

developing countries, at their request, for the development of their national environmental legislation;

2. *Urges* all States entitled to become parties, as appropriate, to existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the depositaries of the conventions referred to above to inform the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme periodically of the status of those conventions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to assist States, upon request, in preparing proposals for legislative or other measures necessary for their adherence to conventions in the field of environmental management;

5. *Further requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to keep the General Assembly informed annually of any new international convention concluded in the field of the environment and of the status of existing conventions, with particular reference to ratifications, accessions and entry into force, as well as of the intention to become parties to such conventions expressed by Governments during the year between sessions of the Council.

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3437 (XXX). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2849 (XXVI), of 20 December 1971 and 2994 (XXVII), 2995 (XXVII), 2996 (XXVII), 2997 (XXVII), 3000 (XXVII) and 3002 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972,

Recalling its resolutions 3129 (XXVIII), 3131 (XXVIII) and 3133 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973,

Recalling the Declaration²⁵ and the Programme of Action²⁶ on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,²⁷ which lay down the foundations of the new international economic order,

Also recalling its resolution 3326 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974,

Reaffirming that the protection, preservation and enhancement of the environment for present and future generations is a responsibility of all States,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session,²⁸

Considering the need to ensure co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and in implementing its decisions,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and with the

²⁵ Resolution 3201 (S-VI).

²⁶ Resolution 3202 (S-VI).

²⁷ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025).*

decisions of the General Assembly at its seventh special session;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States;²⁹

4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Governing Council, to continue to implement the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3326 (XXIX) in developing the work programme and the programme activities of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to inform the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, of action taken pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 3226 (XXIX) of 12 November 1974, regarding co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organization of the United Nations system to continue their active co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities and resources for the maximum success of those activities.

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3438 (XXX). Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3001 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3128 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3325 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 on the preparations for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Having noted with appreciation the earlier report of the Secretary-General called for in decision 4 (I) adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 21 June 1973,³⁰ and in General Assembly resolution 3128 (XXVIII),³¹

Recognizing the important contributions to the preparations for the Conference made by the regional preparatory meetings,

Noting with satisfaction the active support given by Governments to the objective of the Conference and the assistance lent to its preparation by interested organs of the United Nations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Expressing its appreciation for decision 37 (III),³² adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 23 April 1975 allocating additional funds to the audio-visual programme of the Conference with the view, in particular of assisting developing countries in the preparation of their audio-visual presentations,

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that the global efforts for the improvement of human settlements be supplemented and made more effective by measures and programmes at the regional and subregional levels,

²⁹ UNEP/GC/44 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

³⁰ A/9238.

³¹ A/9729.

³² *See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025), annex I.*

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session³³ and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council,³⁴

1. Requests the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements;

(b) Representatives of organizations which have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(e) Interested regional intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(f) Concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to invite other directly concerned intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations of genuinely international character that may express the wish by 29 February 1976 to be represented by observers;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraphs (b) and (c), above, including the requisite financial provisions for travel expenses, per diem allowances and audio-visual presentations;

4. Notes with appreciation the most recent report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Conference;³⁵

5. Endorses the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements that 29 February 1976 should be a day for the concentration of publicity on human settlements issues and the Conference;³⁶

6. Further notes that the second session of the Preparatory Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 January 1976;

7. Approves the provisional agenda of the Conference, as proposed in the report of the Secretary-General;³⁷

8. Decides that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

9. Endorses the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee at its resumed first session for a proposed structure of the Conference which would include

plenary meetings and three main committees meeting simultaneously,³⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary interpretation and other services;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the results of the Conference, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the preparations that will have to be undertaken after the Conference to facilitate consideration of the recommendations of the Conference by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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3439 (XXX). United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions³⁹ and the report of the Secretary-General on the University,⁴⁰

Noting decision 5.2.2 of 9 October 1975, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its ninety-eighth session, in which the Board reaffirmed the need for support of the United Nations University,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budget of the United Nations University,⁴¹

Expressing its satisfaction at the commencement of the full operations of the University Centre in Tokyo with the assumption of office by the Rector of the United Nations University,

Noting that the Council of the United Nations University has identified three broad areas for priority attention, as mentioned in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the University,³⁹

Reaffirming that, as an international community of scholars, the United Nations University should play an important role in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations by devoting its work to research into the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and of the organizations of the United Nations system,

1. Takes note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions and the report of the Secretary-General;

³³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025).

³⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), chap. IV, sect. F.

³⁵ A/10234.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 37.

³⁷ A/10234, annex I.

³⁸ A/10234, para. 11.

³⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/10031).

⁴⁰ A/10237.

⁴¹ A/AC.169/L.4.