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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Burundi, Chad, Finland, Guinea, Mali, Netherlands, Philippines,
Sudan, Sweden, United States of America, Upper Volta and Zaire:
revised draft resolution

Follow-up to and implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan
of the United Nations Water Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/158 of 19 December 1977, by which it adopted the report of the United Nations Water Conference, 1/ approved the Mar del Plata Action Plan contained therein 2/ and endorsed Economic and Social Council resolutions 2115 (LXIII) and 2121 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 concerning the implementation of the Action Plan and the report of the Water Conference, respectively,

Recalling that the United Nations Water Conference recommended in paragraph 15 of the Mar del Plata Action Plan that the decade 1981-1990 should be designated as the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, and should be devoted to the implementation of national plans and programmes for drinking water supply and sanitation in accordance with the Plan of Action contained in resolution II of the Conference,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/31 of 9 May 1979 entitled "International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade", decision 79/15 of 27 June 1979 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on international co-operative action in support of the Mar del Plata Action Plan 3/ and World Health Assembly resolution WHA 32.11 of 18 May 1979,

1/ Report of the United Nations Water Conference, Mar del Plata,
14-25 March 1977 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.II.A.12).

2/ Ibid., chap. I.

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10
(E/1979/40) and corrigendum, chap. XXI, sect. Q.

entitled "United Nations Water Conference: follow-up to the Mar del Plata Action Plan", all of which were designed to secure the further implementation of the Decade,

Recognizing that the implementation of the Decade will require concerted action by countries, with all possible support by international organizations, as and when requested,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources; 4/
2. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/31 and Council resolutions 1979/67, 1979/68 and 1979/70 of 3 August 1979, concerning the follow-up activities for the implementation of the Mar del Plata Action Plan;
3. Decides to hold a special one-day meeting during its thirty-fifth session to launch formally the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, 1981-1990, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/31 and on the understanding that requirements for documentation set out in that resolution will be reduced;
4. Requests the Committee on Natural Resources, at its regular biennial sessions during the 1980s, to review the progress made by Governments in the implementation of the Action Plan and to provide continued guidance and oversight to the supporting water-related activities undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system, including the plans and programmes of the Decade.

4/ E/1979/91.