

countries, as well as \$76 million in agricultural inputs for the rehabilitation of agriculture and animal husbandry;

6. *Recognizes* the role of the international community, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the World Food Council, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Bank in mobilizing food aid and agricultural assistance for Africa, and requests existing and new donor countries to increase the resources required to meet African needs for food aid and agricultural development;

7. *Urges* all the countries of Africa to continue to accord priority to food and agriculture, in accordance with their national development plans and programmes, and to continue to implement measures to raise substantially their food and agricultural production in keeping with the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, and in this context reaffirms the important role that national food strategies, plans and programmes could play in this process;

8. *Urges* the international community to supplement, through increased financial and technical assistance, on a priority and long-term basis, the national efforts of African countries to achieve the goals and objectives set forth in the Lagos Plan of Action relevant to food and agriculture,⁵⁸ taking into account the recommendations of the African Ministers for Food and Agriculture at the Twelfth FAO Regional Conference for Africa,⁵⁹ in particular the following objectives:

(a) Significant improvement in their food situation and laying of the foundations for the attainment of self-sufficiency in cereals, livestock and fish;

(b) Significant progress towards attaining a 50 per cent reduction in post-harvest losses, through, *inter alia*, the construction of storage facilities;

(c) Improved transport infrastructure to facilitate food distribution at the national, subregional and regional levels;

(d) Support of indigenous research efforts through expanded and more effective agricultural research, with special emphasis on animal husbandry, improved seeds and an adequate supply of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals suitable to African conditions;

9. *Further urges* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand their training programmes for the building up of national capabilities for the preparation, execution, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural sector projects;

10. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to support efforts undertaken by African countries at the national, subregional and regional levels to increase food production through, *inter alia*, the provision, on a priority and long-term basis, of additional financial and technical assistance to Africa by organizations of the United Nations system, such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations involved in the financing of agriculture development, and through an increase in lending by the World Bank to the agricultural sector in Africa;

11. *Recognizes* that an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources for food and agriculture in Africa would be a useful mechanism for focusing international attention on the problem

and could accelerate the process that would lead to a significant improvement of food and agricultural production in Africa;

12. *Notes* that the report of the Secretary-General on the state of technology for food and agriculture in Africa⁵⁶ was incomplete in certain respects and that data are still being gathered, and requests that an updated report be submitted to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, through the Economic and Social Council;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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38/160. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/248 of 21 December 1982, by which it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to promote co-operation between the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference,⁶⁰

Noting that some progress has been made by some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in formulating co-operation programmes with the Conference,

Noting that some organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system are exploring ways and means of forging co-operation links with the Conference,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 37/248;⁶¹

2. *Commends* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have already established contacts with the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference, in response to resolution 37/248, and urges them to intensify positively such contacts in order to accelerate the achievement of the objectives envisaged in that resolution;

3. *Appeals* to all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system that have not as yet done so to consult constructively with the secretariat of the Conference to ensure full implementation of resolution 37/248;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Conference, to take appropriate measures to promote and harmonize contacts between the United Nations and the Conference;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁵⁸ A/S-11/14, annex I, chap. I.

⁵⁹ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the Twelfth FAO Regional Conference for Africa, Algiers, 22 September-2 October 1982* (ARC/82/REP).

⁶⁰ A/38/493.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, sect. III.