

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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42/182. Protection of the ozone layer

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer adopted on 22 March 1985,

Recognizing that world-wide emissions of certain substances can significantly deplete and otherwise modify the ozone layer in a manner that is likely to result in adverse effects on human health and the environment and recognizing also the need for measures to reduce the world-wide emissions of such substances,

Noting with satisfaction the work carried out by the United Nations Environment Programme through, *inter alia*, its *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts for the Preparation of a Protocol on Chlorofluorocarbons to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer,

1. *Appeals* to all States to consider becoming parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer as soon as possible;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption on 16 September 1987 of the Montreal Protocol on substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer;

3. *Draws the attention* of all States to the fact that the Montreal Protocol will remain open for signature at Ottawa until 16 January 1988 and subsequently at United Nations Headquarters from 17 January to 15 September 1988;

4. *Appeals* to all States that have not yet done so to consider signing the Montreal Protocol as soon as possible;

5. *Urges* all States and regional economic integration organizations to consider becoming parties to the Montreal Protocol as soon as possible so that it may enter into force in accordance with article 16 of the Protocol;

6. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution and any further information regarding the Montreal Protocol that the Programme may be in a position to provide.

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42/183. Traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes

The General Assembly,

Taking note of decisions 14/19 on the International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals, 14/27 on environmentally safe management of chemicals, in particular those that are banned and severely restricted in international trade, and 14/30 on environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, which were adopted by the

Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme, on 17 June 1987,⁴⁶

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/54 of 28 May 1987 on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods,

Recognizing the useful role that the organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Health Organization, could play in assisting in the prevention and control of the potentially harmful effects of traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes,

Convinced that the London Guidelines for the Exchange of Information on Chemicals in International Trade⁴⁷ and the Cairo Guidelines and Principles for the Environmentally Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes⁴⁸ represent a significant step forward,

Concerned that part of the international movement of toxic and dangerous products and wastes is being carried out in contravention of existing national legislation and relevant international legal instruments, as well as internationally accepted guidelines and principles, to the detriment of the environment and public health of all countries, particularly of developing countries,

Convinced that these problems cannot be resolved without adequate co-operation among members of the international community and that the international community should adopt measures to complement and strengthen the above-mentioned guidelines and principles,

Also convinced of the need to assist all countries, particularly developing countries, in obtaining all necessary information concerning toxic and dangerous products and wastes and in reinforcing their capacity to detect and halt any illegal attempt to introduce toxic and dangerous products and wastes into the territory of any State in contravention of national legislation and relevant international legal instruments, as well as traffic not carried out in compliance with internationally accepted guidelines and principles in this field,

Welcoming the convening of a diplomatic conference in Switzerland in 1989 for the purpose of adopting a global convention on control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes, for which a preparatory meeting was convened by the United Nations Environment Programme and held at Budapest from 27 to 30 October 1987, in conjunction with the World Conference on Hazardous Wastes,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on the question of illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes—that is, traffic in contravention of national legislation and relevant international legal instruments—as well as traffic not carried out in compliance with internationally accepted guidelines and principles in this field, and its impact on all countries, in particular developing countries, for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, as well as a preliminary report on the question for submission to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988;

2. *Invites* all Governments to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of the present resolution and also invites the appropriate bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of the report;

⁴⁶Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/42/25 and Corr.1), annex I.

⁴⁷UNEP/GC.14/17, annex IV.

⁴⁸*Ibid.*, annex II.

3. *Calls upon* all Governments to co-operate in the prevention and control of illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes—that is, traffic in contravention of national legislation and relevant international legal instruments—as well as traffic not carried out in compliance with internationally accepted guidelines and principles.

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42/184. 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 fourteenth session,⁴⁹

Having also considered the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,⁵⁰

Taking note of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond⁵¹ and the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development,¹²

Noting the implications for the work of the United Nations Environment Programme of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women³⁶ and of the system-wide medium-term plan for women in development,⁵²

Aware that serious environmental problems are arising in both developed and developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of taking fully into account the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development in development policies and strategies,

Conscious that environmental considerations must be taken into full account by each country in framing and implementing its development plans in accordance with its development objectives,

Recognizing the importance of the international exchange of experience and knowledge and of the promotion of the transfer of technology for the protection and enhancement of the environment in accordance with respective national laws, regulations and policies,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its fourteenth session⁴⁹ and endorses the decisions contained therein,⁴⁶ as adopted;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the development of international co-operation in the field of the environment and the work of the United Nations Environment Programme during the fifteen years since the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972, and calls for further action-oriented co-operation for the protection and enhancement of the environment;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of Governing Council decision 14/13 of 19 June 1987,⁴⁶ by which the Council adopted the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond,⁵¹ and Council decision 14/14 of 19 June

1987,⁴⁶ in which the Council accepted the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development¹² as a guideline to be taken into account in further work of the United Nations Environment Programme;

4. *Considers* that evaluation is an integral part of the programming cycle of the United Nations Environment Programme and should be undertaken using a methodology developed in consultation with the partners of the Programme in the United Nations system and with Governments;

5. *Welcomes* the annual reports on the state of the world environment, in particular the report for 1987,⁵³ fifteen years after the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, and requests that these reports be given wide dissemination and be drawn upon fully in the preparation of reports within the United Nations system on the world economic and social situation;

6. *Agrees* with the Governing Council that the United Nations Environment Programme should attach importance to the problem of global climate change and that the Executive Director should ensure that the Programme co-operates closely with the World Meteorological Organization and the International Council of Scientific Unions and maintains an active, influential role in the World Climate Programme;

7. *Takes note* of Governing Council decision 14/26 of 17 June 1987⁴⁶ regarding the rationalization of international conventions on biological diversity, in which the Council requested the Executive Director, in consultation with Governments and within available resources, to establish an *ad hoc* working group of experts to investigate in close collaboration with the Ecosystems Conservation Group and other international organizations the desirability and possible form of an umbrella convention to rationalize current activities in this field, and to address other areas which might fall under such a convention;

8. *Welcomes* the importance given by the Governing Council to forest ecosystems and, bearing in mind existing programmes and expertise in this field, welcomes section I of Governing Council decision 14/1 B of 17 June 1987,⁴⁶ in which it took note of and welcomed the initiative of the Executive Director to pursue consultations among countries owning tropical forests and other forest ecosystems, and other interested countries, aimed at finding ways and means to consider, through the appropriate international mechanisms, including the International Tropical Timber Organization, practical collaborative action for the sustainable use and conservation of significant areas of forest ecosystems and the genetic resources they contain;

9. *Expresses its appreciation* for the leading role played by the United Nations Environment Programme in achieving the entry into force of the Agreement on the Action Plan for the Environmentally Sound Management of the Common Zambezi River system, the adoption of the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment of the South Pacific Region, the entry into force of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and, in particular, the adoption of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, and encourages the United Nations Environment Programme, through its Governing Council, to continue such efforts;

10. *Welcomes* Governing Council decision 14/30 of 17 June 1987,⁴⁶ in which the Council approved the Cairo Guidelines and Principles for the Environmentally Sound

⁴⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/42/25 and Corr.1).

⁵⁰ UNEP/GC.14/18 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

⁵¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/42/25 and Corr.1), annex II.

⁵² See Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/86 of 8 July 1987.

⁵³ UNEP/GC.14/6 and Add.1, Add.2 and Corr.1, and Add.3.