

timely attention, preferably during its special session to be held from 19 to 22 February 1986, to relevant decisions of the High-level Committee, including decision 4/7 of 5 June 1985;<sup>74</sup>

3. *Recognizes* the necessity for programmes of technical co-operation among developing countries to be fully integrated into the operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

4. *Takes note* of the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit on United Nations development system support to the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

5. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to take the necessary action, in their respective fields of activity, to ensure the implementation of the decisions of the High-level Committee;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 40/197. Remnants of war

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3435 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 35/71 of 5 December 1980, 36/188 of 17 December 1981, 37/215 of 20 December 1982, 38/162 of 19 December 1983 and 39/167 of 17 December 1984 concerning the problem of remnants of war,

*Recalling also* decisions 80 (IV) of 9 April 1976,<sup>75</sup> 101 (V) of 25 May 1977,<sup>76</sup> 9/5 of 25 May 1981<sup>77</sup> and 10/8 of 28 May 1982<sup>78</sup> of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Recalling further* resolution 32 adopted by the Fifth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Colombo from 16 to 19 August 1976,<sup>79</sup> and resolution 26/11-P adopted by the Eleventh Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Islamabad from 17 to 22 May 1980,<sup>80</sup>

*Convinced* that the responsibility for the removal of the remnants of war should be borne by the countries that planted them,

*Recognizing* that the presence of the material remnants of war, including mines, in the territories of developing countries seriously impedes their development efforts and causes loss of life and property,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the problem of remnants of war;<sup>81</sup>

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, to continue his efforts with the countries responsible for planting the mines and the affected developing countries in order to ensure the implementation of the relevant resolutions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a detailed

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/31/25)*, annex I.

<sup>76</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/32/25)*, annex I.

<sup>77</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25 and Corr 1 annex I)*.

<sup>78</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/37/25)*, part two, annex.

<sup>79</sup> See A/31/197, annex IV, sect. B.

and comprehensive report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 40/198. Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

##### A

##### IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCING OF THE PLAN OF ACTION

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977, by which it approved the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>14</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolutions 33/89 of 15 December 1978, 34/184 of 18 December 1979, 36/191 of 17 December 1981, 37/220 of 20 December 1982 and 38/163 of 19 December 1983, dealing with the implementation and financing of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

*Recalling further* the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984,

*Noting with dismay and grave concern* the continuing spread and intensification of desertification in developing countries, especially in Africa, and the grave human suffering, economic losses and social disruption caused by this phenomenon,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its thirteenth session<sup>82</sup> and decision 13/30 A of 23 May 1985 of the Governing Council<sup>83</sup> on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,

*Having also considered* the report of the Secretary-General on financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,<sup>84</sup>

1. *Takes note* of decision 13/30 A of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Shares* the concern of the Governing Council over the slow implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

3. *Urges* Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies to intensify their efforts in combating desertification and to accord the highest priority to actions recommended in the Plan of Action and decision 13/30 A of the Governing Council;

4. *Notes* the significant role that non-governmental organizations are playing in the anti-desertification efforts, and calls upon Governments and organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental bodies to explore all opportunities of involving them more in this effort;

5. *Urges* the international community to increase its assistance to the countries concerned with a view to the implementation of their national and regional programmes aimed at desertification control;

6. *Endorses* the Governing Council's invitation to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to consult with the principal international

<sup>80</sup> See A/35/419-S/14129, annex I.

<sup>81</sup> A/40/650.

<sup>82</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/40/25)*.

<sup>83</sup> *Ibid.*, annex.

<sup>84</sup> A/40/644.