

5. *Takes note* of the decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme aimed at expanding and strengthening the joint venture and invites them to continue to intensify their support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in order to enable it to carry out its increased responsibilities at a level commensurate with the pressing needs of the countries of the region;

6. *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;

7. *Urges* all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental and other organizations to continue to respond favourably, bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to requests for assistance from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries in combating desertification;

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

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### 36/191. Study on financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977, in which it approved the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>129</sup> and its resolutions 33/88 and 33/89 of 15 December 1978, 34/184, 34/185 and 34/187 of 18 December 1979 and 35/72 and 35/73 of 5 December 1980, dealing with various aspects of the implementation of the Plan of Action,

*Taking note* of the relevant sections of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth session<sup>130</sup> and Governing Council decisions 9/22 A and B of 26 May 1981<sup>131</sup> on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

1. *Notes with concern* that the problem of insufficient financing and the increasing demands on the scarce resources of countries suffering from desertification are constraining the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>132</sup> and the annex thereto which contains feasibility studies on and detailed modalities for financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, prepared by a group of high-level specialists in international financing;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to obtain the views of Member States on the feasibility studies and concrete recommendations for the implementation of the additional measures of financing deemed practicable by the Secretary-General, and also on the modalities for obtaining financial resources, as described in paragraphs 13 to 17 of the report of the Secretary-General;

<sup>129</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25 and Corr.1).*

<sup>131</sup> *Ibid.*, annex I.

<sup>132</sup> A/36/141.

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, to obtain the views of Member States on the establishment of an independent corporation for the financing of desertification-control projects on the basis of the plan presented in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General and also to ascertain the views of Governments as to their interest in participating financially therein;

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

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### 36/192. 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 ninth session,<sup>133</sup> in particular annex II thereto,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/51 of 22 July 1981 and 1981/73 of 24 July 1981 concerning, respectively, the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, and international co-operation in the field of the environment,

*Taking into account* the note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,<sup>134</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the importance which the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade<sup>135</sup> attaches to an ecologically sustainable development process and the need for further international co-operation in the field of the environment, and taking into account the fact that environmental considerations should be viewed in the context of national plans and priorities and development objectives of all countries, in particular the developing countries,

*Welcoming* the convening of an *Ad Hoc* Meeting of Senior Government Officials Expert in Environmental Law at Montevideo from 28 October to 6 November 1981,

*Stressing* the need for additional resources to be made available to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme for the developing countries to deal with their most serious environmental problems, such as soil degradation and deforestation, which are examples of very severe deterioration of natural resources calling for particular attention,

*Recognizing* that environmental deficiencies generated by the conditions of underdevelopment pose grave problems and can best be remedied by accelerated development through the transfer of substantial quantities of financial and technical assistance as a supplement to the domestic effort of the developing countries and such timely assistance as may be required,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, as adopted, on the work of its ninth session and the decisions adopted by the Governing Council at that session;<sup>136</sup>

<sup>133</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25 and Corr.1).*

<sup>134</sup> A/36/142.

<sup>135</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>136</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25 and Corr.1), annex I.*