

of 31 May 1982¹⁶⁶ on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

1. *Takes note again* of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁶⁷ and the annex thereto, which contains feasibility studies on additional measures of financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, prepared by a group of high-level experts;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification¹⁶⁸ and of the fact that the number of replies received from Governments in response to the request made by the General Assembly in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 36/191 was too small to allow for preparation of the report requested of the Secretary-General in that resolution;

3. *Urges* all Member States that have not yet provided their comments to the Secretary-General on the feasibility studies and concrete recommendations for the implementation of the additional measures of financing, as well as on the modalities for obtaining financial resources as described in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁶⁷ to do so as soon as possible;

4. *Requests again* the Secretary-General to refer the experts' feasibility study and working plan for the establishment of an international financial corporation to finance non-commercial desertification measures, contained in chapter IV of the annex to his report,¹⁶⁷ to Member States and to seek their views on:

(a) The establishment of the corporation;

(b) Their interest in participating financially therein;

5. *Also 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 thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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20 December 1982*

37/221. International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/76 of 5 December 1980, in which it expressed the view that an international year devoted to the problems of homeless people in urban and rural areas of the developing countries could be an appropriate occasion to focus the attention of the international community on those problems,

Recalling also its resolution 36/71 of 4 December 1981 in which it decided, in principle, to designate 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set out in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 were complied with,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,¹⁶⁹ together with the comments made thereon by the Commission on Human Settlements at its fifth session¹⁷⁰ and the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of

1982,¹⁷¹ and also the report of the Secretary-General on the organizational and financial aspects of holding the International Year,¹⁷² called for in General Assembly resolution 36/71,

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 B of 27 July 1982 on the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Seriously concerned that, despite the efforts of Governments at the national and local levels and of international organizations, the living conditions of the majority of the people in slums and squatter areas and rural settlements, especially in developing countries, continue to deteriorate in both relative and absolute terms,

Convinced that a special effort to address this fundamental issue will strengthen overall national economic and social development, in furtherance of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹⁷³

Having considered the recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements, contained in its resolution 5/14 of 7 May 1982,¹⁷⁴ Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/46 B and the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁷²

1. *Proclaims* the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

2. *Decides* that the objective of activities before and during the Year will be to improve the shelter and neighbourhoods of some of the poor and disadvantaged by the end of 1987, particularly in the developing countries, according to national priorities, and to demonstrate by the year 2000 ways and means of improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged;

3. *Also decides* that special attention will be given, during the Year and the preparations therefor, to ways and means of:

(a) Securing renewed political commitment by the international community to the improvement of the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged and to the provision of shelter for the homeless, particularly in the developing countries, as a matter of priority;

(b) Consolidating and sharing all new and existing knowledge and relevant experience gained since Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held in 1976,¹⁷⁵ in order to provide a full range of tested and practical alternatives for improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged and for providing shelter for the homeless;

(c) Developing and demonstrating new approaches and methods to assist directly and to augment the present efforts of the homeless, poor and disadvantaged to secure their own shelter and in order to provide a basis for new national policies and strategies for improving the shelter and neighbourhoods of the poor and disadvantaged by the year 2000;

(d) Exchanging experience and providing support among countries to meet the objectives of the Year;¹⁷⁶

4. *Urges* that the main thrust of the specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year should take place at the national and local levels, in accordance with national plans and priorities;

¹⁷¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/37/3)*, chap. IV, sect. E.

¹⁷² A/37/527 and Add.1.

¹⁷³ See resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 159 and 160.

¹⁷⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/37/8)*, annex I, sect. A.

¹⁷⁵ See *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. 76.IV.7 and corrigendum).

¹⁷⁶ See A/37/527, sect. V.

¹⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, annex.

¹⁶⁷ A/36/141.

¹⁶⁸ A/37/424 and Add.1.

¹⁶⁹ HS/C/5/5.

¹⁷⁰ See E/1982/81, annex II.

5. *Endorses*, in principle, the programme for the Year contained in the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁷² on the understanding that the criteria for financing and organizing international years set forth in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 will be complied with and that the programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year will be adjusted in accordance with the availability of voluntary contributions;

6. *Designates* the Commission on Human Settlements, in the framework of its regular sessions, to act as the United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for organizing the Year, and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) as the secretariat for the Year and as the lead agency for co-ordinating the relevant programmes and activities of other organizations and agencies concerned;

7. *Recommends* that the Commission on Human Settlements should review annually the objectives, strategies and criteria for the Year, as well as the guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of Commission resolution 5/14;

8. *Invites* all Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations concerned, including interested national institutions, to collaborate in support of the work of the Commission on Human Settlements and to make special efforts through existing and new programmes during the period 1983-1987 to help achieve the objectives and goals for the Year;

9. *Appeals* to all Governments, especially those of developed countries and others in a position to do so, to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the Year;

10. *Also appeals* to international financial institutions and intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to extend generous financial and other appropriate support to the programme for the Year;

11. *Recommends* that provision should be made in the agenda for each session of the Commission on Human Settlements, up to the year 1987, for such donors to indicate the nature and extent of the support which they propose to give to the programme for the Year;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the approved programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session an item entitled "International Year of Shelter for the Homeless".

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37/222. Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,¹⁷⁷ and the relevant recommendations for national action¹⁷⁸ adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Recalling also resolution 3, entitled "Living conditions of the Palestinians in occupied territories", contained in the

recommendations for international co-operation adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,¹⁷⁹

Recalling further its resolution 36/73 of 4 December 1981,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;¹⁸⁰

2. *Takes note* of the statement made by the observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization;¹⁸¹

3. *Expresses its alarm* at the deterioration in the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 as a result of the Israeli occupation;

4. *Affirms* that the Israeli occupation is contradictory to the basic requirements for the social and economic development of the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip;

5. *Affirms also* that the exercise by the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination is a prerequisite for their social and economic development in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

6. *Calls upon* the Israeli occupation authorities to give United Nations bodies and experts access to the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

7. *Recognizes* the need for a comprehensive report on the social and economic conditions of the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a comprehensive report on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories.

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37/223. Human settlements

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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 resolutions 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements and 34/116 of 14 December 1979 on the strengthening of human settlements activities,

Recalling further the principles and aims contained in the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,¹⁷⁷ and the other recommendations of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,¹⁷⁸ as well as those contained in resolution 4/1, entitled "Manila Communiqué on a Human Settlements Movement", adopted on 6 May 1981 by the Commission on Human Settlements,¹⁸²

¹⁷⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

¹⁸⁰ A/37/238.

¹⁸¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, para. 86.*

¹⁸² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/36/8), annex I, sect. A.*

¹⁷⁷ *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Vancouver, 31 May-11 June 1976* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.

¹⁷⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.