

Decides to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration with a view to their adoption, at its thirty-ninth session as agreed in resolution 38/147, the draft guidelines on consumer protection contained in the report of the Secretary-General on that question submitted to the Council in 1983,⁴² as well as the comments of States thereon.⁴³

*49th plenary meeting
26 July 1984*

1984/64. Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, and Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, which laid down the foundations of the new international economic order,

Bearing in mind the adoption by the General Assembly, on 12 December 1974, of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 37/204 of 20 December 1982, in which the Assembly decided to carry out, at its thirty-ninth session, a comprehensive review of the implementation of the Charter, as provided for in article 34 thereof,

1. *Recommends* the General Assembly, at its thirty-ninth session, to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States in a suitable and appropriate manner at a plenary meeting on 12 December 1984;

2. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental organizations which have not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General their comments on the implementation of the Charter, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 37/204.

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1984/65. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977, by which the Assembly approved the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁴

⁴² E/1983/71.

⁴³ Contained in conference room paper No. 1, which was before the working group on this subject convened by the Vice-President of the Council.

⁴⁴ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, Nairobi, 29 August-9 September 1977* (A/CONF.74/36), chap. 1.

Recalling also paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 38/165 of 19 December 1983, by which the Assembly welcomed the decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to devote two days, during its twelfth session, to a detailed assessment of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

Having considered the reports of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the general assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 1978-1984,⁴⁵ on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁶ submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 32/172 and subsequent resolutions, in particular resolution 37/218 of 20 December 1982, and on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁷ submitted in response to paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 38/164 of 19 December 1983,

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the general assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 1978-1984, submitted pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Plan of Action approved by the General Assembly in resolution 32/172, and transmits it to the Assembly for consideration;

2. *Takes note with appreciation also* of the report of the Governing Council on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/218, and transmits it to the Assembly for consideration;

3. *Takes note* of Governing Council decision 12/10 of 28 May 1984;⁴⁸

4. *Expresses its deep concern* that, during the seven years since the United Nations Conference on Desertification in 1977, desertification has continued to spread and intensify in developing countries, particularly in Africa;

5. *Welcomes* the reconfirmation by the Governing Council of the validity of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, the reaffirmation of the central role of the United Nations Environment Programme in catalysing, co-ordinating and assessing the implementation of the Plan of Action at the international level, and the ap-

⁴⁵ UNEP/GC.12/9 and Corr.1.

⁴⁶ A/39/443, annex I.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, annex I.

⁴⁸ See the annex to the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its twelfth session (E/1984/C.1/L.2; for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/39/25)).