

2. *Commends* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the dispatch and effective, co-ordinated manner with which they established the joint venture called for in General Assembly resolution 33/88;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the Governments of the region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide support to the joint venture with a view to helping ensure that the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office continues to carry out its additional responsibilities at a level commensurate with the pressing needs of the region;

5. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to examine at its eighth session the possibility of including Djibouti, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau in the list of countries which receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing in the Sudano-Sahelian region the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on this matter;

6. *Urges* all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental bodies, private organizations and individuals to respond favourably, bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the Consultative Group for Desertification Control or any other intermediary, to requests for assistance from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian region in combating desertification;

7. *Also notes with satisfaction* the efforts made by the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system concerned with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, especially through the Interagency Working Group, to ensure complete effectiveness of assistance provided to the fifteen countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

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

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34/188. International co-operation in the field of the environment

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,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its seventh session,¹³³

Noting the statement made on 29 October 1979 by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme,¹³⁴

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/56 of 2 August 1979 on international co-operation on the environment,

Noting the results of the high-level meeting on the protection of the environment, held at Geneva from 13 to 15 November 1979, within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe,

Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,¹³⁵

Mindful of possible adverse effects on the marine environment as a result of off-shore mining and drilling,

Noting the progress achieved at the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea with regard to protection and preservation of the marine environment,

Affirming 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,

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

2. *Notes with appreciation* the progress achieved by the United Nations Environment Programme in the development of a system-wide, medium-term environment programme and the sustained co-operation of the organizations of the United Nations system in this regard;

3. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to pursue its work on the technical aspects of environmental assessment and the integration of environmental factors in the development process;

4. *Requests* appropriate multilateral financial institutions to consider, within the framework of the over-all financing of projects in developing countries, at their request, the costs of the studies that might be required on the environmental aspects of such projects;

5. *Stresses* the need for the United Nations Environment Programme to increase the resources available for its projects in the developing countries, in accordance with their requirements and priorities, bearing in mind the need for regional balance and environmental problems arising from under-development and poverty, as well as the balance between global and regional programmes as identified in the relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

6. *Welcomes* the collaboration of the United Nations Environment Programme with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and the World Wildlife Fund in the development of guidelines to help Governments in the management of their living resources through the formulation of a world conservation strategy, to be launched in March 1980;

7. *Invites* Member States, as appropriate, to ratify and implement the international conventions and pro-

¹³³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/34/25).*

¹³⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-fourth Session, Second Committee, 24th meeting, paras. 1-25.*

¹³⁵ *A/34/296.*

protocols designed to protect the environment in every respect and further urges Governments to promote the conclusion of such conventions and protocols;

8. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to co-operate fully in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, to be held in 1981;

9. *Welcomes* the establishment of the Regional Trust Fund for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution and the Trust Fund for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora;

10. *Appeals* to all Governments to contribute or increase their contribution to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme so as to meet the approved target set by the Governing Council in its decision 6/13 of 24 May 1978.¹³⁶

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34/189. Acceleration of the transfer of real resources to developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 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, and 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, in which it, *inter alia*, called for an increased, predictable, continuous and increasingly assured flow of concessional financial resources for development on more favourable terms and conditions,

Recalling further its resolutions 3489 (XXX) of 12 December 1975, 31/174 of 21 December 1976, 32/181 of 19 December 1977 and 33/136 of 19 December 1978 on the acceleration of the transfer of real resources to developing countries,

Recalling also resolution 129 (V), adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fifth session, held at Manila from 7 May to 3 June 1979,¹³⁷

Deeply concerned at the fact that the recent performance of the developed countries, taken as a group, with respect to the 0.7 per cent target of official development assistance has not increased substantially despite repeated commitments to increase progressively and substantially their official development assistance,

Noting with satisfaction that a few developed countries have attained and in some cases exceeded the target of 0.7 per cent,

Convinced of the urgent necessity of a considerable and sustained increase in the transfer of real resources, both concessional and non-concessional, to developing countries and improved access of those countries to

¹³⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/33/25)*, annex I.

¹³⁷ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), part one, sect. A.

capital markets, in support of their development objectives and priorities,

Convinced also that such transfer of real resources to developing countries constitutes an important contribution to a balanced and equitable process of global economic development,

Bearing in mind that substantial consultations are needed to implement fully paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 33/136,

1. *Takes note* of the background report of the Secretary-General on increased transfer of real resources,¹³⁸ prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. *Endorses* the agreed conclusions on the transfer of resources in real terms to developing countries reached on 31 January 1979 by the Committee of the Whole Established under General Assembly Resolution 32/174;¹³⁹

3. *Endorses* the decisions and recommendations contained in resolution 129 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;¹³⁷

4. *Affirms*, in this connexion, the importance of the question of a review of the present system of international financial co-operation in the context of world trade and development and consideration of ways and means in this context to make it more effective in contributing to the development of developing countries, which is now on the agenda, *inter alia*, of the ninth session of the Committee on Invisibles and Financing Related to Trade, urges all States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to consider actively this question with a view to reaching satisfactory decisions, taking into account, *inter alia*, the proposals of the Group of Seventy-seven,¹⁴⁰ and requests the Trade and Development Board to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on progress made on this question;

5. *Urges* that steps should be taken for the full and expeditious implementation of the recommendations made by the Development Committee at its 6th meeting, held at Manila on 3 October 1976,¹⁴¹ so as to facilitate access of developing countries to private capital markets and help overcome obstacles impeding access of developing countries to those markets, including any present administrative or institutional obstacles, and that capital market countries should consider establishing programmes to provide technical assistance to developing countries seeking access to private capital markets;

6. *Calls upon* all countries, in particular developed donor countries, and multilateral development institutions to implement on an urgent basis the agreed conclusions and the decisions and recommendations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with respect to his report on increased transfer of real resources, to engage in further and intensified consultations with Governments and within the United Nations system on the expansion of the volume of resource transfers to de-

¹³⁸ A/34/493 and Corr.1.

¹³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 34 (A/34/34)*, part one, para. 13.

¹⁴⁰ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fifth Session, vol. I, Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.II.D.14), annex I.C, document TD/L.197.

¹⁴¹ See International Monetary Fund, *Annual Report 1977* (Washington, D.C.), appendix III, press communiqué of the Joint Ministerial Committee of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank and the Fund on the Transfer of Real Resources to Developing Countries (Development Committee), para. 6.