

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session³³ and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council,³⁴

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements;

(b) Representatives of organizations which have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its area by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(e) Interested regional intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(f) Concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to invite other directly concerned intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations of genuinely international character that may express the wish by 29 February 1976 to be represented by observers;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives referred to in paragraph 1, subparagraphs (b) and (c), above, including the requisite financial provisions for travel expenses, per diem allowances and audio-visual presentations;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the most recent report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the Conference;³⁵

5. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements that 29 February 1976 should be a day for the concentration of publicity on human settlements issues and the Conference;³⁶

6. *Further notes* that the second session of the Preparatory Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 January 1976;

7. *Approves* the provisional agenda of the Conference, as proposed in the report of the Secretary-General;³⁷

8. *Decides* that the languages of the Conference shall be those used in the General Assembly and its Main Committees;

9. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Preparatory Committee at its resumed first session for a proposed structure of the Conference which would include

plenary meetings and three main committees meeting simultaneously,³⁸ and requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary interpretation and other services;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the results of the Conference, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements for the preparations that will have to be undertaken after the Conference to facilitate consideration of the recommendations of the Conference by the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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3439 (XXX). United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973 and 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974,

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

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions³⁹ and the report of the Secretary-General on the University,⁴⁰

Noting decision 5.2.2 of 9 October 1975, adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its ninety-eighth session, in which the Board reaffirmed the need for support of the United Nations University,

Taking note of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the budget of the United Nations University,⁴¹

Expressing its satisfaction at the commencement of the full operations of the University Centre in Tokyo with the assumption of office by the Rector of the United Nations University,

Noting that the Council of the United Nations University has identified three broad areas for priority attention, as mentioned in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the University,³⁸

Reaffirming that, as an international community of scholars, the United Nations University should play an important role in furthering the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations by devoting its work to research into the pressing global problems that are the concern of the United Nations and of the organizations of the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on its fourth and fifth sessions and the report of the Secretary-General;

³³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025).

³⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/10003), chap. IV, sect. F.

³⁵ A/10234.

³⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 37.

³⁷ A/10234, annex I.

³⁸ A/10234, para. 11.

³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/10031).*

⁴⁰ A/10237.

⁴¹ A/AC.169/L.4.

2. *Expresses the hope* that the United Nations University will, under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continue to grow as an important and autonomous organ of the General Assembly charged with the responsibility for scholarly inquiry, on a truly global basis, into urgent problems facing mankind as a whole;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations University to pursue its work within the three broad areas of priority identified in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the University so as to take due account, *inter alia*, of the issues mentioned by the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Urges* the United Nations University to embark on its full activities as soon as possible and establish appropriate links with interested and qualified institutions all over the world, particularly those of developing countries, so as to respond to the mounting expectations of the world university, scientific and other intellectual communities;

5. *Stresses* the need for full co-operation and co-ordination, within the framework established by the Charter of the United Nations for co-ordinating policies and activities in the economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields, between the United Nations University and the appropriate agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in the elaboration of the programmes of the University with a view to avoiding duplication of effort and permitting utilization of the available expertise in the most effective and economical manner;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States to give financial and other support to the United Nations University in the form of grants to its Endowment Fund and, where possible, for specific programmes, and to co-operate fully towards the realization of the University's global network of institutions;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Rector of the United Nations University, the Council of the University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, further to intensify his efforts to raise more funds for the University from Governments and non-governmental sources, including foundations, universities and individuals, in accordance with the Charter of the University, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the results of his efforts, together with the annual report of the Council of the University.

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3440 (XXX). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3152 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974,

Recalling also section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1972 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

Recognizing that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude requiring maximum use of available resources for the prevention and mitigation of such calamities,

Aware that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in addition to being strengthened as provided for in General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), should be given the requisite means to take more effective and continuing action against disasters, including emergency relief, pre-disaster planning and promotion of disaster prevention activities,

Taking note with satisfaction of the reports of the Secretary-General concerning the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator⁴² and the statement made before the Second Committee by the Co-ordinator on the activities of his Office,⁴³ as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,⁴⁴

1. *Decides* to expand the trust fund established under its resolution 3243 (XXIX) to strengthen the capability of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, so as to fulfil the following additional purposes:

(a) To provide instantly emergency assistance for countries stricken by natural disasters or other disaster situations;

(b) To provide, as an interim measure and pending review at a future date of alternative sources of financing, including the United Nations Development Programme, technical assistance to Governments for the elaboration of national plans for natural disaster prevention and preparedness;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish an honorary committee, composed of distinguished persons particularly interested in and concerned with disaster relief, to assist the Secretary-General in mobilizing financial resources for disaster-related activities and to advise and counsel him in this regard;

3. *Invites* all States to make voluntary contributions to the expanded trust fund in order to permit implementation of effective, significant and continuing action by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to help disaster-stricken and disaster-prone countries;

4. *Further invites* all States to encourage the setting up of national fund-raising committees to promote voluntary contributions for disaster-related activities, bearing in mind the co-ordinating role of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

5. *Requests* the United Nations organs and other bodies concerned to co-operate with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the formulation of an international strategy for disaster prevention and, in due time, to assist the Office in the dissemination of the results achieved;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session and to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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3441 (XXX). Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern the persistence of drought in many parts of Ethiopia,

⁴² A/10079 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Second Committee*, 1691st meeting, paras. 2-6.

⁴⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/10008/Add.1-28)*, document A/10008/Add.5.