

and the need to adopt sound financial practices and appropriate technologies;

4. *Urges* Governments, in their efforts to implement the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and in the New Delhi Statement, to stress the following important objectives:

(a) To assign greater priority to the allocation of development financing to water supply and sanitation by seeking a better integration of the sector within the overall development planning process and to allocate a greater proportion of resources to low-income urban and rural areas, while addressing the deteriorating economic, social and environmental conditions in those areas;

(b) To implement programmes aimed at expanding service coverage within the framework of integrated water resources and environmental planning and management, in the context of sustainable national social and economic plans and urban and rural development policies, and to orient them towards services that reflect community needs and are used by beneficiaries;

(c) To ensure appropriate utilization of existing financial resources and mobilize additional funds from Governments, donors and non-governmental organizations, and to draw on the resources of the local communities;

(d) To assess and undertake institutional reforms to promote an integrated approach, including changes in procedure, attitude and behaviour, and the full participation of women at all levels in sector institutions;

(e) To assess the current status of institutions with a view to strengthening national capacities to plan and manage water supply and environmental sanitation programmes and to enable them to improve operational and financial efficiency;

(f) To increase their efforts to improve the efficiency and use of available financial resources by, *inter alia*, continuing to expand the use of cost-effective appropriate technologies, and to intensify South-South co-operation in that regard;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations system and other relevant organizations to increase their financial and technical support to the national endeavours of developing countries in that regard;

6. *Urges* donor Governments, multilateral financial and development institutions and non-governmental organizations to give favourable consideration to requests for grants and concessional financing arrangements to support water supply and sanitation programmes in developing countries;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of intensifying the co-ordination of national activities undertaken with the assistance of all relevant agencies in the field of water supply and sanitation through, in particular, the inter-agency Steering Committee for Co-operative Action for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade and the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council;

8. *Decides* to review, at its fiftieth session, the progress made during the first half of the 1990s, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Economic and Social Council, on further progress made in attaining the ultimate goal of providing a safe water supply and sanitation for all, including

proposals for the action needed for the remainder of the Decade, with special emphasis on the efforts made at the national level and on international co-operation.

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45/182. Special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with ministerial participation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council decision 1990/205 of 9 February 1990 on the implementation of Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988 and 1989/114 of 28 July 1989, in particular paragraph 1 (b) thereof regarding the convening of a special meeting of the Council on 4 and 5 July 1991 to discuss the impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic co-operation,

Taking into account also Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/68 of 27 July 1990 on the special high-level meeting of the Council in 1991,

Fully convinced of the need to hold that meeting at a high level,

Fully convinced also of the need to ensure adequate preparations for the special high-level meeting, which is the first of its kind and an important concrete step in the process of the revitalization of the Council,

1. *Takes note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/68 and decision 1990/205;

2. *Invites* all Member States and observer States that are in a position to do so to be represented at the ministerial level;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Economic and Social Council, to take all the necessary measures to ensure the adequate preparation of the special high-level meeting of the Council in 1991;

4. *Calls upon* all appropriate organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to contribute to the success of the special high-level meeting of the Council in 1991;

5. *Decides* to discuss at its forty-sixth session, in the context of the examination of the report of the Economic and Social Council, the outcome of the special high-level meeting.

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45/183. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/235 of 22 December 1989,