

the interim arrangements, taking into account that each country concerned should receive appropriate technical and financial assistance.

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33/86. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session²⁸ and the statement of the Executive Director of the Programme introducing the report,²⁹

Having also considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/62 of 3 August 1978 concerning international co-operation on the environment,

Noting with satisfaction the signing in Kuwait, on 23 April 1978, of the Final Act of the Kuwait Regional Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Areas,

Having further considered the note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,³⁰

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session and the decisions, as adopted, contained in annex I thereto;

2. *Welcomes* the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, in particular the decisions of the Governing Council relating to the establishment of a system-wide, medium-term environment programme based on thematic joint programming, the emphasis to be given to project and programme evaluation and to the preparatory process for the consideration by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of matters concerning the environment and the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,³¹ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification, held at Nairobi from 29 August to 9 September 1977, and the reporting thereon by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to the Governing Council;

3. *Calls upon* all bodies and organizations of the United Nations system involved in the elaboration of the new international development strategy to take environmental concerns into full account in view of the close interrelationship between environment and development;

4. *Invites* the executive heads, members of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to continue to consider, after the merger of the Environment Co-ordination Board with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, environmental matters at their level;

5. *Urges* all Governments to contribute urgently and generously to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, bearing in mind paragraph 3

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*.

²⁹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-third Session, Second Committee*, 24th meeting, paras. 1-14.

³⁰ A/33/134.

³¹ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

of Governing Council decision 6/13 A of 24 May 1978,³² so as to meet the approved target;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue its catalytic and co-ordinating role in the field of the marine environment and ecological balance of regional seas and invites the Governments concerned to conclude, as appropriate, through co-operation among themselves and with the assistance of the United Nations Environment Programme and regional commissions, conventions and other arrangements in order to promote the protection of the marine environment of regional seas;

7. *Invites* Member States, as appropriate, to ratify and implement the international conventions and protocols designed to protect the environment in every respect and further urges Governments to promote the conclusion of such conventions and protocols.

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33/87. Co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States

The General Assembly,

Affirming the principles stated in the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,³³

Recalling its resolution 3129 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973, entitled "Co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States",

Recalling further the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Noting that the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme has, by decision 6/14 of 19 May 1978,³⁴ approved the final report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Natural Resources Shared by Two or More States, established under Governing Council decision 44 (III) of 25 April 1975, containing the draft principles of conduct in the field of the environment for the guidance of States in the conservation and harmonious utilization of natural resources shared by two or more States and the declarations and reservations expressed thereon,³⁵

Recognizing the right of States to provide specific solutions on a bilateral or regional basis,

Desiring to promote effective co-operation among States for the development of international law regarding the conservation and harmonious utilization of natural resources shared by two or more States,

1. *Notes* the valuable work done by the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on Natural Resources Shared by Two or More States in carrying out the tasks entrusted to it in regard to the im-

³² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*, annex I.

³³ *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.14 and corrigendum), chap. I.

³⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*, annex I.

³⁵ UNEP/GC.6/17.