

well as on the modalities for obtaining financial resources, as described in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General of 1 October 1981,⁷⁶ to do so as soon as possible;

4. *Also requests* all Member States that have not yet provided their comments to the Secretary-General on the expert feasibility study and working plan for the establishment of an international financial corporation to finance non-commercial measures to combat desertification, contained in chapter V of the annex to his report,⁷⁶ also to do so as soon as possible, particularly with respect to:

- (a) The establishment of the corporation;
- (b) Their interest in participating financially therein;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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38/164. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/190 of 17 December 1981 and 37/216 of 20 December 1982,

Noting part seven, section B, paragraph 5, of decision 11/7 of 24 May 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme⁷⁷ on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,⁷⁴

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/68 of 29 July 1983 on the climatic situation and drought in Africa,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme⁷⁸ on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, under a joint venture between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to assist the Governments of the region in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide adequate support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in order to enable it to respond more adequately to the pressing needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to examine, at its twelfth session, the possibility of including Ghana and Togo in the list of countries which receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing in the Sudano-Sahelian region the Plan of

Action to Combat Desertification and to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

5. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations that have contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

6. *Urges* all Governments to respond favourably to requests for assistance from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian region in combating desertification;

7. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to report annually to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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38/165. International co-operation in the field of the environment

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eleventh session,⁷⁹

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/168 of 25 July 1983 on international co-operation on the environment,

Noting also the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,⁸⁰ together with the sixth supplement to the register of such conventions and protocols,⁸¹

Bearing in mind the involvement of all countries in the protection of the environment with a view to enhancing the quality of life for future generations,

Aware that the continuing increase in the production, stockpiling and risk of use of weapons of mass destruction and the development of new types of weapons not only pose a major threat to the environment and even to life on Earth, but also compete for limited resources that could be better used for constructive purposes, including development,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen international co-operation in the field of the environment, particularly in order to deal with the most serious environmental problems of the developing countries in line with the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁸²

Bearing in mind the interrelationships between people, resources, environment and development and convinced of the importance of assessing those interrelationships as they relate to international co-operation for development,

Recalling the catalytic mandate and role of the United Nations Environment Programme with regard to international co-operation in the field of the environment, especially with regard to integrating environmental considerations into the development process,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the

⁷⁶ A/36/141.

⁷⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/38/25), annex.

⁷⁸ A/38/304, annex.

⁷⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/38/25).

⁸⁰ A/38/305, annex I.

⁸¹ Ibid., annex II.

⁸² Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 156-158.