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2914 (XXVII). International action for the mitigation of the harmful effects of storms*The General Assembly,*

Aware of the continuing harmful effects of storms and the devastation they cause, particularly to developing countries, whose economies and developmental efforts are thereby seriously impaired,

Concerned over recent calamities inflicted by storms, resulting in tremendous losses of life and property in various parts of the world,

Believing that recent advances in science and technology have opened up new avenues towards moderating the effects of these destructive natural forces,

Recalling its resolutions 1721 (XVI) of 20 December 1961, 1802 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 and 2733 D (XXV) of 16 December 1970 and noting the work being undertaken and the progress achieved in response to them,

Taking into account the views expressed in the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its resumed fifteenth session, held from 5 to 15 September 1972,

Bearing in mind the various recommendations in the field of natural disaster prevention and the measures adopted in General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 with a view to improving the co-ordination and effectiveness of international efforts to deal with natural disasters, and stressing the importance of pre-disaster planning,

Noting the work being carried out by the joint Typhoon Committee of the World Meteorological Organization and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the large degree of collaboration between the World Meteorological Organization and other national, regional and international organizations in matters relating to tropical cyclones,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the World Meteorological Organization entitled "Tropical cyclone project: plan of action",¹ prepared by its Executive Committee Panel of Experts on Tropical Cyclones in response to General Assembly resolution 2733 D (XXV) of 16 December 1970, in which the Assembly requested the World Meteorological Organization to find ways and means of mitigating the harmful effects of tropical storms;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the plan of action should be brought to the attention of Member States;²

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to co-operate to the fullest possible extent with the World Meteorological Organization with a view to achieving the objectives laid down in resolution 2733 D (XXV);

4. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to pursue actively the implementation of its tropical cyclone project, continuing and intensifying its other related action programmes, including the World Weather Watch and, especially, the efforts being undertaken towards obtaining basic meteorological data and discovering ways and means to mitigate the harmful effects of tropical storms and to remove or minimize their destructive potential;

5. *Calls upon* the Member States concerned to undertake or intensify research, as well as operational projects, towards this end and requests other Member States to contribute and assist in these projects;

6. *Recommends* integrated action through increased co-operation and co-ordination between the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the future United Nations environment programme, particularly with regard to the preparedness for, and the prediction, detection, prevention and control of, natural disasters;

7. *Requests* the World Meteorological Organization to submit a report, through the Secretary-General, to the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its next session, to the Economic and Social Council and to such other United Nations bodies as may be appropriate on the progress achieved and on the co-operation measures and other steps taken pursuant to the present and other relevant resolutions.

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¹ See A/AC.105/105.

² Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 20 (A/8720), para. 29.

2915 (XXVII). International co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2776 (XXVI), 2777 (XXVI), 2778 (XXVI) and 2779 (XXVI) of 29 November 1971,

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space,³

Reaffirming the common interest of mankind in furthering the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes,

Recalling its resolution 1721 B (XVI) of 20 December 1961, in which it expressed the belief that the United Nations should provide a focal point for international co-operation in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

Believing that the benefits deriving from space exploration can be extended to States at all stages of economic and scientific development on an expanding basis if Member States conduct their space programmes increasingly with a view to promoting maximum international co-operation, including the widest possible exchange of information in this field,

Convinced of the need for increased international efforts, particularly through the United Nations, to promote and expand practical applications of space technology,

Reaffirming the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law in the peaceful exploration and use of outer space,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

2. *Invites* States which have not yet become parties to the Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies⁴ and the Agreement on the Rescue of Astronauts, the Return of Astronauts and the Return of Objects Launched into Outer Space⁵ to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to those agreements so that they may have the broadest possible effect;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the recent entry into force of the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects⁶ and invites States that have not yet become parties to it to give early consideration to ratifying or acceding to the Convention so that it may have the broadest possible effect;

4. *Notes* that the Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space has achieved significant progress in approving a substantial part of the draft treaty relating to the Moon, observing at the same time that some issues are still unresolved;

5. *Notes further* that the Legal Sub-Committee has made notable progress in preparing the draft convention on registration of objects launched into outer space, observing at the same time that some issues are still unresolved;

6. *Agrees* that the Legal Sub-Committee should at its next session pursue, as a matter of priority, its work on the draft treaty relating to the Moon and the draft convention on registration of objects launched into outer space;

³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 20 (A/8720).

⁴ See resolution 2222 (XXI), annex.

⁵ See resolution 2345 (XXII), annex.

⁶ See resolution 2777 (XXVI), annex.