

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account the relevant previous studies, to prepare a comprehensive analytical report on a concept of international economic security, including ways and means of its attainment, with emphasis on the development interests of developing countries, for submission through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its forty-second session;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments and organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute to the implementation of the present resolution.

*119th plenary meeting  
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#### 40/174. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978, by which it accorded observer status to the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation,

*Recalling also* its resolution 36/174 of 17 December 1981, in which it recognized the necessity of strengthening co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, and its resolution 37/132 of 17 December 1982,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, to update his report on co-operation between the United Nations and the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation;<sup>10</sup>

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit the updated report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986.

*119th plenary meeting  
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#### 40/175. Countries stricken by desertification and drought

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 39/208 of 17 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council decision 1985/176 of 25 July 1985, as well as its Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa, annexed to its resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984,

*Noting* Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery 1986-1990,<sup>11</sup> adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 July 1985,

*Congratulating* the Government of Senegal for having taken the initiative of convening the Ministerial Conference for a joint policy to combat desertification in the countries of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Economic Community of West African States, in the Maghreb countries and in Egypt and the Sudan, which met at Dakar, for the first time from 18 to 27 July 1984,<sup>12</sup> and for the second time from 1 to 9 November 1985,<sup>13</sup>

*Congratulating* the Government of Egypt for having invited the first African Environmental Conference, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme in consultation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Organization of African Unity, to be held at Cairo in December 1985,

*Congratulating also* the Government of France for having taken the initiative of convening an international conference on tree and forest, to be held in Paris in February 1986,

*Noting* the positive action taken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, as part of a joint effort by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme to help twenty-two African countries, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, implement the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>14</sup>

*Taking note* of decision 12/10 of 28 May 1984 on desertification, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,<sup>15</sup>

*Welcoming* the establishment by six east African countries — Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda — of an Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development for the purpose of combating the effects of drought in those countries,

*Deeply concerned* by the tragic consequences of the acceleration of desertification, combined with persistent drought — the most serious recorded this century — which have resulted in a substantial drop in the agricultural output of many developing countries and have contributed particularly to a worsening of the current economic crisis in Africa,

*Noting with great anxiety* that desertification and drought continue to spread and intensify in developing countries, particularly in Africa,

*Aware* that the problems of desertification and drought are increasingly assuming a structural and endemic character and that real and permanent solutions must be found in increased global efforts based on concerted action by the stricken countries and the international community,

*Bearing in mind* that the majority of the countries affected by desertification and drought are low-income countries and, for the most part, belong to the group of the least developed countries, particularly those in Africa,

*Aware* that the prime responsibility in the struggle against desertification and the effects of drought rests with the countries concerned and that such action is an essential component of their development,

*Recognizing*, however, that given the scope and the intensity of desertification and drought, particularly in the least developed countries, the attainment of the objectives of programmes to combat these scourges requires financial and human resources beyond the means of the affected countries,

*Considering* the interdependence between developed countries and those affected by desertification and drought, and the negative impact of those phenomena on the economies of the countries concerned,

*Emphasizing* the fundamental importance of all forms of South-South co-operation in executing programmes to combat desertification and drought,

<sup>10</sup> A/38/236-E/1983/75.

<sup>11</sup> A/40/666, annex I, declaration AHG/Decl.I (XXI), annex.

<sup>12</sup> See A/39/530, annex.

<sup>13</sup> See A/C.2/40/10, annex.

<sup>14</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, Nairobi, 29 August-9 September 1977 (A/CONF.74/36), chap. I.

<sup>15</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/39/25), annex.