

tries in support of the objectives and policies of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, having due regard to national policies, programmes and development priorities;

2. *Invites* all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, as well as other non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of human settlements, to undertake or intensify, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and within their respective spheres of competence, the broad dissemination of information referred to above.

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3435 (XXX). United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling recommendations 24, 36, 37, 74, 85 and 102 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment²¹ adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972,

Recalling its resolutions 2995 (XXVII), 2996 (XXVII) and 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 concerning, *inter alia*, co-operation between States in the field of the environment, international responsibility of States in regard to the environment and the establishment of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling its resolution 3336 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, particularly paragraph 4 thereof,

Noting resolution IV of the Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Lima from 25 to 30 August 1975,²² condemning the colonialist Powers and/or aggressors that have neglected to remove the material remnants of wars and acts of aggression, such as mines, and demanding that they should remove such material remnants of their acts, indicate their whereabouts and provide technical assistance for their removal,

Recognizing that most developing countries have been subjected to foreign occupation and exposed to wars waged by certain colonialist Powers, thus incurring tremendous losses of lives and property,

Emphasizing that it is the duty of the international community to take adequate measures to protect and improve the environment, including, in particular, the continuation and strengthening of international co-operation in this field,

1. *Recognizes* that the development of certain developing countries has been impeded by the material remnants of those wars, the most important of which are mines, which continue to be present in their territories;

2. *Condemns* the colonialist Powers which have neglected to remove those material remnants of such wars, particularly mines, and considers them to be responsible for any material and moral damage suffered by the countries in which such mines were placed;

²¹ See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.14 and corrigendum), chap. II, sect. B.

²² See A/10217 and Corr.1, annex I.

3. *Calls upon* those States which took part in those wars to make available forthwith to the affected State all information on the areas in which such mines were placed, including maps indicating the position of those areas, and on the types of mines;

4. *Calls upon* those States which created this situation to compensate forthwith the countries in which such mines were placed for any material and moral damage suffered by them as a result thereof and to take speedy measures to provide technical assistance for the removal of such mines;

5. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to undertake a study of the problem of the material remnants of wars, particularly mines, and their effect on the environment, and to submit a report on the subject to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

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

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3436 (XXX). Conventions and protocols in the field of the environment

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,²³ adopted at Stockholm on 16 June 1972, which was intended, *inter alia*, to promote international law in the field of the environment,

Recalling with appreciation decisions 24 (III) of 30 April 1975 and 35 (III) of 2 May 1975 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,²⁴

Expressing the conviction that the development of adequate environmental law is an essential supporting measure for the implementation of the policies, strategies and recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Noting with satisfaction that a number of global and regional conventions and protocols in the field of the environment have been negotiated and adopted since the adoption of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

Concerned that existing international conventions or protocols in the field of the environment have not yet received the wide acceptance and application they deserve,

Convinced of the need for further elaboration of conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to take such measures as may be necessary for the realization of the objectives and the implementation of the strategies relating to the programme of the United Nations Environment Programme in the field of national and international environmental law and, in particular, to take measures designed to provide technical assistance to

²³ *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.14 and corrigendum), chap. I.

²⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025)*, annex I.

developing countries, at their request, for the development of their national environmental legislation;

2. *Urges* all States entitled to become parties, as appropriate, to existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the depositaries of the conventions referred to above to inform the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme periodically of the status of those conventions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to assist States, upon request, in preparing proposals for legislative or other measures necessary for their adherence to conventions in the field of environmental management;

5. *Further requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to keep the General Assembly informed annually of any new international convention concluded in the field of the environment and of the status of existing conventions, with particular reference to ratifications, accessions and entry into force, as well as of the intention to become parties to such conventions expressed by Governments during the year between sessions of the Council.

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3437 (XXX). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2849 (XXVI), of 20 December 1971 and 2994 (XXVII), 2995 (XXVII), 2996 (XXVII), 2997 (XXVII), 3000 (XXVII) and 3002 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972,

Recalling its resolutions 3129 (XXVIII), 3131 (XXVIII) and 3133 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973,

Recalling the Declaration²⁵ and the Programme of Action²⁶ on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,²⁷ which lay down the foundations of the new international economic order,

Also recalling its resolution 3326 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974,

Reaffirming that the protection, preservation and enhancement of the environment for present and future generations is a responsibility of all States,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session,²⁸

Considering the need to ensure co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and in implementing its decisions,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and with the

²⁵ Resolution 3201 (S-VI).

²⁶ Resolution 3202 (S-VI).

²⁷ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025).*

decisions of the General Assembly at its seventh special session;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States;²⁹

4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Governing Council, to continue to implement the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3326 (XXIX) in developing the work programme and the programme activities of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to inform the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, of actions taken pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 3226 (XXIX) of 12 November 1974, regarding co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organization of the United Nations system to continue their active co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities and resources for the maximum success of those activities.

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3438 (XXX). Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3001 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3128 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973 and 3325 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 on the preparations for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Having noted with appreciation the earlier report of the Secretary-General called for in decision 4 (I) adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 21 June 1973,³⁰ and in General Assembly resolution 3128 (XXVIII),³¹

Recognizing the important contributions to the preparations of the Conference made by the regional preparatory meetings,

Noting with satisfaction the active support given by Governments to the objective of the Conference and the assistance lent to its preparation by interested organs of the United Nations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

Expressing its appreciation for decision 37 (III),³² adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 23 April 1975 allocating additional funds to the audio-visual programme of the Conference with the view, in particular of assisting developing countries in the preparation of their audio-visual presentations,

Recognizing the importance of ensuring that the global efforts for the improvement of human settlements be supplemented and made more effective by measures and programmes at the regional and subregional levels,

²⁹ UNEP/GC/44 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

³⁰ A/9238.

³¹ A/9729.

³² *See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025), annex I.*