

**1990/62. International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 41/185 of 8 December 1986 and 43/203 of 20 December 1988 and Assembly decision 44/438 of 19 December 1989, in which the Assembly endorsed Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/98 of 26 July 1989,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and aware that the Decade covers locust and grasshopper infestation,

Noting with satisfaction the general desert locust situation reported by the Emergency Centre for Locust Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, which shows that only small populations of the desert locust were present in Africa and the Near East,

Conscious of the need for the continuation of short-term, medium-term and long-term efforts if desert locust and grasshopper infestations are to be contained both today and in the future,

1. Welcomes the note by the Secretary-General<sup>12</sup> transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the international community for the assistance provided to affected countries and calls for continued support for the short-term, medium-term and long-term efforts required to combat locusts and grasshoppers;

3. Notes with satisfaction the considerable progress made in initiating research aimed at finding new and environmentally acceptable approaches to locust control, in particular the joint research project of the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the development of environmentally acceptable strategies for desert locust control, the Desert Locust Research and Development Register prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the pesticide testing and vetting scheme developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and a joint donor research programme on the development of bio-pesticides;

4. Calls upon the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to assist the countries concerned in strengthening their preventive control capabilities for desert locust control by ensuring that technically appropriate programmes are developed that

are complementary to and integrated with those of regional bodies;

5. Requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, over the short and medium term, to reinforce existing structures and current technologies, including early warning systems such as ARTEMIS (Africa Real-Time Environmental Monitoring using Imaging Satellites), which contribute to preventive control;

6. Requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991 an up-to-date report on the implementation of the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa.

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**1990/63. Assistance in cases of natural disasters and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, 36/225 of 17 December 1981, 38/202 of 20 December 1983 and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council related to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, by which the Assembly proclaimed, in paragraph 5 of the annex to the resolution, the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and requested the Secretary-General to provide the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with adequate means to enable it to discharge its specific responsibilities and functions in disaster prevention and preparedness, in accordance with Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI),

Deeply concerned about the additional economic burden placed on the developing countries by the increasing number of natural disasters and other disaster situations and in overcoming the long-term consequences of those disasters,

Recognizing the contribution made by the United Nations system to relieve the suffering of the victims and to provide humanitarian relief in natural disasters and other disaster situations,

Noting with appreciation the effective response of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to recent major disasters,

Expressing appreciation for the contribution made by the donor community, including Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in supporting international relief operations,

<sup>12</sup> E/1990/59.