropriate, in co-operation with interested Governments and regional organizations, technical workshops or seminars to consider the immediate implementation of the recommendations contained in chapter 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 of the United Nations Environment Programme with the responsibility of following up and co-ordinating the implementation of the Plan of Action in accordance with recommendation 27 of the Plan of Action and to report through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and every other session thereafter;

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, such as those pertaining to the Sahel green belt;

10. Authorizes the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme 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 operations of such an account to the General Assembly at its

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2/ Ibid., chap. I.

thirty-third session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Economic and Social Council;

13. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to have prepared by a small group of high-level specialists in international financing of projects and programmes a study of additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action, such as funds in trust, fiscal measures entailing automaticity, and an international fund, 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 a world-wide programme;

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, 3/ especially resolutions 2 and 4, on financial and technical assistance to the least developed countries and on the effect of weapons of mass destruction on ecosystems, respectively.

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3/ Ibid., chap. II.