

plementation of General Assembly resolution 3129 (XXVIII);

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Group of Experts, its approval, as adopted, by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and its transmission to the General Assembly with an invitation to adopt the draft principles;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit the report to Governments for their study and comments regarding the principles and to report thereon, taking into account also other significant information, with a view to enabling the General Assembly to take a decision at its thirty-fourth session.

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15 December 1978*

33/88. Measures to be taken for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/170 of 19 December 1977,

Aware of the seriousness of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and of the urgency of implementing in that region the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,³⁶ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification, held at Nairobi from 29 August to 9 September 1977,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session,³⁷ particularly the parts of that report on measures to be taken for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Bearing in mind section II of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/37 of 21 July 1978,

Stressing the need for bodies of the United Nations system, other international agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support the efforts of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region to combat desertification, particularly by planning and implementing projects and strengthening sub-regional and regional structures,

Recalling its resolution 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, in which it defined the functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office,

Recalling further that it is of vital importance that the United Nations Sahelian Office should continue to maintain close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel with a view to the full implementation of the programmes drawn up by the Committee and its member States,

1. *Endorses* decision 6/11 B of 24 May 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme³⁸ and decision 25/10 of 27 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme;³⁹

³⁶ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

³⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*.

³⁸ *Ibid.*, annex I.

³⁹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 13 (E/1978/53/Rev.1)*, chap. XX.

2. *Decides* to designate the United Nations Sahelian Office, in addition to its current functions, as the arm of the United Nations to be responsible for assisting, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, the efforts of the fifteen countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region situated south of the Sahara and north of the equator⁴⁰ to implement the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

3. *Authorizes*, to that end, the organizational enlargement of the United Nations Sahelian Office and its regional office at Ouagadougou, without prejudice to the work undertaken in implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region in conformity with the functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office as defined in paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3054 (XXVIII), this process, in accordance with paragraph 1 above, to be the joint responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system concerned to co-operate fully with the United Nations Sahelian Office in its efforts to ensure the complete effectiveness of assistance provided to the fifteen countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit to the General Assembly an annual report on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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33/89. Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/169 and 32/172 of 19 December 1977 containing its decisions on the report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, held at Nairobi from 29 August to 9 September 1977,⁴¹

Having considered:

(a) The report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its sixth session,⁴² containing, *inter alia*, a chapter and decisions on matters arising out of the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

(b) The report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification,⁴³

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the study of additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action

⁴⁰ Cape Verde, Chad, Ethiopia, Gambia, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, United Republic of Cameroon and Upper Volta.

⁴¹ A/CONF.74/36.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*.

⁴³ A/33/259.

to Combat Desertification⁴⁴ and on the establishment and operation of a special account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁵

Aware of the urgency for implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification⁴⁶ in view of the acute seriousness of the problem in a large number of countries affected by desertification,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the efforts made to undertake the preliminary arrangements for implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the leading role played by the United Nations Environment Programme, in consultation and close co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other agencies concerned, in the preliminary arrangements undertaken within a short time for the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Desertification and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

3. *Takes note also* of the establishment of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control and urges the Group to expedite its work to assist the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme in the mobilization of resources for the formulation and implementation of projects and programmes within the framework of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and in ensuring proper co-ordination of activities carried out with resources mobilized by the Group;

4. *Reaffirms* its decision to establish in principle a special account within the United Nations for the financing of the national, subregional and regional projects within the framework of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

5. *Invites* the donor countries and international financial institutions to participate actively in the work of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control;

6. *Calls upon* donor countries, as well as upon the international and multilateral financial organizations, to increase their financial and technical assistance to the developing countries engaged in combating desertification, in particular to the least developed among them, in response to their requests for the financing of concrete projects;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Governments on the additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and to report on the results to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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33/90. Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling 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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which it established the World Food Council to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism to provide over-all integrated and continuing attention to the successful co-ordination and follow-up of policies concerning food production, nutrition, food security, food trade and food aid, as well as other related matters, by all organizations of the United Nations system,

Further recalling its resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, in which it decided to review, at its thirty-third session, the implementation of the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council,⁴⁷

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth session, held at Mexico City from 12 to 15 June 1978,⁴⁸

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/69 of 4 August 1978,

1. *Expresses its appreciation and thanks* to the Government and people of Mexico for the excellent facilities and generous hospitality provided for the World Food Council at its fourth session;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the World Food Council;

3. *Adopts* the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council⁴⁹ concerning the world food situation and implementation of the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council: Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition;

4. *Expresses its deep concern* at the slow progress in solving the fundamental food problems facing the developing countries, in particular the food priority countries and other developing countries with large food deficits and whose food production situation is still deteriorating;

5. *Endorses* the important recommendations and decisions in the Mexico Declaration concerning urgent necessary action and modalities for increasing food production in the developing countries, improving human nutrition and reducing hunger and malnutrition, assisting the countries of the Sahelian zone of Africa, improving food security, increasing and improving food aid and improving the contribution of trade to the solution of food problems;

6. *Urges* Governments and international organizations to co-operate fully with the World Food Council

⁴⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19), part one, para. 1.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/33/19 and Corr.1).

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, part one, para. 1.

⁴⁴ A/33/260.

⁴⁵ A/33/117.

⁴⁶ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.