

2. *Expresses the hope* that all States that have signed but not yet ratified, accepted or approved the Agreement will expedite the necessary action to that effect and strongly urges all States that have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Agreement without any further delay;

3. *Decides* to review the implementation of the present resolution at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/157. Long-term financial and institutional arrangements for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development⁴¹ and General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979,

Also recalling its resolutions 36/183 of 17 December 1981 and 37/244 of 21 December 1982,

Taking into account the report of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development on its fifth session,⁴² in particular decision 4 (V) of 20 June 1983 on the establishment of the long-term financial and institutional arrangements for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development,⁴³

Noting with appreciation the support provided over the past four years by Governments to the Interim Fund and to the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development,

Concerned that it has not yet been possible to bring into full effect the provisions of resolution 37/244,

Noting that the informal open-ended meeting, called for by the Intergovernmental Committee in its decision 4 (V), indicates that a significant number of countries, developed and developing, are considering making financial contributions to the Financing System in an effort to attain the targets established by the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that:

(a) The Secretary-General should be authorized to convene, in consultation with Governments, a pledging conference for the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development prior to the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development to enable interested Governments to announce their pledges for the first year and, if possible, to provide an indication of the amount they may contribute in the two following years;

(b) Thereafter, the Intergovernmental Committee will, at its sixth session, proceed to adopt decisions as required, including, if appropriate, the financing plan for the Financing System, and to elect the members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development, as decided by the General Assembly in resolution 37/244;

(c) In the meantime, the existing operating procedures of the present Financing System shall continue;

2. *Decides also* that the period up to the convening of the pledging conference should be fully utilized for all nec-

essary consultations to bring about the successful outcome of the pledging conference and the establishment of the long-term financial and institutional arrangements for the Financing System:

3. *Invites* those Governments that are prepared to do so to indicate to the Secretary-General the amount of their financial contributions to the Financing System at the earliest possible time;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to make all efforts to mobilize the support of Governments for the establishment of the long-term arrangements for the Financing System and appeals to all Governments to cooperate with the Secretary-General in this regard.

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38/158. Food problems

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Eradication of Hunger and Malnutrition, as adopted by the World Food Conference,⁴⁴ and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,⁴⁵

Reaffirming its resolutions 37/245 on the situation of food and agriculture in Africa, 37/246 on an international year for the mobilization of financial and technological resources for food and agriculture in Africa and 37/247 on food problems, of 21 December 1982,

Recognizing the need for keeping food and agriculture issues at the centre of the global agenda,

Concerned that the achievement of the food and agriculture objectives of developing countries is being severely constrained by the world-wide economic recession and political environment, and that those countries are faced with depressed prices in commodity markets, sluggish demand, restricted access to markets, declining concessional flows in real terms and protectionist policies, coupled with the obligations of servicing a large international debt and with monetary market instability,

Expressing its deep concern at the fact that a substantial part of world resources, material as well as human, continues to be diverted to armaments, which has a detrimental effect on international security and on efforts to achieve the new international economic order, including the solution of food problems, and calling upon Governments to take effective measures in the field of real disarmament that would increase the possibilities of the allocation of the resources now being used for military purposes to economic and social development, especially development of

⁴¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, Vienna, 20-31 August 1979* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.I.21 and corrigenda), chap. VII.

⁴² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 37 (A/38/37), part two.*

⁴³ *Ibid.*, annex, sect. B.

⁴⁴ *Report of the World Food Conference, Rome, 5-16 November 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.II.A.3), chap. I.

⁴⁵ See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, Rome, 12-20 July 1979* (WCARRD/REP), part one.