well as on the modalities for obtaining financial resources, as described in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General of 1 October 1981,[76] to do so as soon as possible;

4. *Also requests* all Member States that have not yet provided their comments to the Secretary-General on the expert feasibility study and working plan for the establishment of an international financial corporation to finance non-commercial measures to combat desertification, contained in chapter V of the annex to his report,[76] also to do so as soon as possible, particularly with respect to:

(*a*) The establishment of the corporation;

(*b*) Their interest in participating financially therein;

5. *Further 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 fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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38/164. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/190 of 17 December 1981 and 37/216 of 20 December 1982,

Noting part seven, section B, paragraph 5, of decision 11/7 of 24 May 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme[77] on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,[74]

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/68 of 29 July 1983 on the climatic situation and drought in Africa,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme[78] on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, under a joint venture between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, to assist the Governments of the region in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

3. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide adequate support for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in order to enable it to respond more adequately to the pressing needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to examine, at its twelfth session, the possibility of including Ghana and Togo 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 on this matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

5. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and other organizations that have contributed to the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

6. *Urges* all Governments to respond favourably to requests for assistance from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian region in combating desertification;

7. *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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38/165. International co-operation in the field of the environment

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its eleventh session,[79]

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1983/168 of 25 July 1983 on international co-operation on the environment,

Noting also the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,[80] together with the sixth supplement to the register of such conventions and protocols,[81]

Bearing in mind the involvement of all countries in the protection of the environment with a view to enhancing the quality of life for future generations,

Aware that the continuing increase in the production, stockpiling and risk of use of weapons of mass destruction and the development of new types of weapons not only pose a major threat to the environment and even to life on Earth, but also compete for limited resources that could be better used for constructive purposes, including development,

Reaffirming the need to strengthen international co-operation in the field of the environment, particularly in order to deal with the most serious environmental problems of the developing countries in line with the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,[82]

Bearing in mind the interrelationships between people, resources, environment and development and convinced of the importance of assessing those interrelationships as they relate to international co-operation for development,

Recalling the catalytic mandate and role of the United Nations Environment Programme with regard to international co-operation in the field of the environment, especially with regard to integrating environmental considerations into the development process,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the

[76] A/36/141.
[77] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/38/25), annex.
[78] A/38/304, annex.
[79] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/38/25).
[80] A/38/305, annex I.
[81] *Ibid.*, annex II.
[82] Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 156–158.

work of its eleventh session and the decisions contained therein;[83]

2. *Welcomes* section II of Governing Council decision 11/1 of 24 May 1983, in which it decided, *inter alia*, that the topic to be considered in the 1984 report on the state of the environment would be "The environment in the dialogue between and among developed and developing countries";

3. *Takes note* of sections V and VI of Governing Council decision 11/1, which relate to the convening of an international conference on world industry and environmental management and a parliamentary conference on the environment;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of Governing Council decision 11/2 of 23 May 1983 on the periodicity and duration of Governing Council sessions and endorses the decision that there shall be no session of the Governing Council in 1986, on an experimental basis, and that in 1987 the Governing Council shall decide finally on either of the two options for the periodicity of its sessions in the light of the experience gained in the previous years;

5. *Also takes note* of Governing Council decision 11/5 of 23 May 1983 on the impacts of *apartheid* on the environment, directed at promoting public awareness of the plight of the victims of *apartheid*;

6. *Welcomes* part one of Governing Council decision 11/7 of 24 May 1983, by which the Council, while setting priorities for its implementation, approved the programme budget for the first biennium of the system-wide medium-term environment programme, 1984-1985, as an overall framework for activities of the United Nations Environment Programme during that period, and invites Governments participating in relevant governing bodies of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to endeavour to take the provisions of the system-wide medium-term environment programme fully into account in their consideration of related issues, so as to achieve the full implementation of the system-wide programme;

7. *Welcomes* the importance attached by the Governing Council to regional approaches and programmes in the field of international environment co-operation, as reflected in its decisions 11/7, 11/8 and 11/9 of 24 May 1983;

8. *Welcomes* section VIII of Governing Council decision 11/1, in which the Council decided to devote two days, during its twelfth session, to a detailed assessment of the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,[84] which will include a thorough analysis of the state of implementation of the principal components of the Plan, the lessons learned and the priorities for future action;

9. *Decides* to expand the mandate of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control to include information exchange on anti-desertification policies and programmes of its participants, in addition to its basic mandate as set out in General Assembly resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977;

10. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law[85] and appeals to Governments to participate actively in the Programme and provide adequate financial resources or facilities in order to achieve its full and timely implementation;

11. *Reaffirms* the need for strengthening the co-ordinating role of the United Nations Environment Programme and the need for additional resources to assist developing countries in dealing with serious environmental problems, and urges the Executive Director of the Programme, in consultation with Governments and international organizations concerned, to accelerate and intensify his efforts in this field;

12. *Urges* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to facilitate the provision of expert assistance to and among developing countries, at their request, in the preparation, monitoring and evaluation of priority environmental programmes and projects, including the application of environmental impact assessment, and in promoting and increasing the exchange of information and experience with respect to the integration of environmental considerations into development activities;

13. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have contributed to the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, particularly to those that have done so for the first time in 1982 and 1983 and those that have increased their contributions for those years, and also to those countries which have changed their yearly payment procedures in order to make their contributions available as early as possible;

14. *Notes with deep concern*, however, the very meagre pledges to the Fund so far received from Governments and strongly appeals to all Governments to pledge their contributions as soon as possible for 1984, and where possible for 1985, preferably before the end of 1983.

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38/166. Living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,[86] and the relevant recommendations for national action[87] 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,[88]

Recalling further its resolution 37/222 of 20 December 1982,

Taking note of resolution 6/2 adopted by the Commission on Human Settlements on 4 May 1983,[89]

Gravely alarmed by the continuation of the Israeli settlement policies, which have been declared null and void and a major obstacle to peace,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories;[90]

[83] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/38/25), annex.

[84] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Desertification, Nairobi, 29 August–9 September 1977* (A/CONF.74/36), chap. I.

[85] UNEP/GC.10/5/Add.2 and Corr.1 and 2, annex, chap. II.

[86] *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.

[87] *Ibid.*, chap. II.

[88] *Ibid.*, chap. III.

[89] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/38/8), annex I.

[90] A/38/278–E/1983/77.