

into account the relevant activities already undertaken by the various organs of the United Nations system,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and with a view to enabling the United Nations system to deal adequately with economic emergency situations and to respond more effectively to the resulting immediate needs of the affected populations in developing countries, to submit proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session, *inter alia*, on:

(a) The elaboration of global criteria for identifying such economic emergency situations;

(b) The possible establishment of procedures for periodically reporting relevant information through resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, in consultation with the Governments concerned, to a central focal point, to be established where appropriate, which will process such information;

(c) The possible elaboration of procedures for submission, on the basis of such information, of proposals to the Economic and Social Council for the proclamation, where necessary, of a state of emergency with economic, social and structural consequences;

(d) The strengthening of the co-ordinating mechanism of the United Nations system within its existing financial resources;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to consider, as a matter of urgency, the above-mentioned proposals by the Secretary-General and to invite the governing bodies of the United Nations agencies concerned to provide it with any comments they may have on this matter.

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3511 (XXX). United Nations Conference on Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3337 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which it decided to initiate concerted international action to combat desertification,

Having considered the progress report of the Secretary-General⁷⁶ and the relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its third session⁷⁷ on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX),

Noting decision 30 (III) of 30 April 1975 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,⁷⁸ in which it approved the proposals of the Executive Director of the Programme on measures to be taken in implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX),

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolution 1958 (LIX) of 25 July 1975,

Stressing the need for additional research to clarify a number of fundamental problems of desertification, for the solution of which the requisite scientific knowledge is not yet available to the international community,

⁷⁶ E/5689.

⁷⁷ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025)*, chap. III, sect. B.

⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025), annex I.

Stressing further that the preparation of the United Nations Conference on Desertification should provide the international community with the basis for an action-oriented, comprehensive and co-ordinated plan of action, which should include the building up of indigenous and autonomous science and technology capacity in the areas concerned,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General with the assistance of the competent bodies of the United Nations concerned, particularly the United Nations Environment Programme, to intensify the efforts required to ensure the appropriate preparation, at the technical level, of the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme to provide the financial and technical assistance necessary to ensure the satisfactory preparation of the Conference, bearing in mind particularly the need to close the gaps in scientific knowledge and technologies in this field;

3. *Requests* the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, with the assistance of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development, to include in its programme of work on arid areas, in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1898 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, proposals to close the gaps in scientific knowledge and technologies concerning desertification;

4. *Decides* that the cost of the Conference will be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to contribute to the financing of the demographic components of the studies prepared in implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX);

6. *Requests* the executive heads of the specialized agencies to authorize their respective secretariats to provide for their participation in the secretariat of the Conference and in the *ad hoc* interagency task force, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX);

7. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to act as the inter-governmental preparatory body for the Conference and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, recommendations on the organization of the Conference.

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3512 (XXX). Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, particularly Council resolutions 1834 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 and 1874 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, and Assembly resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975,

Noting with satisfaction the role played by the Office for Sahelian Relief Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with regard to emergency assistance, and the activities undertaken by the United Nations Sahelian Office with a view to combating the effects of the drought and implementing the medium-term and long-term programme adopted by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and the measures to be taken for the benefit of that region,⁷⁹

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on measures to be taken for the recovery and rehabilitation of the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought;⁷⁹

2. *Expresses its gratitude* for the assistance given to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region by Member States, private organizations and individuals;

3. *Urges* Member States, the organs of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations to respond favourably, in an effective and continuing manner, to the requests for assistance formulated by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by Governments, so as to meet the medium-term and long-term needs of the Sudano-Sahelian countries;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between United Nations programmes and organizations with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his action aimed at obtaining the financial assistance necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term projects submitted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel.

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3513 (XXX). United Nations Water Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1761 C (LIV) of 18 May 1973,

Bearing in mind chapter IV of the report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session,⁸⁰ which contains the comments made by members of the Committee at that session,

Taking note of the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions,⁸¹

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1979 (LIX) of 31 July 1975,

1. *Welcomes* the decision of the Economic and Social Council to convene the United Nations Water Conference in Argentina from 7 to 18 March 1977;

2. *Endorses* the arrangements for the preparations for the Conference, as set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1979 (LIX);

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give ample support to the Conference secretariat in its preparatory work, including, if necessary, arrangements for the close collaboration of the relevant organizations of the United Nations system;

4. *Requests* the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate closely with the Conference secretariat in the preparatory work;

5. *Urges* the United Nations Environment Programme to provide financial support for the preparatory work of the Conference in order to ensure its success;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of Member States the nature and importance of the water problems to be dealt with at the Conference, to give wide publicity to the Conference through the Office of Public Information and the Centre for Economic and Social Information of the Secretariat and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the action taken on the present resolution.

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3514 (XXX). Measures against corrupt practices of transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved

The General Assembly,

Concerned by the corrupt practices of certain transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved,

Recalling paragraph 4 (g) of the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,⁸² which provides for the regulation and supervision of the activities of transnational corporations,

Recalling also the provisions of section V of the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order⁸³ emphasizing, *inter alia*, the need to formulate, adopt and implement the code of conduct referred to in the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its first session;⁸⁴

Recalling further the provisions of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁸⁵ according to which such corporations should not operate in a manner that violates the laws and regulations of the host countries,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1721 (LIII) of 28 July 1972, 1908 (LVII) of 2 August 1974 and 1913 (LVII) of 5 December 1974,

Recalling the report of the Commission on Transnational Corporations on its first session,

1. *Condemns* all corrupt practices, including bribery, by transnational and other corporations, their intermediaries and others involved, in violation of the laws and regulations of the host countries;

⁷⁹ A/10346.

⁸⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3 (E/5663).*

⁸¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), chap. IV, sect. E, and chap. VI, sect. G.*

⁸² Resolution 3201 (S-VI).

⁸³ Resolution 3202 (S-VI).

⁸⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/5655 and Corr.1).*

⁸⁵ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).