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USER'S GUIDE

This handbook serves to pull together all of the applicable Governing Council decisions and resolutions concerning forests, woodlands, desertification and related areas for the past fourteen sessions, including the Session of a Special Character(1982).

For reference purposes, the handbook has been divided into three sections: a subject index of the decisions and resolutions, followed by the applicable text, and an appendix comprised of tables reflecting apportionment of the Environment Fund for all sessions. The subject index has been arranged into four subsections, as shown in the table of contents. Within each subsection, all relevant decisions and resolutions appear chronologically. The page numbers following each listing refer to the pertinent area of text as applicable to that subsection only. The Environment Fund tables found in the appendix are also presented in chronological order, and have been included to provide the reader with an historical overview.

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The index subsections entitled "Environmental Education and Training", and "Environmental Policy, Protection and Management" have been included solely in the instances where a relationship to forestry and desertification could be shown, when examined within a broad scale. For streamlining purposes, some editing of the text has been employed so that the reader can refer directly to the applicable body of the decisions and resolutions themselves. For verbatim text, one can refer to the original documents.

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1 (I) Action Plan for the Human Environment: programme development and priorities

Report of the Environment Co-ordination Board

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

... 1. Reiterates that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972 and the Action Plan of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, the general policy objectives of the United Nations Environment Programme shall be:

I. GENERAL POLICY OBJECTIVES

(a) To provide, through interdisciplinary study of natural and man-made ecological systems, improved knowledge for an integrated and rational management of resources of the biosphere, and for safeguarding human well-being as well as ecosystems;

(b) To encourage and support an integrated approach to the planning and management of development, including that of natural resources, so as to take account of environmental consequences, to achieve maximum social, economic and environmental benefits;

(c) To assist all countries, especially developing countries, to deal with their environmental problems and to help mobilize additional financial resources for the purpose of providing the required technical assistance, education, training and free flow of information and exchange of experience, with a view to promoting the full participation of developing countries in the national and international efforts for the preservation and enhancement of the environment;

II. PARTICULAR POLICY OBJECTIVES

... 2. (e) To prevent the loss of productive soil through erosion, salination or contamination; to arrest the process of desertification and to restore the productivity of desiccated soil;

... (f) To help Governments in managing forest resources so as to meet present and future needs;...

... (l) To help Governments identify and preserve natural and cultural areas which are significant to their countries and which form part of the natural and cultural heritage of all mankind;...

... (n) To help Governments increase public awareness through better education and knowledge of environmental concerns and facilitate wide participation in and support for environmental action;

III. PROGRAMME PRIORITIES FOR ACTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS
ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

...4. Decides that the major functional tasks of the Programme consist of the identification and assessment of the major environmental problems for which "Earthwatch" will be one of the important instruments, environmental management activities and supporting measures, the most important of which are:

(a) The provision of technical assistance to Governments in evaluating their environmental needs and in planning and carrying out measures to meet them;

(b) The provision of assistance for the training of personnel who will require specialized skills in order to participate in the development and application of measures - including environmentally sound technologies - for the protection and enhancement of the environment, with particular emphasis on planning and management;

(c) The provision of financial and other forms of support to strengthen national and regional institutions which can contribute significantly to the international institutional network required for carrying out agreed measures under the programme;

(d) The provision of information and related material in support of national programmes of public information and education in the environmental field and the provision of assistance to governmental or non-governmental efforts aiming at increased availability of environmental information related to development;

Taking into account the need:

... (b) To conserve and enrich the productive resources that sustain life on this planet;

(c) To understand the effect of man's interaction with other components of the biosphere;...

... (e) To give special consideration to activities which will particularly benefit developing countries;....

12 ... (b) Land, water and desertification

(i) To mount a concerted programme to help countries control the loss of productive soil through erosion, salination, desertification and laterization, and to help them in land reclamation which is ecologically compatible, with special emphasis to be laid on arresting the spread of deserts;....

... (iv) To support and encourage concerted research programmes to develop, manage and conserve ecological systems, particularly arid lands and tropical forests, special account being taken for support of initiatives by Governments in their national and regional programmes;...

... (f) Conservation of nature, wildlife and genetic resources

- ... (ii) To support ecological investigations on ecosystem processes in relation to the impact of human activities;
- (iii) To promote the identification and conservation of unique natural sites and especially representative samples of natural ecosystems;
- (iv)... and to cooperate with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in its programmes for genetic resource conservation;....

... IX. PUBLIC AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

32. Invites Governments to consider, in the light of their countries' particular circumstances, the establishment or strengthening of institutions and activities designed to improve public awareness of environmental concerns;

33. Requests the Executive Director to ensure that the activities of the Environment Programme are designed to complement and support national programmes in this area;

34. Commends the actions taken by governments and the Executive Director to mark World Environment Day, recognizes it as a valuable means for increasing public awareness and invites all governments to participate in its future observance.

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7. Review of the Environmental situation and activities relating to the environment programme

The Governing Council,

...5. Requests the organizations of the United Nations system and other international organizations to communicate to the United Nations Environment Programme, through appropriate procedures, the relevant information - including the total of specific financial allocations - on their activities in all areas which may concern the Programme, as well as all the data which would permit it to discharge its responsibilities;....

UNEP/GC/DEC/2/8

8 (II) Approval of activities within the environment programme, in the light, inter alia, of their implications for the Fund programme

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...I. PRIORITY SUBJECT AREAS OF THE PROGRAMME

...2. Land, water and desertification

... (a) ~~First priority should be given to the establishment of integrated~~ research programmes on arid and semi-arid lands. Work in this field should be carried out on a regional basis through studies, meetings and the creation of programme activity centres.

(b) Particular attention should be paid to the Sudano-Sahelian region. In the light of General Assembly resolution 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, and because of the urgency of immediate intervention, the Executive Director is requested to treat this region afflicted by drought as a priority area of concentration within the programme and activities planned for 1974.

(c) Tropical woodland and forest ecosystems should be given due attention and should be considered as resources in an economic and industrial context as well as from the point of view of conservation. Guidelines for their rational management and utilization should be developed.

(d) Efforts should be made to ensure that all available knowledge and data in these areas are fully utilized, in co-operation with relevant activities of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and of the Man and Biosphere programme of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization relating to arid lands, forests and other ecosystems, and full co-ordination should be ensured in this respect.

... (f) Research on the impact of man and climate on the process of desertification should be encouraged....

...5. Conservation of nature, wildlife and genetic resources

... (b) For the preservation of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, biomes and habitats, efforts should be made to expand the network of terrestrial and marine parks, in which studies of the relevant ecosystems should be encouraged. Emphasis should be placed on arid lands, forests, wetlands and marine areas. The Executive Director is requested, in cooperation with appropriate international organizations, to promote studies leading to concrete action facilitating the exploration, protection and conservation of nature in the humid equatorial zones....

...II. FUNCTIONAL TASKS

Environmental assessment: Earthwatch

... (c) The Executive Director should consider moving forward, in a manner similar to his application of the Global Environmental Monitoring System and International Referral System, with the other functional aspects of Earthwatch which involve related research and evaluation, so that the interactions among these complementary functions may properly lead to environmental assessments which provide the basis for environmental management activities.

2. Environmental management

(a) The concept of and methodology for eco-development, viewed as a united, comprehensive process encompassing cultural, social, technological, political and environmental dimensions, should be elaborated, inter alia, on the basis of a few pilot projects in different developing countries;

(b) A panel of experts, including experts from Governments and international organizations, should be convened in order to assist in the formulation of criteria for the evaluation of development projects and their consequences, taking into account the results of planned pilot actions and post-audits;....

... 3. Supporting measures: information, education training and technical assistance

... (c) Technical assistance should be directed towards strengthening national and regional capabilities in environmental protection, education and training through institution building and the development of relevant policies;

(d) Specific criteria for the provision of technical assistance should be developed;

(e) An over-all international framework for the implementation of these activities should be developed in order to enable the large number of potential contributors of training and technical assistance activities to optimize their input;

(f) There is a need for continued collaboration with United Nations agencies and other bodies in this area. In particular, co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization should be actively developed in the field of general environmental education.

The Governing Council,

... 2. Suggests tha, in exercising this discretion, the Executive Director should pay particular attention

(a) To the following areas:

... (vii) Management of arid and semi-arid lands and tropical forest ecosystems - problems of desertification;

... (xi) Conservation of genetic resources;

... (b) To the following functional tasks:

... (iii) Development of environmental management and assessment capabilities;

(iv) Education, information, training and technical assistance.

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Programme policy and implementation

The Governing Council,

... 9. Considers that:

(a) The issues of population, resources, environment and development are interrelated problems. Solutions to these problems must form part of an integrated strategy directed towards harmonized objectives, to which the United Nations Environment Programme will contributed within the framework of its specific environmental tasks. Fundamental to these objectives is the importance of meeting the aspirations of man for the fulfilment of his basic needs;

(b) Environmental management implies sustainable development of all countries, aimed at meeting basic human needs without transgressing the outer limits set to man's endeavour by the biosphere;....

UNEP/GC/DEC/3/27

27 (III) Review of the environmental situation and
of activities relating to the environment
programme

The Governing Council,

... 2. Decides that future presentations of the state of the environment report should include:

- (a) An identification of the major environmental issues facing the world at the international, regional, subregional and, if possible, national levels;
- (b) An account of:
 - (i) The way in which the aims of environmental development and protection are seen as an integral part of the development process in the context of the real needs of mankind;
 - (ii) The action taken and planned during the period of review in the field of environmental management;
 - (iii) The global and regional conventions concluded or being considered for the protection of the environment;
 - (iv) The legislation enacted and institutional mechanisms established at the national and international levels to deal with relevant environmental issues;....

... 4. Requests the Executive Director:

... (b) To encourage and support the further development of global models as a basis for assessing particular environmental concerns within the context of integrated environmental management;

(c) To prepare, taking into account the relevant views and comments of the Governing Council at its third session, reviews in the following priority subject areas and functional tasks along the lines of those prepared in the area "Land, water and desertification" by the fourth session of the Governing Council, to be held in 1976:

... (ii) Conservation of nature, wildlife and genetic resources;

... (vii) Environmental management;

(viii) Environmental education and training;....

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The Governing Council,

... 9. Requests the Executive Director:

... (j) To include, in the priority programme activities, the strengthening of the human and material potential of developing countries, in order to enable them to participate directly in all monitoring, surveying, research, development and implementation activities related to measures for environmental protection and management;....

... 11. Further requests the Executive Director:

(a) To treat the section on "Trees" as part of the priority subject area "Terrestrial ecosystems, their management and control";....

UNEP/GC/DEC/3/34

34 (III) Improvement of the human environment through the use of renewable energy resources

The Governing Council,

... Recognizing that most of such rural areas have no fossil fuel resources, but possess, in varying degrees, renewable energy resources, such as solar energy, wind energy, hydro-power, biogas obtained from agricultural and animal wastes and wood from quick-growing trees, which could be harnessed to meet the energy needs of the local communities,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to accord high priority to the establishment in some of the typical rural areas of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America, in co-operation with the Governments of the countries concerned and such agencies within and outside the United Nations system as may be considered appropriate, of a few demonstration centres which will harness, individually or in combination, locally available renewable resources of energy;....

UNEP/GC/DEC/4/49

49 (IV). Catalytic role of the United Nations Environment Programme

The Governing Council,

...3. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue to bring the catalytic function to bear on appropriate areas and problems for the benefit of all countries, particularly the developing countries.

UNEP/GC/DEC/4/50

50 (IV). Programme and Fund programme activities

The Governing Council,

... 5. Notes the very important new strategy for water...and the additions and amendments to the elements of the strategies agreed to by the Governing Council at its third session for:

(a) Tropical woodland and forest ecosystems;

- (b) Integrated approach to environment and development;
- (c) Socio-economic impact of environmental measures and of their absence;
- (d) Natural disasters;
- (e) Environmental management;
- (f) Information;

UNEP/GC/DEC/4/54

54 (IV). African tropical rain-forest ecosystem

The Governing Council,

Recognizing that tropical rain-forests are of vital ecological importance at the biospheric level, particularly in Africa,

Recognizing further the economic and social role played by the African tropical rain-forest in the well-being of all the peoples of the region,

Observing, the ever-increasing pressure to which the African tropical rain-forest is subjected for lack of the knowledge and techniques needed for its rational utilization,

Noting that the United Nations Environment Programme has the opportunity and the necessary means to promote concerted action at the regional level with regard to training and integrated ecological research on the African tropical rain forest, on the basis of the resolutions adopted at the Man and the Biosphere regional symposium, which was held at Kinshasa from 25 August to 5 September 1975, and was attended by all countries of central and west Africa,

Requests the Executive Director to take the necessary measures, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to launch a practical programme, in the form of pilot projects, for the promotion of applied and appropriate studies and research and for the training of the specialists essential to rational use of the African tropical rain-forest.

UNEP/GC/DEC/4/60

60 (IV). Renewable energy resources

The Governing Council,

... Noting that the technology for the utilization of solar, wind, geothermal and other non-conventional energy sources applies equally to arid and semi-arid regions,

Aware that the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Desertification will be seeking appropriate technology to control and reclaim the desert,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with the relevant United Nations bodies, to accelerate an active programme involving the rational utilization of renewable resources for energy generation which will have a positive impact on rural development, consistent with environmentally sound practices;

... 3. Further urges the Executive Director to submit the relevant proposals to the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

UNEP/GC/DEC/4/73

73 (IV). United Nations Conference on Desertification

The Governing Council,

Having considered, in its capacity as the preparatory body for the United Nations Conference on Desertification, the report of the Executive Director 41/ on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX) 17 December 1974 on international co-operation to combat desertification,

1. Approves the proposals of the Executive Director concerning the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Desertification as they appear in his report;

2. Requests the Executive Director to take into account during these preparations the comments made by the various delegations during the debate at fourth session of the Governing Council, particularly regarding the conciseness and clearness of the documents prepared for the Conference, the action-oriented nature of the recommendations to be included in the plan of action and the need for very early consultations with Governments on the contents of the various documents, especially the draft plan of action;

3. Calls upon the Governments concerned to co-operate fully with the secretariat of the Conference in the preparation of the case studies and in the consideration of the feasibility of the proposed transnational activities;

4. Approves the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference 42/ for presentation to the Conference as the provisional rules for adoption under item 2 of its provisional agenda;

5. Invites the General Assembly at its thirty-first session to request the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to assume the responsibility of Secretary-General of the Conference, in addition to his other responsibilities as Executive Director;

6. Invites the General Assembly at its thirty-first session, when considering the administrative and financial implications for the United Nations regular budget of servicing the Conference, to give favourable consideration to authorizing the inclusion of Arabic as a working language of the Conference.

7. Further invites the General Assembly at its thirty-first session to approve the extension of invitations to the United Nations Conference on Desertification to all States and liberation movements in accordance with its established practice, to interested specialized agencies and intergovernmental organizations indicating an interest to participate, and to those non-governmental organizations in consultative status with, the Economic and Social Council which inform the Executive Director of their interest in being represented by observers;

8. Agrees to the draft provisional agenda for the Conference, subject to 2-6 (a) being incorporated into one item entitled "Organization of the work of the Conference", and recommends that the General Assembly at its thirty-first session approve the draft provisional agenda thus modified for presentation to the Conference for adoption;

9. Approves the financial implications of the preparations for the Conference decides:

(a) To allocate from the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme, towards the preparations for the Conference, the sum of \$1,023,500 in 1976 and \$1 million in 1977;

(b) To request the Executive Director to provide the Governing Council, at its fifth session, with a precise accounting of the allocation for 1976;

(c) To consider at its fifth session a revised estimate of the financial implications of the preparations for the Conference, on the basis of a report by the Executive Director on progress made during the period between the fourth and fifth sessions of the Governing Council, together with a detailed plan of expenditure during the year 1977;

10. Notes that the amount of \$392,500 under Fund programme activities forms part of the approved allocation for terrestrial ecosystems, their management and control for 1976-1977;

11. Urges the Executive Director, while ensuring maximum efficiency of the preparations for this very important Conference, to exert every effort to economize the expenditure from the sums allocated according to paragraph 9 (a) above.

UNEP/GC/DEC/5/82

Programme Policy and Implementation

The Governing Council,

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State of the environment

... 2. Draws the attention of Governments, United Nations organizations and other bodies to the conclusions of that report, and to the need for concerted national and international effort to deal with problems in the areas of ~~ozone, environmental carcinogens, soil loss and firewood;~~...

UNEP/GC/DEC/5/86

86 (VI). Terrestrial ecosystems

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Ecosystems of arid and semi-arid lands

The Governing Council,

Noting with satisfaction the priority assigned by the United Nations Environment Programme to terrestrial ecosystems, which constitute a concentration area, in particular arid and semi-arid lands' ecosystems, which are characterized by their fragility,

Considering that arid and semi-arid regions cover more than 40 per cent of the earth's surface, containing more than 13 per cent of the world's population, and that these proportions may become even larger in the years ahead if a programme for the protection of the endangered areas is not established as soon as possible,

Considering further that this danger applies particularly to the lands of the Sahelian and other regions of Africa, which have for many years been afflicted by drought and will soon be subject to progressive deterioration into savannah, which may make these fertile lands arid,

Recalling the importance of the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

Requests the Executive Director to examine the possibility of extending the integrated project on arid lands to the Sahelian and North African regions threatened by desertification by establishing applied research pilot projects in these regions.

B

Training in tropical ecology

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to continue his support for the training of specialists in tropical ecology.

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90 (V). Supporting measures: education and training

The Governing Council,

... 1. Welcomes the establishment by the Executive Director of a regional programme activity centre for environmental education and training in Africa;

2. Endorses the Executive Director's intention to establish similar centres in other regions and, in particular requests him to consider the early establishment of such a centre in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

3. Further endorses the Executive Director's intention to establish a global programme activity centre by 1982;

4. Calls upons the Executive Director to co-operate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other United Nations bodies in the promotion of environmental education, within the guidelines arising from the intergovernmental conference on environmental education, to be held at Tbilisi in October 1977;

5. Requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with other competent United Nations bodies, to continue to extend technical and financial assistance to developing countries, in furtherance of environmental education and training, for the purposes of supporting local institutions, organizing seminars and granting scholarships and fellowships.

UNEP/GC/DEC/5/95

95 (V). United Nations Conference on Desertification

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to provide the Governing Council at its sixth session with a precise accounting of the allocation for 1977 for the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

2. Approves the proposals by the Executive Director on the preparation of documentation to be presented to the Conference;

3. Requests the Executive Director to identify, for consideration at the Conference, actions based on practical projects to combat desertification, which could be carried out in specific areas in which national Governments have confirmed their interest and committed support;

4. Notes the intention of the Executive Director, as Secretary-General of the Conference, to revise the second draft of the plan in the light of the comments and recommendations made at the regional preparatory meetings and at the fifth session of the Governing Council, in its capacity as the intergovernmental preparatory body for the Conference, as a basis for discussion at the Conference;

5. Urges Governments:

(a) To secure all possible means available at the national level by establishing, if necessary ad hoc national committees to make the practical aims of the Conference widely known;

(b) To ensure the highest possible political and technical levels of participation at the Conference;

6. Decides to consider at its sixth session, on the basis of the report by the Secretary-General of the Conference and taking account of agreement by Governments which have allocated priority to desertification problems within their development plans, recommendations of the Conference appropriate for action by the United Nations Environment Programme within its existing resources;

7. Calls on all Governments, especially those whose development plans include provision for desertification problems, and on the relevant United Nations agencies, to give their fullest co-operation in making the Conference recommendations widely known.

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6/2. Programme matters

The Governing Council

... 2. Approves also the Executive Director's proposals to amend the objectives and strategies for arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems, subject to the following additional amendments being made to the approved objectives and strategy;

... (b) Strategy element (i) to read: Collaboration with various agencies in the improvement of water quantity and quality, and its ecological management in arid and semi-arid lands;

3. Decides to adopt the revised objectives for water and objectives and strategies for environmental training and for environmental education contained in the annex to the present decision;....

...ANNEX

Revised objectives and strategy for
Environmental education

(a) Objectives:

- (i) To effect a rapid and systematic development of environmental education on a global basis;
- (ii) To develop and support programmes in education to create environmental awareness at policy and decision-making levels, in the public and private sectors, in all aspects of development;
- (iii) To provide opportunities, through the necessary education, for all countries to participate in appropriate parts of the environment programme in an informed manner as equal partners;
- (iv) To assist in the establishment of education systems which will help Governments to include the environmental dimension in policies, programmes and projects;
- (v) To stimulate the rapid development of non-formal education for urban and rural populations;

(b) Summary of strategy:

- (i) On the basis of an interagency thematic joint programming meeting on the follow-up to Tbilisi, convened under the auspices of the Environment Co-ordination Board, the joint development of a comprehensive programme for environmental education within the United Nations system, and agreement on the mechanisms for continuing interagency co-ordination in this area;
- (ii) Identification of suitable environmental materials in the State of Environment reports, and other sources of scientific information, for incorporation into appropriate educational programmes through curriculum/instructional materials;
- (iii) Orientation for officials, planners, decision-makers, specialists and other groups;
- (iv) Stimulation of education and research through institutions of excellence, regional programmes (seminars, symposia), etc.;
- (v) Activities relating to the development of new curricula, teaching materials, information systems, etc.;
- (vi) Development of instruments such as fellowships, institutional linkages, funding and, on an experimental basis, a programme activity centre for environmental education and training;
- (vii) Development of mass non-formal education programmes for urban and rural populations.

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6/5. Terrestrial ecosystems

A

Ecotheque mediterraneenne

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director to discuss with the Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ways and means of:

- (a) Contributing to the strengthening of the compilation and processing of data by the Ecotheque mediterraneenne;
- (b) Promoting the regionalization of its operation for the benefit of all countries concerned;
- (c) Ensuring the conduct of training activities for specialists from these countries with a view to the effective utilization of this information;

(d) Considering support for the establishment by the countries concerned of national ecological documentation units linked with the Ecotheque mediterraneenne.

B

Humid tropical forest ecosystems of
the African continent

The Governing Council.

Considering that forest resources are of great value to the environment and the economy of the African countries located in the humid tropical regions,

Noting that tropical woodlands and forests are subject to degradation resulting essentially from an irrational management of their ecosystems which leads to their intensive and excessive exploitation.

Recalling that such irrational exploitation has already largely contributed to an impoverishment of the natural resource potential of the humid tropical ecosystems, with detrimental effects on the economies of the countries concerned, which remain largely dependent on this natural wealth,

Considering that the rational management of forest resources constitutes a priority concern of the environment programme,

Expressing its appreciation of the efforts already made to this end by the Government of the United Republic of Cameroon and by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Requests the Executive Director:

(a) To continue to attach great importance to questions of information and documentation in the field of the ecology of the humid tropical regions;

(b) In line with the efforts already made by the United Nations Environment Programme and by the Programme on Man and the Biosphere of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in organizing a regional meeting of the countries of the humid tropics on this subject at Kinshasa in 1975, to consider, in consultation with the other United Nations agencies concerned, contributing to the establishment of the regional centre for documentation and information on humid tropical ecology, as recommended by that meeting;

(c) To support and encourage the efforts of non-governmental and private organizations which could contribute to furthering this initiative, designed to ensure the rational management of the resources of humid tropical forest ecosystems.

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6/8. International Centre for Training and Education in Environmental Sciences

The Governing Council,

... Urges the Executive Director to consider continuing the provision of support to the International Centre for Training and Education in Environmental Sciences until 1981, restructuring its programmes in order to bring them more in line with the environmental training and education needs of the Spanish-speaking and Latin American countries.

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6/10. Regional programmes and programming: Asia

The Governing Council,

... 1. Decides that steps are urgently needed to restore the balance in terms of activities and support in the Asia and Pacific and West Asia regions;

2. Urges the Executive Director to extend adequate support from the Environment Fund for the programmes that have matured and to promote the formulation of relevant proposals in needed areas of activity in the region;

3. Welcomes the increasing support provided by the Executive Director to the initiatives and the role of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in the development of regional, subregional and country activities;

4. Invites the national environmental agencies and national development planning agencies of the countries concerned to promote, by all means available, methods and methodologies of relating environmental dimensions within the process of preparing national plans and technical assistance programmes supported by the United Nations Development Programme.

UNEP/GC/6/11

6/11. Measures to combat desertification

A

Follow-up to the United Nations Conference
on Desertification

The Governing Council,

...I

Review and follow-up

1. Notes the report of the Executive Director on the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

2. Notes and approves the accounts of the United Nations Conference on Desertification submitted by the Executive Director;

3. Further approves the adjustment of the surplus in the Conference budget and the deficit in the Fund programme activities and decides to absorb the net deficit to \$14,717 within the Fund programme activities allocation under Terrestrial ecosystems for the year 1978;

4. Notes with satisfaction the report of the Environment Co-ordination Board on its eighth session and the positive actions taken by the Board and its members for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

5. Invites the governing bodies of the members of the Board to include arrangements in their respective programmes and budgets for the implementation of the Plan of Action;

II

Additional measures for financing the Plan of Action

1. Takes note of the study prepared by a group of specialists in the international financing of projects and programmes on additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. Decides to submit the study of the group of specialists to the General Assembly, at its thirty-third session, together with an extract of the report of the Governing Council which reflects the differing views which were expressed in the Council on this matter;

3. Invites the General Assembly to request the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Governments and report on the results to the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

III

Report on the first session of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control

... 2. Urges the Consultative Group to work with the Executive Director, particularly in assisting in the mobilization of resources for the implementation of projects and programmes within the framework of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and in ensuring proper co-ordination of activities carried out with resources mobilized by the Group;

3. Requests the Executive Director to follow up the recommendations of the Group at its first session with a view to speeding up the work of the transnational and other forthcoming projects to combat desertification;

IV

Report of the Secretary-General on the
establishment and operation of a special
account to combat desertification

Notes the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment and operation of a special account to combat desertification and the recommendations contained therein.

B

Measures to be taken for the benefit
of the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Endorses:

(a) The definition of the Sudano-Sahelian region as contained in paragraph 3 of the Executive Director's report on proposed measures and modes of action for implementing projects and programmes to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and proposed measures to improve institutional arrangements in that region;

(b) The proposed principal measures and modes of action to combat desertification in the region;

(c) The proposed characteristics and functions of the proposed institutional mechanism;

2. Opts for the proposal that the organization and functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office, as well as the organization and functions of its regional office at Ouagadougou, be enlarged, this enterprise to be carried out as a joint United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme venture;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to take the necessary measures required for the implementation of this proposal, in accordance with the actions described in paragraphs 38, 41 and 42 of his report;

4. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to give favourable consideration to this proposal.

UNEP/GC/DEC/7/3

7/3. Programme matters

The Governing Council,

... 4. Approves, with due regard to the comments of the Governing Council at its seventh session:....

... (c) The merging of arid lands and desertification under one budget line;...

... 7. Further requests the Executive Director, in presenting the programme and budget in future years, to endeavour to take into account the following criteria for the determination of priorities:...

... (c) Those activities that contribute to the assessment of irreversible deleterious processes as well as those that promote the restrained use of non-renewable resources and better use of renewable resources should be emphasized;

(d) Emphasis should progressively be placed on regional activities generally, and on those national or regional activities whose results are readily transferable to and usable in other geographical areas;....

... Revised objectives and strategies for the integrated approach to environment and development, including ecodevelopment and use of natural resources

(a) Objectives:...

... (ii) To promote socio-economically sound and appropriate environmental management planning;...

... (h) Strategies:...

... (iv) To develop methods and to promote the conduct of socio-economic impact assessments of environmental protection and management measures;....

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7/6. Terrestrial ecosystems

A

Tropical woodlands and forest ecosystems

The Governing Council,

... 1. Reaffirms that humid tropical forest ecosystems constitute a priority concern of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. Appeals to United Nations bodies and other international organizations concerned by the problem to assist Governments and promote intensified international co-operation with a view to finding appropriate solutions;

3. Decides that the United Nations Environment Programme should be involved in such efforts, in view of the many dimensions of the problem and the catalytic and co-ordinating role of the Programme in matters of worldwide environmental concern;

4. Requests the Executive Director:

(a) In close consultation and full co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other appropriate international organizations and Governments, taking into account provisions set forth at the regional level and action derived therefrom, to develop proposals for an integrated programme of activities for conservation and the wise utilization of tropical forests;

(b) For this purpose, to convene a meeting of experts, to include programme and resource managers from international, governmental and non-governmental organizations, developed and developing countries, to decide, taking into account points raised during the seventh session of the Governing Council, on the division of labour and responsibility;

(c) To report on the results of the meeting to the Governing Council at its eighth session;

5. Also requests the Executive Director to ensure that the current activities on humid tropical forests and woodlands are fully reviewed and co-ordinated with a view to identifying and supporting additional complementary activities.

UNEP/GC/DEC/7/10

7/10. Education and training

A

International Centre for Training and Education in Environmental Sciences

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to take appropriate measures, including financial support, at a level commensurate with the resources available to the Environment Fund, to ensure that the co-operation of the United Nations Environment Programme continues with the International Centre for Training and Education in Environmental Sciences through the end of 1981;

2. Urges that an appropriate mechanism for ensuring consultation and co-operation with Latin American countries be immediately established within the Centre by the Executive Director, in co-operation with the Government of Spain, to enable the Centre to meet more effectively the environmental training needs of the countries concerned;

3. Decides to review at its ninth session the possible co-operation of the Programme with the Centre after 1981.

B

Promotion of environmental education and training

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director to consult with the Governments of Latin American countries for the establishment of a system or integrated network of existing institutions in Latin America that carry out high-level environmental training activities so that they may work together and combine their resources in providing environmental training and education; to this end, account should be taken of institutions already established for the region, such as the International Centre for Training and Education in Environmental Sciences.

UNEP/GC/DEC/7/13

7/13. Action to combat desertification

A

Special account to finance the implementation of
the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

... 1. Expresses its satisfaction to the Executive Director on the follow-up action towards the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. Calls upon Governments to consider contributing generously to the special account to combat desertification, taking into consideration the voluntary nature of this account;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to follow up with Governments on contributions to the special account.

A

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat
Desertification with special reference to the
Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Notes the actions taken by Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme and other members of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. Notes the establishment of the Desertification Unit in the Programme Bureau of the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. Endorses the proposed role of the interagency Working Group on Desertification;

4. Calls upon donor countries to actively participate in the work of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/89 of 15 December 1978, and approves the proposals of the Executive Director for dealing with the projects to be presented to the Group;

5. Calls upon Governments to take into account in implementing the Plan of Action the views expressed in paragraph 65 of the report of the Executive Director.

6. Notes with satisfaction chapter II of the Executive Director's report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

7. Approves the actions taken with respect to institutional arrangements in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

8. Endorses the modalities of the joint venture of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme in connexion with the responsibilities of the United Nations Sahelian Office, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system and to assist the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

9. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue to contribute to the United Nations Sahelian Office, after consultations with Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Environment Programme's share of the administrative and operational costs of the joint venture, within the available resources of the Environment Fund;

10. Further authorizes the Executive Director to update chapter II of his report referred to in paragraph 6 above in the light of any major development in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and to submit it, on behalf of the Governing Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, as the report requested by the Assembly in resolution 33/88 of 15 December 1978.

C

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat
Desertification in the African region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to pursue, within available resources, the activities being carried out in the region by expanding those integrated pilot activities that would benefit all the affected countries;

2. Authorizes the Executive Director, in co-operation with specialized agencies of the United Nations, to provide financial assistance for the execution of the regional project of the Organization of African Unity for the preparation of a hydrogeological map of Africa;

3. Requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with the United Nations specialized agencies, to co-operate closely with the secretariats of the Organization of African Unity and other African intergovernmental organizations in taking joint action to deepen awareness of the problem of desertification and mobilize efforts and resources to combat desertification in the African region.

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8/6. Programme matters

The Governing Council,

...IV

1. Approves, having regard to the views of the Governing Council at its eighth session:

(a) The proposed new or revised objectives and strategies on the following parts of the programme:

- Genetic resources;
- Wildlife and protected areas;
- Environmental training;
- Technical assistance (also criteria);
- Environmental management;
- Working environment;

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8/9. Tropical forest and woodlands

A

Tropical forests

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Expert Meeting on Tropical Forests as a step in the implementation of Governing Council decision 7/6 A of 3 May 1979 through the process outlined in the paragraphs below;

2. Requests the Executive Director to transmit the above recommendations to all member Governments of the United Nations Environment Programme and other Governments affected and involved, to multilateral assistance agencies and to other international and regional organizations, including financial institutions and concerned non-governmental organizations, and to seek, within a six-month time frame:

(a) Their comments on the objectives and general framework and components of the integrated programme envisaged in these recommendations;

(b) A brief description of their ongoing and planned activities related to each of the programme components, along with funding allocations;

(c) An indication of what additional programmes they are prepared to implement in the light of the recommendations;

(d) An identification of gaps in the recommendations and of the resources required;

3. Notes the intention of the Executive Director to convene, following receipt of the responses from Governments and organizations, a second small expert group meeting to elaborate the programme further, in collaboration in particular with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, on the basis of the comments and information received and of other relevant studies, with attention to its funding implications and the institutional arrangements required;

4. Notes the goals submitted to the Governing Council by the Executive Director and the need to give them further consideration in this process;

5. Authorizes the Executive Director in the meantime to continue funding specific ongoing activities in the environment programme, such as integrated ecological research pilot projects and monitoring;

6. Requests the Executive Director to consider the preparation, in consultation with such other relevant agencies as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, of recommendations on other types of forests, when this can be done within resources available;

7. Further requests the Executive Director to report back to the Governing Council at its ninth session.

B

Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Documentation
on Tropical Ecology

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 6/5 B of 24 May 1978 concerning the establishment of the Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Documentation on Tropical Ecology at Yaounde, in conformity with the request of State members attending the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/United Nations Environment Programme regional meeting at Kinshasa (1975) and recommendation 11.19 of the Meeting of Experts on Tropical Forests at Nairobi (1980),

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Governing Council of the United Republic of Cameroon and the measures already taken by the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Emphasizing the importance of questions of documentation concerning tropical forests and the proposal by the countries of Africa interested in the Regional Centre at Yaounde,

Requests the Executive Director to speed up the consultations he has entered into with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and all the countries concerned, with a view to supporting this activity to catalyse international action on behalf of the Regional Centre at Yaounde.

UNEP/GC/DEC/8/14

8/14. Environmental education and training

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director:

(a) To take steps to continue financial support until the end of 1982 to the International Centre for Environmental Education and Training, and on the basis of an agreement to be concluded between the Latin American and Caribbean States and Spain on co-operation in the working of the Centre,

(b) To take urgent measures on:

(i) The establishment of a network of high-level training institutions in environmental issues in Latin America and the Caribbean region based on an inventory of the existing institutions;

(ii) The establishment of an efficient mechanism for co-ordination of the above network of institutions;

(c) To convene an ad hoc meeting of representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean States and Spain, to be attended by representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme:

(i) To draw up the agreement referred to in subparagraph (a) above;

(ii) To consider and take a decision on the measures mentioned in subparagraph (b), the modalities of which shall be embodied in that agreement;

2. Decides that the agreement will become operational as soon as it is signed by five States from Latin America and the Caribbean and by Spain, and will also be open to other States of the region.

UNEP/GC/DEC/8/16

8/16. Regional activities

A

Support for regional activities in the field of
the environment

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Requests the Executive Director to co-operate closely with the various regions, within available resources in the implementation of specific projects of interest to each region;
2. Also requests the Executive Director to co-operate closely with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe in the implementation of the decisions of the High-level Meeting within the framework of that Commission on the Protection of the Environment;
3. Further requests the Executive Director to consider favourably requests by the Executive Secretary of the Commission for support to specific projects, during the initial phase of the implementation of the decisions of the High-level Meeting, subject to review by the Governing Council at subsequent session.

Programme implementation: Asia

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Welcomes the maximum utilization of regional expertise, wherever possible, in the further development and implementation of these programmes,
2. Requests the Executive Director to assist the Governments concerned in the implementation of these programmes by applying such resources as may be required and are feasible in collaboration with the appropriate agencies and organizations of the United Nations system;
3. Invites the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the governing bodies of multilateral donor organizations to consider extending support to the implementation of these programmes.

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8/17. Implementation of the Plan of Action to
Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Notes the actions taken by Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme and members of the United Nations system for the Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;
2. Notes the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, and the measures taken by the Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme and other competent organs of the United Nations, particularly those taken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. Further notes that priority is being given to efforts to combat desertification in the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, as well as in the least developed among the developing countries outside that region;

4. Notes with satisfaction the efforts made by the Executive Director and urges him to reinforce further the collaborative relations between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Organization of African Unity;

5. Calls on Governments and the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, as appropriate, in view of the principal obstacles to the full implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification as identified by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and by the Executive Director:

(a) To assign sufficiently high priority to prevention or combat of desertification, to include such measures in their national development plans, and to take full advantage of international assistance in this respect as and when required, using for this purpose bilateral and multilateral mechanisms as appropriate;

(b) To strengthen the efforts and co-operation of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification so as to ensure the proper multidisciplinary approach to projects and to arrange for effective pooling of the efforts and resources of its various agencies and bodies with a view to ensuring the most efficient utilization of these resources;

(c) Together with other relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to increase their efforts to close the gaps in knowledge and appropriate technology related to combating desertification, with particular emphasis on socio-cultural dimensions and the teaching of the existing and newly acquired knowledge to potential users, particularly at the level of extension agents and farmers/pastoralists;

6. Takes note with appreciation of the work of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control at its second session and of the declarations of support expressed by several participants during the session, and urges them to translate these declarations into specific commitments in the near future, requests the Executive Director to follow up the results of the work of the Group's second session with a view to ensuring proper implementation of the agreements reached and calls on the Consultative Group to intensify its efforts to assist the Executive Director in the mobilization of resources needed for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

7. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue for 1980-81 to contribute to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, after consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the share contributed by the United Nations Environment Programme of the administrative and operational costs of the joint venture on the basis of the work plan to be approved by the Executive Director, within the available resources of the Environment Fund, and to submit to the Governing Council, at its ninth session, the full account of the operational expenditures for 1978-1980 and their place within the total operational expenditures of the Office related to its additional anti-desertification mandate, with a view to providing the Governing Council with a basis for considering future financing of the operational costs of the joint venture;

8. Strongly appeals to international financial institutions, multilateral financial organizations and Governments of industrialized countries, and of developing countries in a position to do so, to give their financial support and contribute generously to the Special Account, with a view to enhancing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

9. Approves the over-all structure of the study on additional measures for financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification to be prepared by a group of high-level specialists in international financing, to be convened by the Executive Director, in response to General Assembly resolution 34/184 of 18 December 1979;

10. Decides to include the pilot projects for the improvement and restoration of the Foutah-Djallon massif within the programme of action of the United Nations Environment Programme against desertification and notes the intention of the Executive Director thereon;

11. Further decides to add Djibouti to the list of countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region and to include Guinea and Guinea-Bissau among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

12. Authorizes the Executive Director to update the report of the Governing Council before its submission to the thirty-fifth session of the General Assembly, on the basis of:

(a) Inclusion of the main elements of the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;

(b) Incorporation of the necessary changes in the report in the light of the discussions of the Governing Council;

(c) Inclusion of major actions in the inventory of activities of the United Nations system not included in the report;

(d) Inclusion of major developments in the implementation of the Plan of Action since the preparation of the report;

13. Further authorizes the Executive Director to submit the updated report and the decision of the Governing Council on this matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on behalf of the Governing Council.

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...2. Programme Policy and implementation

The Governing Council,

...II

Interrelationships between people, resources, environment
and development

... 1. Welcomes the fact that the General Assembly, by resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, endorsed the recommendations of the Governing Council on the work of the United Nations system on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development and requested the Secretary-General to take the requisite steps for their implementation;

... 5. Notes the report of the Secretary-General on the interrelationships between population, resources, environment and development;

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9/12. Priorities for serious environmental problems
in the developing countries

The Governing Council,

... 1. Decides to identify the following priorities of the developing countries:

(a) Environment and development, particularly the development of methodologies for sound environmental management;

(b) Terrestrial ecosystems, for example tropical rain forests ecosystems and soil management;

(c) Supporting measures, particularly in environmental education and training and technical assistance;

... (e) Arid and semi-arid lands, particularly desertification and rangeland management;

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9/15. Terrestrial ecosystems

A

Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director, in consultation with all relevant United Nations agencies, notably the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to consider the further development and support in 1982 and 1983 of integrated pilot projects on arid lands in the Sahelian and North African regions, including the continuation of current projects.

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9/20. Environmental education and training

A

The University and the environment

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director to ensure that, in the implementation of the medium-term plan, 1982-1983, the United Nations Environment Programme, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations University and other relevant international and regional organizations, and with the support of state or private universities, seeks to encourage and promote, with special emphasis on the needs of developing countries:

(a) The incorporation of environmental aspects in traditional university courses, particularly in schools or faculties of law, economics, medicine, all branches of engineering, architecture and town planning, education, agronomy and biological sciences, as well as in studies in the human and natural sciences;

(b) Training in the professional disciplines required for the protection, restoration and management of the environment, with immediate and special emphasis on the implementation at the national, regional and international levels of programmes included in the medium-term plan, 1982-1983;

(c) Pilot research programmes, national and regional seminars on the topic of the modern university and the environment, and the preparation of methodologies and teaching materials, in co-operation with selected universities;

(d) Training programmes for university teaching staff in the field of the environment;

(e) Utilization of existing national universities and regional environmental education centres for the training and re-training of personnel in environmental education and management.

B .

Environmental education and training in Latin America
and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

... 1. Expresses its approval of the holding and the results of the Ad hoc Meeting of Representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean Countries and Spain on Environmental Education and Training, held at Montevideo from 19 to 21 November 1980, at which it was agreed that the establishment of a network of institutions responsible for providing environmental training in Latin America and the Caribbean should be initiated shortly;

2. Welcomes the establishment of a Co-ordination Unit in the Regional Office for Latin America to undertake the initial studies and formulate the guidelines for the establishment of a network of environmental training institutions in the region, which should become operational as soon as possible;

3. Requests the Executive Director to include this activity in the medium-term plan, 1982-1983, and to support the future network of institutions, as well as the operation of the Co-ordination Unit, since it will initially constitute the principal mechanism for ensuring the initiation and optimum functioning of the training programmes to be carried out by the network;

4. Expresses to the Executive Director its desire that, while the feasibility studies for the establishment of the network are being completed, the United Nations Environment Programme should provide catalytic support for the initiation of some activities to meet the urgent need for environmental training in the region;

5. Urges the Governments of the Latin American and Caribbean countries to facilitate to the fullest extent the studies to be conducted, providing the information requested of them in good time and establishing the institutional machineries necessary to support the work of the Co-ordination Unit.

C

Environmental education and training in the Asia
and Pacific region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director, within available resources:

(a) To renew financial support to the Asian and Pacific Development Centre for a further biennium, on the basis of an agreed plan of work;

(b) To take urgent measures to provide the resources needed to establish the proposed network of universities and institutes in the region for the conduct of post-graduate courses in integrated environmental education and training;

(c) To assist the network, in due course, to multiply these capabilities in all the countries of the region;

(d) To establish a programme activity centre or equivalent facility for education and training in the region, drawing on the facilities and experience of the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to help ensure the availability of the necessary resources for the purpose;

2. Calls on the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization to extend maximum support and assistance to the programme activity centre or equivalent facility, under the joint environmental education programme or through other means.

Environmental education and training programmes and
strengthening of national institutions in Africa

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Requests the Executive Director to explore, jointly with the Economic Commission for Africa, the possibilities of establishing a regional institution for environmental training and education in the African region;
2. Requests the Executive Director to seek ways and means of providing support for national institutions for environmental protection and management;
3. Calls on the Executive Director to report on the implementation of this decision to the Governing Council at its tenth session.

UNEP/GC/DEC/9/21

9/21. Regional programmes and programme support

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Requests the Executive Director to support the initiatives and activities under subregional environment programmes in the biennium 1982-1983 to strengthen the capability of the regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme for programme formulation and implementation;
2. Calls upon donor countries and governing bodies of multilateral funding institutions to provide support to the programmes referred to in paragraph 1 above in effective terms and in required measure;
3. Calls upon the developing countries to carry their share of responsibilities effectively, inter alia, through making their own contributions to their common programmes and activities.

UNEP/GC/DEC/9/22

9/22. Action to combat desertification

A

Co-ordination and follow-up of the implementation of
the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Takes note of the action taken by Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme and other members of the United Nations system for the Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and other action taken by the Executive Director in Implementing General Assembly resolution 35/73 of 5 December 1980,
2. Urges Governments, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all other international organizations to augment their efforts to combat desertification so that progress is made in the implementation of the Plan of Action by 1984;

3. Requests the Executive Director to extend assistance, upon request and subject to the availability of financial resources, to countries currently affected by desertification problems in humid zones in their effort to combat desertification;

4. Endorses the intention of the Executive Director to submit a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to the Governing Council, to enable it to make a first general assessment of progress made in the implementation of the Plan, and urges him to do so, if possible, earlier than the target date of 1985;

5. Notes the preparations made for the third session of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control and appeals to the Consultative Group to intensify its efforts to mobilize funds for the implementation of desertification control projects;

6. Endorses the efforts of the Executive Director for the preparation of the studies on additional measures to finance the Plan of Action and also the steps taken to institute the specific programmes of research and training called for in General Assembly resolution 35/73.

B

Application of General Assembly resolution 35/72
of 5 December 1980 on the implementation of the
Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the
Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Notes with satisfaction the report of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region and the measures taken in that respect by the Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme and other competent organs of the United Nations, particularly those taken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. Further notes that priority is being given to efforts to combat desertification in the 18 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, as well as in the least developed among the developing countries outside that region;

... 3. Decides to include Benin among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian office in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue to contribute to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, after consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Environment Programme's share of the administrative and operational costs of the joint venture for 1982-1983, on the basis of the work plan to be approved by the Executive Director;

5. Further authorizes the Executive Director to submit his report and the present decision, on behalf of the Governing Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

UNEP/GC/DEC/9/26

Management of trust funds

The Governing Council,

[Takes] note of the establishment of the Trust Fund for Regional Training Workshops on Environmental Management;...

... 1. Approves under chapter II, article V, of the general procedures governing the operations of the Environment Fund and subject to the consent of the Secretary-General:

... (e) The establishment of a trust fund for the implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme for an initial two-year period extending to 31 December 1983;...

UNEP/GC(SSC)/RES/1

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS
SESSION OF A SPECIAL CHARACTER

Resolution 1

The environment in 1982: retrospect
and prospect

The Governing Council,

...I

The major achievements in the implementation of the
Action Plan for the Human Environment

1. Concludes that the past decade has seen:

(a) Increased awareness among Governments and the public of the implications of environmental change, and acceptance that environmental protection consists not only of pollution abatement, but also of the rational use of natural resources for sustainable development;

(b) Provision for the environment in many national constitutions and administrative structures, creation of new environmental programmes at regional and international levels, and the extension and intensification of existing ones;

(c) Increased co-operation and collaboration among and between Government and international organizations on environmental assessment and management;

(d) Efforts to protect the environment slowed down somewhat towards the end of the decade because of financial difficulties experienced by some countries;

(e) A worsening of environmental problems in developing countries arising from the present international economic order which has slowed down their development and the protection of their environment;....

3. Further considers that major achievements and failures in the implementation of the Action Plan appear to be:

... (b) In the area of environmental management:

- (i) There has been progress in the formulation of regional environmental programmes, and Governments have concluded a number of important global and regional agreements as well as drawn up principles and guidelines, although in some cases there have been delays in their implementation or observance;
- (ii) World-wide efforts have expanded to combat desertification, to improve water supply and management, and to improve human settlements although progress to implement the comprehensive United Nations action plans developed in each of these areas has remained slow;
- (iii) Progress has been made in the implementation of international scientific programmes relating to the human environment, particularly the Programme on Man and the Biosphere and the International Hydrological Programme;
- (iv) The World Conservation Strategy, which focuses on and provides guidance for sustainable development through conservation of living resources, is being used by an increasing number of Governments as a basis for national conservation programmes;
- (v) There has been progress in conceptualizing the objectives of environmental management and in developing some of its tools, such as environmental impact assessment, cost-benefit analysis and cost-effectiveness analysis;
- (vi) The need to take environmental considerations into account in the evaluation of development projects as been widely recognized;
- ... (xi) The draft principles of conduct in the field of the environment for the guidance of States in the conservation and harmonious utilization of natural resources shared by two or more States were the subject of United Nations General Assembly resolution 34/186 of 18 December 1979 and have not been widely used by Governments;

... (c) In the area of supporting measures:

- (i) Progress has been made by Governments and international organizations in encouraging environmental education, particularly following the Intergovernmental Conference on Environmental Education (Tbilisi, 1977). In the field of training, however, significant deficiencies persist. Moreover, there has been insufficient attention to environmental education, particularly at university and intermediate levels, as well as to training of workers, technicians and managers and to public education;

- ... (iii) World Environment Day (5 June) is now observed by almost all countries. The various member organizations of the United Nations system participate actively in a wide information programme catalysed by the Joint United Nations Information Committee. Despite the progress, however, the information programme is still inadequate and does not take sufficient account of regional needs;
- (iv) The United Nations Environment Programme and other organizations in the United Nations system have published many technical and general reports relevant to the environment. Coverage of environmental issues by the world media has expanded, particularly at the national level. Non-governmental organizations have made major contributions to increasing public awareness and knowledge of environmental issues. Continuation of these efforts remains important....

...II

New perceptions of environmental issues

1. Considers that the following new perceptions which evolved during the past decade are generally accepted and, together with the Nairobi Declaration, complement the principles contained in the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment:

... (b) Wise use of resources and enlightened conservation strategies are consistent with the economic growth imperative and should be considered prerequisites for sustainable growth;

(c) Imaginative research into alternative consumption patterns, technological styles and land-use strategies, and the institutional, economic, juridical and educational framework to sustain them, are called for;

(d) The important interconnections between the components and processes which support the life of the planet should be taken seriously into account in development plans. Actions which benefit one area may cause unforeseen damage in others, and the possibility of such consequences should be considered at the planning stage;

(e) Because of the great space and time variability in environmental processes and the fallibility of models of technological and social change, environmental development and management should be planned in a flexible fashion. Unexpected changes should be detected at an early stage through continuous monitoring....

...III

Major environmental trends, potential problems and priorities for action for the United Nations system, co-ordination by the United Nations Environment Programme, during the period 1982-1992

1. Considers that the United Nations system must be alert to and retain the necessary programme flexibility for addressing major environmental trends and problems which may emerge or become more pronounced during the coming decade;

2. The trends, problems and priorities for action which should receive attention by the United Nations system, and specifically through the system-wide programme activities co-ordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme, are listed below:

... (e) Terrestrial biota and bioproductive systems

Trends and problems: Mounting world food demand only partially satisfied because of inadequacies of production and distribution; continued severe soil degradation and desertification as a result of inappropriate agricultural practices, erosion, and deforestation; loss of agricultural land as a result of urbanization, adverse impacts on land and water resources from increasing land-use conflicts between agricultural production, fuelwood and other energy crops, protected areas and human settlements; adverse effects of slash-and-burn agriculture or other inappropriate agricultural practices; loss of potentially valuable genetic resources, including wild flora and fauna, as a result of deforestation and use and commercialization of endangered species; adverse impacts of improper or increased use of fertilizers and pesticides; depletion of wetlands;

Priority for action: Monitoring and assessment of land conditions and capability in developing countries; monitoring and assessment of tropical ecosystems including changes in forest cover; formulation and promotion of programme activities for sustainable management of soils, tropical forests, genetic resources and for combating desertification; development of environmentally sound farming and forestry practices, including agroforestry, integrated pest management and proper use of fertilizers; prevention of post-harvest food losses; reutilization of agricultural and agro-industrial residues; development of appropriate international procedures and instruments for handling and use of and international trade in pesticides; promotion of implementation of national and regional plans of action following the World Conservation Strategy; protection of wetlands and the designation of biosphere reserves; promotion of planning of urban development taking into account the needs of agricultural development and conservation of natural resources....

...IV

Basic orientations of the United Nations
Environment Programme for 1982-1992

1. Considers that, on the basis of the new perceptions described in section II, the United Nations Environment Programme, which is the global environmental organization at Government level, in keeping with its mandate and with the support of organizations of the United Nations system, should focus its attention on three major areas and should:

(a) Stimulate, co-ordinate and catalyse monitoring and assessment of environmental problems of world-wide concern and initiate and co-ordinate international co-operation in dealing with such problems;

(b) Promote and co-ordinate appropriate policies and programmes for rational resource and environmental management as an integral part of economic and social development with particular attention to the needs of developing countries;

(c) Promote, co-ordinate and direct activities in the fields of information, education, training and national institution-building especially for developing countries, as well as the further development of environmental law and guidelines and methodologies of environmental management, and, where supplementary funds are available, assist in the implementation of these activities;

2. Further considers that with these three overall basic orientations in mind, the objectives of the Programme should be:

(a) In the area of environmental assessment;

(i) To improve early warning indicators of significant environmental changes;

(ii) To improve the planning and co-ordination of monitoring at the global and regional levels;...

... (v) To promote the establishment of reliable global, regional and national environmental statistics and state of the environment reporting as a basis for evaluating major trends and deciding on any necessary action;

(b) In the area of environmental management;

... (ii) To strive for the improvement of cost/benefit and cost/effectiveness evaluation of environmental measures, environmental assessment of development activities and integrated physical planning for rational use of natural resources;

(iii) To promote the adoption and implementation by States of legal and other appropriate instruments for assessing the effects on the environment of potentially harmful activities under their jurisdiction and control, as well as the dissemination of information and the public use thereof;

(iv) To promote the development of more cost-effective solutions to environmental management problems, in particular such solutions adapted to the needs of developing countries;...

... (vi) To promote and continue to contribute to the activities of the United Nations system in the area of the interrelationships among population, resources, environment and development;

(c) In the area of supporting measures;

- (i) To strengthen the existing arrangements within the United Nations Environment Programme and between it and the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system with a view to enhancing the capacity of developing countries to deal with their environmental problems and concerns, including methodologies of sound environmental management, as part of their sustainable economic and social development;
- (ii) To promote and facilitate the strengthening, within countries, of institutional arrangements for effective assessment of environmental impact of development and environmental management;
- (iii) To promote, co-ordinate and catalyse, in co-operation with relevant institutions of the United Nations system, activities in the area of environmental education and training and public awareness with particular emphasis on:
 - a Application of new education methods and better teacher training programmes through research and institution-building and the integration of an environmental component into school curricula, and seeking to improve the quality of education and training through making adaptations to existing facilities;
 - b Increased training of specialists in various fields of environmental activities;
 - c Better dissemination of information to the media, the general public and scientific audiences;
 - d Integration of an environmental component in the training of enterprise managers, technicians, skilled workers and decision-makers concerned with environmental and resource management;
- (iv) To encourage national and regional arrangements for the provision of information on crucial and emerging environmental issues, for example on the use of technology and products condemned in the country of origin;
- (v) To support Governments and non-governmental and youth organizations in their efforts to increase environmental awareness and to encourage Governments to provide for strong public participation in the planning and implementation of environmental activities;

- (vi) To encourage and facilitate the development of legal instruments relating to the environment at the national and international levels and to monitor their implementation; and, within its mandate, to promote the development of further guidelines, principles or agreements and to facilitate their application in areas of global and regional environmental concern in co-operation with the responsible international organizations....

... 3. Considers also that in pursuing the above-mentioned objectives, the United Nations Environment Programme should be guided by the major environmental trends, potential problems and priorities for action identified in section III, and should concentrate in particular on: promotion of land and water management, including control of desertification and deforestation; protection of natural resources; promotion of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade; promotion of new and renewable sources of energy; promotion of regional seas programmes; prevention of environmental disturbances from air pollution; promotion of chemical safety and control of hazardous substances;

V

Planning and implementation of environmental activities

1. Solemnly urges Governments:...

... (c) To fit management techniques to environmental circumstances in dealing with sectoral problems;

2. Invites all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to ensure that the priorities for action mentioned in section III above are accorded high priority within their respective programmes;...

... 4. Also invites the governing bodies of the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to integrated the major environmental trends over the next ten years effectively in their action plans, and, on the basis of those trends, in close co-operation with the United Nations Environment Programme, to draw up appropriate measures for environmental protection with due regard to available resources;...

... 7. Urges all donors to respond positively and increase their assistance, in accordance with established procedures and with the priorities of developing countries, to help meet their technical and financial requirements, particularly in their efforts aimed at evolving national programmes of research and development, technology, institutional approaches and machineries for dealing with environmental problems;

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Resolution V

Resolutions and recommendations of the Intergovernmental Regional Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

Meeting in a session of a special character,

Considering that the countries of the Latin American region, on the invitation of the Government of Mexico and with the support of the United Nations Environment Programme, held an Intergovernmental Regional Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean from 8 to 12 March 1982 in preparation for the session of a special character and the tenth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Considering further that the purpose of the Governments of the Latin American and Caribbean region assembled at the above-mentioned Meeting was to formulate the policy principles that should guide the development of environmental activities in the region that the purpose of the Meeting was also to review the major achievements in the implementation of the Stockholm Action Plan for the Human Environment, and that it was the intention of the participants to draw up resolutions and recommendations with respect to the major environmental trends to be addressed by the United Nations Environment Programme over the forthcoming ten years,

Takes note of the resolutions and recommendations of the Inter-governmental Regional Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, contained in annex V to the final report of the Meeting,

Requests the Executive Director to transmit the resolutions of the meeting to the Governing Council at its tenth session for its consideration.

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10/2. Regional presence of the United Nations Environment Programme

The Governing Council,

...I. Regional needs

Expresses the view that arrangements for the regional presence of the United Nations Environment Programme should take fully into account the specific situations and needs of the various regions;

II. Regional presence in Africa and Asia and the Pacific

1. Requests the Executive Director to strengthen the regional presence of the Programme by restoring, within available resources, the financial support of the regional advisory services to levels commensurate with the need of the African and Asia and the Pacific regions;
2. Further requests the Executive Director to consider the possibility of utilizing the regional offices as a forum for periodic consultations among Governments;
3. Also requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with other organizations within and outside the United Nations system, to involve the scientific community and other relevant professional groups in furthering the co-operative efforts among Governments of these two regions;

III Regional presence in Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Invites Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean to consider convening periodic inter-governmental regional meetings on the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean for the purpose of formulating policies and a strategy for the region in this field/

2. Requests the Executive Director to provide secretariat support for such intergovernmental regional meetings through the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean;

3. Invites Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean to consider the possibility of holding meetings of government-nominated experts sufficiently in advance of sessions of the Governing Council to enable them to review the technical aspects of regional environmental programmes;

4. Authorizes the Executive Director to strengthen the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean by providing it, within available resources and without prejudice to support for the Environment Co-ordination Unit in the Regional Commission for Latin America, with the necessary financial resources and staff for the full performance of the functions required under this decision, so that it can serve as an effective instrument for the co-ordination of co-operative environmental efforts in the region;

IV. Structure and terms of reference of the regional offices and environment co-ordination units in Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean

1. Endorses the views of the Executive Director with respect to the integration of the regional advisory services and regional information support services into the regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Further requests the Executive Director to continue to provide, at the present level, institutional support to the environment co-ordination units of the economic commissions for Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean commensurate with their needs;

3. Considers that the terms of reference proposed for the regional offices and environment co-ordination units in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean, as they appear in annex I to the Executive Director's report, are appropriate and will help minimize overlap;

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10/3. Regional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

... 1. Authorizes the Executive Director to convene a meeting of Government-nominated experts to elaborate a strategy for regional co-operation programmes on environmental matters and the priorities for implementing them, taking into account existing subregional programmes, as well as priorities indicated by national reports;

2. Recommends that the expert meeting take into account among the aims for future intraregional co-operation on environmental affairs the strengthening of existing mechanisms for integration and the approval of specific agreements on co-operation in the environmental field;

3. Further recommends that the United Nations Environment Programme develop guidelines for regional environmental programmes in consultation with the Governments of the region.

UNEP/GC/DEC/10/12

10/12. Conservation and management of forests

The Governing Council,

Recalling recommendations 25, 26, 27 and 28 of the Action Plan for the Human Environment,

Bearing in mind the Nairobi Declaration, particularly paragraph 2 thereof,

Recalling resolution 1 of the Governing Council at its session of a special character, in particular the priorities for action in respect of terrestrial biota and bioproductive systems,

Considering that forests, of whatever kind, are a vital ecosystem and a balancing factor,

Recognizing the usefulness of the programme of activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and of the activities of international specialized agencies for the benefit of tropical forests,

Holding the view that the programme of activities of the United Nations Environment Programme should be extended to other forests, especially the forests of the Mediterranean,

Requests the Executive Director to include in the system-wide medium-term environment programme a programme of activities designed to ensure, taking into account the responsibilities of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the conservation, rational management and development of forests, which are also effective means of combating erosion and desertification, particularly in developing countries.

UNEP/GC/DEC/10/14

10/14. Programme matters

The Governing Council,

II

Tropical forests

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the meeting of experts regarding a co-ordinated and harmonized international programme of activities in support of national efforts for rational management of tropical forest resources and calls upon the Executive Director to consider using regional arrangements, where they exist, to further that programme;

2. Requests the Executive Director to transmit the recommendations to all Governments and to multilateral agencies and other international and regional organizations, including financial institutions and concerned non-governmental organizations;

3. Requests the Executive Director to consult with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant agencies with a view to having the Committee on Forest Development in the Tropics assume the role of continuing review of international activity on tropical forestry, taking into account the views expressed in this respect during the tenth session of the Governing Council and the conclusions of the Committee on Forestry of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on this matter at its sixth session;

4. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its eleventh session on the results of the consultations;....

VII

Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

1. Notes the action taken by Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme, and other members of the United Nations system for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. Notes also the results of the third session of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control, and urges the Group to continue and intensify its efforts to assist the Executive Director in the mobilization of resources for the formulation and implementation of projects and programmes within the framework of the Plan of Action and in ensuring proper co-ordination of activities carried out with resources mobilized by the Group;

3. Urges all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental bodies, non-governmental and all other organizations to augment their efforts to prevent and combat desertification in order to accelerate progress in implementing the recommendations of the Plan of Action for immediate initial action;

4. Takes note of General Assembly resolution 36/191 of 17 December 1981 concerning a study of financing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and urges all Governments to respond favourably and promptly to the Secretary-General's enquiries undertaken in pursuance of the resolution;

5. Requests the Executive Director to take note of and use the results of the Meeting of Government-designated Experts on Desertification in the Americas and the Caribbean, held at Cocoyoc, Mexico, from 8 to 12 February 1982, for future action in the area of desertification at both the hemispheric and the global levels;

6. Authorizes the Executive Director to transmit his report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, 25/ and the decision of the Governing Council thereon, on the Council's behalf, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, as the biennial report of the Council to the Assembly on the implementation of the Plan of Action.

UNEP/GC/DEC/10/18

10/18. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Welcomes the efforts made and results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and urges the Office to continue its efforts in terms of vigorous support for desertification control activities in the region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. Expresses however its serious concern at, on the one hand, the persistence and aggravation of the desertification process in the Sudano-Sahelian region and, on the other, the slowness with which the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification is being implemented;

3. Urges all Governments, the organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and concerned individuals to extend their support to the Governments and peoples of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in their efforts to combat desertification;

4. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue to contribute to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, after consultations with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Environment Programme's share of the administrative and operational costs of the joint venture for 1982-1983, on the basis of the mutually agreed work plan;

5. Further urges the Executive Director to provide additional resources to facilitate a process of exchange of information and expertise among the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region and between them and the other countries of the African region which have similar problems;

6. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit his report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region 29/ and the present decision, on behalf of the Governing Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

7. Requests the Executive Director, in the light of the situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region, to strengthen the support of the Programme for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and to report to the Governing Council at its eleventh session on the implementation of the present decision.

UNEP/GC/DEC/10/25

10/25. Environmental education and training

A. Environmental education and training in Africa

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to enhance the role of the United Nations Environment Programme in promoting, co-ordinating and catalysing activities in the field of environmental education and training, including public awareness;

2. Further requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with relevant international organizations, to continue rendering support to environmental education and training programmes in the African region with a view to:

(a) Advising on the incorporation of environmental components into curricula of all institutions of learning at all levels of education, and into adult education;

(b) Identifying and promoting national, regional and subregional institutions and programmes offering environmental education and training in the African region with a view to strengthening them;

(c) Providing support to national and regional environmental and training programmes for managers, teachers, decision-makers, technicians and environmental planners;

(d) Strengthening the capabilities of the Regional Office for Africa to enable it to co-ordinate, in conjunction with the Regional Office for Education in Africa of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, environmental education and training programmes in Africa;

3. Requests the Executive Director to convene a meeting of experts from Governments and the scientific community within the region to develop a programme of action for environmental education and training in the region;

4. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Council at its eleventh session on the progress in the implementation of the present decision.

B. Environmental training for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

... 1. Reaffirms its strong support for the consolidation of the network of environmental training institutions as a priority need for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and requests the Executive Director to treat the network as a permanent environmental training programme in these countries and as a demonstration programme at the general level;

2. Requests the Executive Director to take the appropriate steps to launch the activities of the network for a period of two years, during which the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean should determine the forms to be taken by their support and participation in the activities of the network, and also to utilize and reinforce supporting and advisory services by other agencies concerned with environmental training, particularly the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

3. Urges the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean to designate national organizations for the implementation of the programme and the establishment of machinery to co-ordinate the various national agencies capable of contributing to the tasks of environmental training at the regional level;

4. Requests the institutions to provide logistic support for the execution of the network's activities and the international financing agencies to give the necessary priority to environmental training projects submitted by the network;

5. Declares that the activities of the network should be directed towards all the countries of the region, and also requests the Executive Board of the International Centre for Training in Environmental Sciences, in developing its training activities, to meet the language requirements which this involves;

II

1. Requests the Executive Director to take the appropriate steps to ensure the continuation of the activities of the International Centre for Training in Environmental Sciences beyond 31 December 1982 on the basis of the draft Agreement drawn up for this purpose by the United Nations Environment Programme and the Government of Spain and having regard to the recommendations on the final text that may be made by the Executive Board of the Centre at its second regular session, to be held at Madrid from 7 to 9 June 1982;

2. Recommends that the Executive Director take such measures as he may consider desirable to ensure close mutual co-operation between the Programme and the Centre in the environmental training activities intended for the Latin American and Caribbean countries and Spain and to determine the possible financial support for the implementation of the Agreement.

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10/26. Additional resources for dealing with serious environmental problems in developing countries

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to review the relevant arrangements within the United Nations Environment Programme and between it and the United Nations Development Programme and other members of the United Nations system, multilateral development financing institutions and bilateral donors in order to ensure that environmental considerations are more fully taken into account in development programmes and projects;

2. Further requests the Executive Director, within the framework of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme and the arrangements referred to in paragraph 1 above, to promote through its co-ordinating role catalytic activities in co-operation with relevant regional offices and the resident co-ordinators of the United Nations system, which would:

(a) 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 ensuring the optimal use of the capability of existing institutions;

(b) Solicit the necessary resources for this purpose from multilateral and bilateral donors;

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Programme policy and implementation

...VIII. DETAILED ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION

The Governing Council,

1. Approves the Executive Director's recommendation that at its twelfth session the Governing Council devote two days to a detailed assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. Also approves the procedure recommended by the Executive Director for the preparation of the assessment and its related information campaign, and urges him to ensure that the documentation being prepared for that assessment includes a thorough analysis of the state of implementation of the principal components of the Plan, the lessons learned and the priorities for future action.

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11/7. Programme matters

PART ONE: PROGRAMME BUDGET AND GENERAL MATTERS

The Governing Council,

... 4. Requests the Executive Director, in implementing the programme, to be guided by the advice given by the Governing Council, in respect of priorities, and particular:...

... (d) In the field of environmental awareness, to increase the emphasis given to environmental education, training and public information;...

... (h) To ensure that priority I is accorded to work on arid and semi-arid lands and desertification control;

... (i) To ensure that priority I is accorded to all activities under regional and technical co-operation, which should also include support for and assistance to regional and subregional programmes;....

...PART THREE: ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

A. Environmental education and training in the Asia
and the Pacific region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to assist the countries of the Asia and the Pacific region, within available resources, in:

(a) Identifying and promoting national, regional and subregional institutions and programmes, as well as programmes of non-governmental organizations offering environmental education and training, in the Asia and Pacific region with a view to consideration in future bienniums of strengthening them and evoking greater and responsible community participation;

(b) Incorporating environmental subjects into curricula of all institutions of learning at all levels of education, and into adult education;

2. Also requests the Executive Director to convene, within available resources, a meeting of experts from Governments, the academic community and the scientific community within the region to develop a programme of action for environmental education and training, as well as public awareness, in the region;

B. Environmental education and training in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

... 1. Commends the administrative structure of the Network of Environmental Training Institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean, which has proved an appropriate and effective instrument for the implementation of its actions;

2. Recommends to Governments that they should intensify support for the Network and co-operate with the Co-ordination Unit in the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, by means of scholarships and joint publications, giving impetus to the operation of a fund for fellowships and services;

3. Requests the Executive Director to disseminate information on the experience of the Network so that the results already achieved can serve as a guide for similar efforts in other developing regions;

4. Recommends to the Executive Director, bearing in mind the catalytic role of the United Nations Environment Programme, that he continue financial support to the Network, especially in its initial phase, by increasing, within available resources, support for environmental training;

C. Information

The Governing Council,

... 1. Notes with satisfaction the statement made by the Executive Director that a reform of public information activities is being undertaken inter alia to streamline the publications programme, so as to ensure closer co-operation with, and dissemination of information through, non-governmental organizations and communication of information to the regions and media;

2. Recommends that such reform be based on a cost-effectiveness analysis to be commissioned from a consultant specializing in the field of information and communications technologies, whose terms of reference should include examination of the target groups for the various information activities, the present and projected impact thereof, current estimated costs and suggested improvements, especially in relation to the needs of developing countries;

3. Requests that this cost-effectiveness analysis should pay particular attention to the viability of Mazingira;

4. Further requests the Executive Director to communicate the results of the cost-effectiveness analysis to Governments, and to seek their views in order that he may report to the Council at its twelfth session;

5. Urges that the United Nations Environment Programme extend its support for regional information activities;

6. Requests the Executive Director to ensure that reports resulting from projects sponsored by the Programme are distributed to Governments and, within available resources and whenever appropriate, to scientific institutions and non-governmental organizations, especially in developing countries.;

D. Public information in Africa and Asia and the Pacific

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director:

(a) To provide for a well-oriented public information programme to suit the needs of the African and Asia and the Pacific regions;

(b) To improve the circulation of publications of the United Nations Environment Programme so as to reach the greatest possible number of readers;

(c) To explore, with the aid of experts from the regions, the best possible methods of adapting the appropriate available public information material, including audio-visual presentations, on critical environmental issues, and to take necessary action to enable it to reach the greatest possible number of people;

PART SIX: TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS: GENETIC RESOURCES

The Governing Council,

Noting that in the proposed programme budget of the United Nations Environment Programme for the first biennium (1984-1985) of the system-wide medium-term environment programme priority has been given to the continued collection and registration of crop and tree genetic resources and related wild strains,

Noting further that in the programme second priority has been given to the establishment of gene banks and registers for animal breeds,

Concerned at the increasing genetic erosion in the world, which can have dangerous effects on, inter alia, world food production, the production of medicines and other pharmaceutical products, and other benefits for mankind.

Convinced of the need to preserve genetic diversity through protection of animal and plant habitats, wildlife management and plant conservation programmes and intensive study and cataloguing of animal and plant species, including those which may at present be of little economic value;

1. Requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with Governments and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to continue to promote the in situ conservation of endangered animal and plant genetic resources;

2. Further requests the Executive Director to encourage the relevant international organizations to extend coverage of registers and gene banks to include all endangered plant and animal genetic resources;

PART SEVEN: ARID AND SEMI-ARID LAND ECOSYSTEMS AND
DESERTIFICATION CONTROL: DESERTIFICATION IN AFRICA

A. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Invites all Governments and international organizations concerned and interested to facilitate the task of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control to enable it to achieve the objectives assigned to it;
2. Appeals to all concerned Governments and organizations to exert every effort to support and strengthen the role of the Consultative Group;
3. Invites the General Assembly to consider expanding the role of the Consultative Group to include also information exchange;
4. Appeals to countries to contribute financially to the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, thus bringing into effect General Assembly resolution 33/116 C, section IX, of 29 January 1979, which created the Special Account for that purpose;
5. Requests the Executive Director to pursue his efforts to persuade Governments to make their views known in reasonable time, in particular with special reference to the provision of additional resources for the financing of the Plan of Action;

B. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Expresses its satisfaction at the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the Governments of the region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, and under the joint venture with the United Nations Development Programme, in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;
2. Appeals to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to give due consideration to strengthening efforts and support for desertification control in the region;
3. Requests the Executive Director to continue the support of the United Nations Environment Programme for the joint venture at a level commensurate with the pressing needs of the Sudano-Sahelian region;
4. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit his report on the implementation of the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region, and the present decision, on behalf of the Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session through the Economic and Social Council;
5. Invites the General Assembly to consider:
- (a) ~~Expanding the mandate of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian~~ Office into the area of dealing with the environmental consequences of drought, in addition to those of desertification, in the Sudano-Sahelian region as a whole;

(b) Working out appropriate institutional and other relevant arrangements which would enable that Office to be charged with such an additional responsibility;

PART EIGHT: REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

A. Regional programmes in Africa

The Governing Council

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to accord high priority in the provision of assistance to African countries to dealing with the most urgent environmental problems in Africa, namely:

(a) Desertification and problems connected to it and to arid and semi-arid lands;...

... (c) Problems of terrestrial ecosystems, especially protection of forests, reafforestation and soil management;...

... (e) Public awareness of environmental issues, and environmental education and training;...

... (h) Wildlife conservation and development of national parks and reserves;

(i) Environment and development and environmental management;....

2. Invites the Governments of the region to convene, in co-operation with regional organizations and institutions, an African environmental conference to discuss national environmental priorities and identify common problems worthy of a regional programme of action to deal with serious environmental problems in Africa;

3. Requests the Executive Director to instruct the Regional Office for Africa to provide secretariat services for the conference;

B. Regional activities in Asia and the Pacific

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to provide, within available resources, financial support towards the strengthening of regional activity, including support to regional and subregional programmes and to the Environmental Co-ordinating Unit of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

2. Requests the Executive Director to accord high priority in the provision of assistance to regional activities in Asia and the Pacific, and to the priority areas identified in the Environment Programme II of the Association of South-East Asian Nations;

3. Also requests the Executive Director to assist in seeking further support and funds from bilateral as well as multilateral sources for the activities enumerated in that Programme, especially for environmental training and education and nature conservation;

C. Year of the Trees (1988) for Asia and the Pacific

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the serious state of deforestation and degradation of forest resources in the member countries of the region covered by the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme;

1. Commends the initiatives taken by the countries of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme, at their first Governing Council meeting to overcome the deforestation problem in the region by designating 1988 as Year of the Trees for South Asia;

2. Invites other countries in the Asia and the Pacific region to consider designating 1988 as Year of the Trees;

3. Requests the Executive Director to support, within available resources, the formulation of projects and programmes by the secretariat of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme in connection with the Year of the Trees, and to assist in soliciting support from donor agencies for the implementation of those activities;

D. Regional activity in Europe

The Governing Council,

... 2. Requests the Executive Director to respond favourably to the recommendations of the Senior Advisers to ECE Governments on Environmental Problems for a continuation of financial support from the United Nations Environment Programme for the European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme, in the minimal amount required and on a transitional basis, not to extend past 1984;...

... 4. Further requests the Executive Director to consider favourably, within available resources, requests by the Executive Secretary of the Commission for support to appropriate projects;....

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11/8. Assistance to the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to accord high priority, in the provision of assistance to the South Asia region, to projects within the framework of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme;

2. Also requests the Executive Director to assist in seeking further support and funds from bilateral as well as multilateral sources for the activities of the Co-operative Programme, especially for the priority areas of:

(a) Environment and development, and environmental impact assessment;...

... (c) Environment and education;....

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11/9. Regional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council

... 1. Expresses its appreciation to the Executive Director for convening the Meeting of Government-nominated Experts on Regional Environmental Programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean at Buenos Aires from 14 to 17 March 1983, for the general purpose of arriving at concrete recommendations for intraregional co-operation in the field of the environment, and for providing secretariat support through the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Decides:

(a) To support the strengthening of regional and subregional activities in Latin America and the Caribbean within the general policy of, and resources available to, the programme of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) To urge Governments and international organizations to strengthen their efforts to support the ongoing programmes, co-ordinated by the United Nations Environment Programme, of the Latin American Environmental Training Network, the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South-East Pacific and the Action Plan of the Caribbean Environment Programme;

(c) To recommend that future intergovernmental meetings on the environment in the Latin America and Caribbean region be preceded by meetings of high-level experts designated by Governments, convened by the Executive Director, for the purpose of considering the technical aspects of regional and subregional environmental programmes;

(d) To request the Executive Director that the objectives of the regional and subregional programmes designated as of common interest which were adopted at the Meeting of Government-nominated Experts, and which appear in the report of the Meeting, be considered within the framework of the medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme, and that he consider the possibility of an early start on their implementation;

(e) To invite the various regional intergovernmental agencies and the organizations of the United Nations system according to their mandate, to participate in the formulation and implementation of the programmes;

(f) To invite also, after consultation with Governments, the participation of those non-governmental organizations which can support the formulation and implementation of the programmes;

(g) To request the Executive Director that intraregional co-operation in the implementation of regional environmental programmes be given special consideration so as to strengthen the regional component of the system-wide medium-term environment programme.

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12/10. Desertification

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Expresses its appreciation to the Executive Director for his comprehensive and action-oriented report;
2. Also expresses its appreciation to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for its analytical report;
3. Notes with great concern that during the period under review desertification has continued to spread and intensify in developing countries, and particularly in Africa;
4. Reconfirms the validity of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and the general appropriateness of the institutional arrangements established by the General Assembly for the follow-up of its implementation;
5. Endorses the view of the Executive Director that the implementation of the Plan has to be more focused on the most affected countries and on actions to arrest desertification giving priority to areas offering the best chances for substantial rehabilitation;
6. Expresses its satisfaction with the initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in establishing the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative on the African Social and Economic Crisis, a crisis caused among other things by prolonged drought;
7. Appeals to all Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to give due consideration to strengthening their financial and technical support to the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;
8. Takes note with satisfaction of the positive experiment undertaken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as a United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme joint venture in providing support to nineteen African countries, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action;
9. Requests the Executive Director to approve for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office concrete biennial programmes with specific goals to allow the governing councils of both the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme to measure achievements within the framework of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

10. Decides to include Ghana and Togo among the countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the Plan of Action;

11. Urges Governments of countries suffering from or prone to desertification to consider favourably giving priority to the establishment of national programmes to combat desertification and also to consider establishing appropriate national machinery for that purpose, bearing in mind as appropriate the recommendations contained in chapter VII, section C, of the report of the Executive Director, and to give particular emphasis to designing such programmes in harmony with existing social, cultural and ecological systems of the peoples involved;

12. Authorizes the Executive Director to assist, as appropriate, Governments which so desire in the above endeavours;

13. Also authorizes the Executive Director to assist Governments in applying, in the context of the implementation of the Plan of Action, appropriate land use policies in arid, semi-arid and subhumid regions suffering from intensive soil degradation which diminishes the potential of the land;

14. Urges Governments and international bodies to consider:

(a) Examining their ongoing and planned development projects to ensure maximum effectiveness in combating desertification;

(b) Completing the national assessments of desertification and establishing mechanisms to monitor the status and trends;

(c) Reviewing and revising accordingly policies and practices which serve as impediments or disincentives to successful desertification control measures at the local level;

15. Emphasizes the importance of regional co-operation as an effective means of increasing the efficient use of financial and technical resources, with particular emphasis accorded to co-operative research, training and information exchange;

16. Reaffirms the importance of the role of non-governmental organizations in the implementation of action-oriented projects, and the need for continuing support for their actions;

17. Reaffirms the central role of the United Nations Environment Programme in catalysing, co-ordinating and assessing the implementation of the Plan of Action at the international level;

18. Calls upon all countries, in particular developed countries and those in a position to do so, to increase their assistance to countries suffering from desertification, including the financing of subregional and regional programmes, and to contribute to the Special Account created under General Assembly resolution 32/172 of 19 December 1977;

19. Welcomes General Assembly resolution 38/163 of 19 December 1983 and fully supports the intention of the Executive Director to request, on behalf of the Secretary-General, all Member States that have not yet done so to provide as soon as possible their comments to the Secretary-General in order to allow the General Assembly to consider taking a decision at its fortieth session on measures designed to obtain additional and predictable financing;

20. Invites all Governments, particularly those of donor members, to become more involved in the work of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control, especially in the process of formulation of projects to be presented to the Group;

21. Requests the Executive Director to consider the implementation, in permanent consultation as the case may be with the Governments concerned, the Consultative Group for Desertification Control, regional organizations and regional intergovernmental meetings, of the recommendations for regional action and overall support contained in chapter VII, sections D and F, of his report;

22. Decides:

(a) To request the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the other United Nations organs concerned to implement their agreement in the Environment Co-ordination Board in 1978 to provide additional staff support for the Desertification Branch;

(b) To authorize the Executive Director, should no response, or only a partial response, to that request have been received within six months, to seek from the Governing Council, if necessary, the appropriations to enable him to make use of up to five posts, as required, from those frozen for 1984-1985 to supplement the present establishment of the Branch;

(c) To request Governments in a position to do so to second qualified and experienced personnel to the Desertification Branch at their own expense, the numbers, duration of assignment and specific functions of such personnel to be at the discretion of the Executive Director;

23. Further decides to give the Desertification Branch a greater degree of autonomy in fulfilling its functions by establishing it as a programme activity centre, with the priority tasks of building up and disseminating to Governments a data base on desertification control, including case-studies, evaluations, national focal points concerned with developing national programmes, projects being undertaken, sources of expertise within countries, individual experts with relevant experience, non-governmental organizations active in the field, etc., drawing, where possible, on information already available within and outside the United Nations Environment Programme, notably the Global Environmental Monitoring System and the International Referral System for sources of environmental information;

24. Invites the General Assembly to expand the role of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control to include explicitly responsibility for advising the Executive Director on:

(a) The progress and effectiveness of activities implemented under the Plan of Action, identifying constraints and possible solutions to problems, taking account of relevant evaluations and case-studies;

(b) Programme priorities of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(c) Measures required to improve implementation of the Plan of Action on a regional and world-wide basis;

25. Requests the Executive Director to examine and clarify the functions and outputs of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification, and to recommend to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session appropriate changes for action to ensure full consultation and co-operation between the agencies of the United Nations;

26. Authorizes the Executive Director, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to submit on behalf of the Governing Council a progress report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, based on the relevant parts of his annual report and the comments of the Governing Council thereon, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council;

27. Also authorizes the Executive Director to submit on behalf of the Governing Council, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, a progress report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, based on the relevant parts of his annual report and the comments of the Council thereon, to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session through the Economic and Social Council;

28. Decides that a further overall assessment of progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification should be carried out in 1992;

29. Requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at each of its sessions on progress in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

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Environmental Management

...III. Tropical forests and woodlands

The Governing Council,

1. Notes the progress made in the implementation of decision 10/14, section II, paragraph 3, regarding the Committee on Forest Development in the Tropics;

2. Welcomes the adoption of the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1983 by the United Nations Conference on Tropical Timber;

3. Urges Governments which have not yet done so to sign and ratify the Agreement to enable it to enter into force on the appointed date of 1 October 1984;

4. Authorizes the Executive Director to establish close and active co-operation with the International Tropical Timber Organization;....

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12/16. Supporting measures

A. Environmental education and training

The Governing Council,

1. Notes the progress made in the implementation of decisions 9/20 of 26 May 1981 and 11/7 of 24 May 1983, part three, sections A and B;
2. Takes note of the report of the Executive Director on the programme of action for environmental education and training in Africa;
3. Endorses the recommendations with regard to a proposed programme of action for environmental education and training in Africa;
4. Appeals to the Governments of the region to co-operate with the Executive Director in the formulation of a programme of action;
5. Requests the Executive Director to continue his efforts to formulate, in co-operation with the Governments of the region and with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, a programme of action for environmental education and training in Africa, and to report on progress achieved to the Governing Council at its next session.

B. Environmental Training Network for Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Recommends to the Governments of the countries of the region that they agree as soon as possible on a general programme for the Environmental Training Network in Latin America and the Caribbean which reflects the agreements reached on this subject and the undertaking on the part of the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean concerning the administrative and financial aspects which, in accordance with their abilities, they might assume responsibility for in order to strengthen and consolidate the programme of the Environmental Training Network;
2. Recommends to the Governments of the countries of the region that they study a regional co-ordination project concerning the Network for the possible purpose of attaining the signature of an instrument on the subject which, duly submitted to the United Nations Environment Programme, would guarantee the financing of the Network's programme up to 1987; in this financing, the contributions in local currency and in kind from the countries will constitute the regional counterpart under the project to be submitted to the Programme;
3. Recommends that the activities which various agencies have been carrying out for environmental training be co-ordinated so as to avoid duplication of effort and dispersal of the scarce financial resources available for the area;
4. Requests the Executive Director to explore the possibilities of co-operation among the regions that are undertaking an effort similar to the Network;

5. Urges the Executive Director to take the necessary measures for a continuation of budgetary support to the Network within available resources;

6. Encourages the Executive Director to continue collaborating in research in alternative sources of finance for support to the Network.

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12/17. Regional activities

A. Programme of action on the African environment and African subregional environment groups

... 1. Expresses appreciation at the assistance so far extended by the Executive Director to the African region in order to enable it to formulate the draft programme of action on the African environment;

2. Welcomes the efforts and outcome of the meeting of the African subregional environment groups, in particular its draft programme of action on the African environment;

3. Commends the efforts of the secretariat in organizing the subregional groups, which can prove to be an important mechanism for co-operation in the field of the environment between and among States in the region as well as with the Environment Section of the Economic Commission for Africa and its five subregional Multinational programming and Operational Centres;

4. Requests the Executive Director to continue his efforts to assist the African region in convening an African environmental conference to be attended at ministerial level to approve a regional plan of action on the African environment.

B. Strengthening of the Regional Office for Africa

The Governing Council,

... 1. Recognizes the importance of the establishment of the African subregional environment groups as a basis for promoting regional co-operation in the field of the environment;

2. Reconfirms paragraph 4 of its decision 6/10 of 24 May 1978, by which it invited the national environmental agencies and national development planning agencies of the countries concerned to promote, by all means available, methods and methodologies of relating environmental dimensions within the process of preparing national plans and technical assistance programmes supported by the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Requests the Executive Director, within available resources, to strengthen the Regional Office for Africa in terms of human and financial resources taking into account the establishment of the subregional focal points;

4. Requests the Executive Director to make a study on the establishment of subregional offices in the future, considering the offer of Morocco to host the subregional office for North Africa;

5. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its thirteenth session on the implementation of the present decision.

C. Regional activities in Asia and the Pacific

The Governing Council,

... 1. Requests the Executive Director to continue to accord his priority within available resources to the regional and subregional environmental programmes of the Asia and Pacific region, and to provide financial support and other assistance commensurate with the region's needs, underscoring the urgency of such programmes;

2. Also requests the Executive Director to intensify his efforts to seek support and funds from bilateral and multilateral sources, traditional as well as new, for priority activities in the subregional and regional programmes of the Governments of the region identified through the clearing-house mechanism;

3. Urges the Executive Director to apply his discretionary authority to increase funds for the high-priority regional seas programme, and to provide adequate financial support to this programme so that ongoing activities may be sustained and the preparatory activities for a new South Asian Seas Action Plan may be completed.

D. Regional and subregional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

... 1. Expresses its thanks to the Government of Peru for convening the third Regional Intergovernmental Meeting on Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for convening the Meeting of High-level Experts Designated by Governments to Review Regional Environmental Programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean at Lima from 8 to 12 April 1984;

2. Urges the Governments of the region to continue strengthening their mechanisms and modalities for regional co-operation, promoting greater exchange of experience and participating in meetings convened to that end;

3. Requests the Executive Director to attach high priority to the regional and subregional programmes of common interest and, within available resources, to provide financial support for the strengthening of regional activities;

4. Reiterates to the Executive Director the provision of paragraph 2 (d) of decision 11/9 with a view to increasing the inputs of the United Nations Environment Programme to the region and effectively incorporating within available resources the regional environmental programmes of common interest in the budget of the Environment Fund for the biennium 1986-1987 to be approved by the Governing Council at its thirteenth session;

5. Calls the attention of the Executive Director to paragraph 3 of resolution 1 of the Meeting of High-level Experts, by which he is requested to compile information on innovative means of financing and to prepare as soon as possible, in co-ordination with specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other agencies, a study analysing alternatives for the utilization of national currencies and contributions in kind to support the execution of the regional environmental programmes of common interest, these alternatives should be regarded as additional support, and not as a substitute for the funds the Programme should allocate to support the execution of the regional and subregional environmental programmes;

6. Urges Governments and international organizations to intensify their efforts to continue supporting the following ongoing programmes co-ordinated by the Programme;

- (a) The Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment;
- (b) The Environmental Training Network for Latin America and the Caribbean;
- (c) The Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South-east Pacific;

... 7. Reiterates the provisions of decision 11/9 and requests the Executive Director to support in the biennium 1984-1985 the conduct of activities to set in motion as soon as possible the regional environmental programmes of common interest identified as such at the regional intergovernmental meetings held at Mexico City (1982), Buenos Aires (1983) and Lima (1984)

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13/1. Programme policy and implementation

...II. New initiatives

...(The Governing Council) Commends the organizations which co-operated in the convening of the World Industry Conference on Environmental Management, held in Versailles, France, from 14 to 16 November 1984,....

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13/4. Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond

...ANNEX

Views of the Governing Council concerning the document prepared by the Special Commission entitled "World Commission on Environment and Development: Mandate, key issues, strategy and work plan" for transmission to the Commission

1. The Governing Council notes the Commission's preliminary assessment, as reflected in the Commission's document, that environmental problems arise in the policies and practices operative in sectors of development such as agriculture; industry, human settlements, water, energy, forestry, etc., and that in order to deal effectively with those problems, it is necessary to ensure that incentive systems, policies, legislation and regulations should be guided, inter alia, by considerations of environmental protection and improvement.

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...ANNEX

Recommendations of the Executive Director concerning the
environment in the dialogue between and among developed
and developing countries

... 2. The Governing Council may also wish to decide upon the issues which it would most appropriately address itself, either at sessions of the Council or through interested groups of Governments consulting among themselves with a view to reaching agreements on concrete co-operative activities and keeping the Council informed of progress in this respect.

3. Some prerequisites for potential success in such consultations are:

(a) Respect for the sovereignty of States over their own natural resources;

(b) Reaffirmation of a concept of development which acknowledges social elements in addition to pure economic growth, and which depends on the rational use of natural resources. This does not mean under-utilization or no utilization at all - rather, it means finding the best ways of exploitation that do not destroy the resource base itself in the process;

(c) Recognition that availability of resources is a function of technology and education - hence the essential need for co-operation in the training and in the transfer of technology;

(d) Acceptance of the fact that environmental concerns are not only long-term considerations and even where they are, require to be dealt with through actions needed in the short term. Conversely, the ways in which short-term problems are solved have many implications for environment now and in the years to come.

4. Issues for such consultations may include:...

...(b) For co-operation among developing countries:...

...(vii) Development of common basic principles and guidelines for resource use and environmental protection;...

...(c) For co-operation between developed and developing countries:

...(ii) Rational use of tropical forests:

Countries importing tropical forest products could agree with exporting countries in the following areas:

a. Carrying out of co-operative studies on the least damaging ways of harvesting tropical forest products;

b. Support of fuelwood plantations to minimize pressure on tropical forests and hence attendant environmental hazards;

(iii) Loss of genetic resources:

The loss of genetic resources may be remedied, at least partially, through the leasing by developing countries of natural areas considered to be of actual or potential importance for genetic material to other States or bodies with a view to generating the resources needed for environmental protection in the economic and social context of the leasing country...;

... (d) Drought and desertification:

- (i) Establishment in the countries most hard hit by drought of development plans which take account of its inevitable recurrence;
- (ii) Establishment of a network of institutes which would specialize in the application of new scientific knowledge to locally developed techniques and technologies in agriculture, silviculture, range management and use of water resources;
- (iii) Establishment of a mechanism to support regional training centres or networks for training the large body of skilled professionals and technicians needed by the developing countries in various fields of desertification control...;

... (f) Pool of experts

Establishment of a pool of experts from both developed and developing countries in the various aspects of environmental impact assessment and environmental cost-benefit analysis, to be financed from special voluntary accounts established by Governments for that purpose with an international organization, on which any country could draw for study of the environmental aspects of its major development activities...;

... (h) Some unresolved or emerging environmental issues:

Establishment of an intergovernmental expert group (with balanced representation of developed and developing countries), in which representatives of industry and parliamentary bodies should participate, to discuss some of the unresolved or emerging environmental issues. This expert group should make concrete recommendations to the Governing Council on how to reach solutions to these issues in a co-operative rather than a confrontational manner. Such issues may include:

- ... (ii) Conditions of transfer of environment-protection technologies...;
- (iv) Establishment of a code or codes of environmental conduct or an international ecological order.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/19

13/19. International meeting on environmental education and training

The Governing Council,

... Requests the Executive Director to consider, within available resources, the convening in 1987 of an international meeting on environmental education and training in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Government of the Soviet Union, to appraise the achievements of the preceding decade, including the existing regional and subregional action plans on environmental education and training, and to make proposals for the future.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/20

13/20. Environmental education and training in Africa

The Governing Council,

... 1. Notes the progress made in the implementation of decision 9/12, 9/20 A and D, 9/21 and 12/16 A;...

3. Also requests the Executive Director to accelerate the establishment of subregional African centres of excellence for environmental education and training;

4. Further requests the Executive Director to take into account the recommendations of the forthcoming African environmental conference in the formulation of other activities in relation to environmental education and training in Africa in the biennium 1986-1987.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/21

13/21. Environmental Training Network

The Governing Council,

... 1. Urges the Governments of the region to ensure that the formal adoption of the programme for the Environmental Training Network is effected by means of an official note addressed to the United Nations Environment Programme through its Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean before 31 December 1985;

2. Requests the Executive Director to assist the Governments of the region in preparing a proposal concerning concrete machinery for the financing and operation of the Network programme in 1986-1987, special attention being paid to the establishment of regional co-ordination machinery which will be sponsored by the Governments of the region;

3. Also requests the Executive Director to convene at the end of 1985, with no financial implications for the Environment Fund, a meeting of focal points of the Network to examine and approve the regional project and establish concrete machinery for the operation of the Network programme in 1986-1987;

4. Urges the Governments of the region to furnish details of the concrete contributions they can commit for the development of courses, seminars, research and publications within the framework of the regional strategy adopted for the Network, and to notify the Environment Programme of their decision before 30 June 1985;

5. Requests the Executive Director, on the basis of the contributions indicated by the Governments, to prepare a regional co-operation project in which those contributions constitute the regional counterpart to the catalytic funds of the Environment Programme;

6. Urges the Executive Director to maintain the necessary flexibility to support the initial stages of the co-ordination machinery through the allocation of the catalytic resources referred to above for the Network programme in 1986-1987.

... 1. Urges States to take all necessary steps at the national, regional and international levels to set up or improve biosphere reserves and take part in the development and operation of the world network of biosphere reserves, paying particular attention to the establishment and adequate maintenance of biosphere reserves considered to be of special international importance;

2. Invites the Executive Director, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, to extend all possible support and assistance to the implementation of the Action Plan, and to report to it at its fourteenth session on progress achieved in this respect.

UNEP/GC/13/28

13/28. Implementation of the Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves

The Governing Council,

1. Urges States to take all necessary steps at the national, regional and international levels to set up or improve biosphere reserves and take part in the development and operation of the world network of biosphere reserves, paying particular attention to the establishment and adequate maintenance of biosphere reserves considered to be of special international importance;

2. Invites the Executive Director, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, to extend all possible support and assistance to the implementation of the Action Plan, and to report to it at its fourteenth session of progress achieved in this respect.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/29

13/29. Preparation of national conservation strategies

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Requests the Executive Director to approach those Governments that have not taken steps to prepare national conservation strategies, to encourage them to initiate that process;
2. Further requests the Executive Director to recommend to the forthcoming African environmental conference that it should consider the issue of national conservation strategies with a view to evolving a common approach aimed at producing concrete results.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/30

13/30. Desertification

A. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

... Noting that at its twelfth session it endorsed the view of the Executive Director that the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification must be focused more on the most affected countries and on actions to arrest desertification, giving priority to areas offering the best chances for substantial rehabilitation,

Noting also that at its twelfth session it took note with satisfaction of the positive experiment undertaken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as a United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Environment Programme joint venture in providing support to 19 African countries, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action,

Reaffirming its views expressed at previous sessions regarding the continuing environmental degradation resulting from the process of desertification in the developing countries, especially in Africa, where persistent drought triggering serious desertification in areas not normally seriously affected is reaching levels of disaster and crisis,

Noting with concern the slow implementation of the Plan of Action,

1. Expresses appreciation to the members of the international community for the emergency assistance offered to countries facing famine;
2. Notes the activities undertaken by Governments and international regional and non-governmental organizations in combating desertification and urges them to continue communicating information on their actions to the United Nations Environment Programme for inclusion in its reports in an endeavour to disseminate information and experience;

3. Calls upon Governments of affected countries to prepare national plans for combating desertification and to integrate them into their comprehensive national development plans;

4. Calls on donor countries and others in a position to do so to assist affected countries in their endeavours to curb desertification;

5. Decides to review at its fourteenth session the status and validity of the Special Account created under General Assembly resolution 32/172, on the basis of a report to be prepared by the Executive Director after consultation with Governments;

6. Expresses its concern about the lack of adequate response with respect to the important series of studies conducted by the United Nations Environment Programme on additional and predictable financial resources for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, and appeals to Governments to reconsider their positions urgently to enable the Secretary-General to report on the matter to the General Assembly at its fortieth session, in view of the present crisis in Africa, which has as one of its major causes the process of desertification;

7. Urges Governments, organizations and bodies within the United Nations system, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and training and research institutions to intensify their efforts to prevent and combat desertification in the years ahead, and in particular to accord high priority to the actions recommended by the Council in decision 12/10;

8. Notes the significant role that non-governmental organizations are playing in many of the more successful anti-desertification efforts, and calls upon Governments and international organizations, including the United Nations Environment Programme, to explore opportunities for utilizing them to a greater degree;

9. Invites the Executive Director to consult each of the principal international organizations which are funding desertification control activities, including the World Bank and the regional development banks, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the international centres for agricultural research and the Club du Sahel, to ascertain how the Environment Programme can best assist and facilitate those efforts, and to recommend to the Council at its fourteenth session measures that can be taken to enhance the effectiveness of co-operation between the Environment Programme and those institutions;

10. Welcomes the enhanced mandate given to the Consultative Group for Desertification Control and reiterates its invitation to all Governments, and particularly those of donor members, to become more involved in the work of the Consultative Group;

11. Invites the Consultative Group to pursue more vigorously its dual role of contributing information, policy and programme analysis and guidance on programme priorities to the Executive Director, as well as supporting his efforts to secure financial resources for activities proposed by developing countries, all within the framework of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

12. Welcomes the action taken by the Executive Director to establish the Desertification Branch as a programme activity centre in compliance with decision 121/10;

13. Approves the measures recommended to enhance the work of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Desertification and endorsed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as reflected in the Committee's report, and urges all members of the Working Group to put those measures into action immediately;

14. Stresses the vital importance of ensuring continuity of representation in the Working Group through designation of one or more representatives in the Group, each of whom would also serve as a focal point on desertification matters in his agency;

15. Urges all Governments to promote discussion of the implementation of the Plan of Action in the intergovernmental fora of members of the Working Group;

16. Requests the Executive Director to take appropriate action to invite international organizations outside the United Nations system to participate in meetings of the Working Group where the discussion would benefit from their presence;

17. Further requests the Executive Director to consider the inclusion of the member States of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference in the list of countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, acting on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, in combating desertification;

18. Urges the Executive Director to intensify efforts, in consultation with other United Nations bodies and donor countries, to initiate concrete steps to seek alternative sources of funding to assist the countries of the Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference in particular;

19. Requests the Executive Director to report to it at its fourteenth session on the implementation of the present decision.

B. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat
Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council

1. Welcomes the steps taken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the Environment Programme, toward the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in 21 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian and neighbouring region;

2. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue support to the Office as a joint venture with the United Nations Development Programme;

3. Urges the Executive Director and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consolidate the achievements realized so far by the Office and to intensify efforts to mobilize resources for continued assistance to the countries served by the Office in combating desertification;

4. Decides to include the United Republic of Tanzania in the list of countries eligible to receive assistance through the Office on behalf of the Environment Programme in implementing the Plan of Action;

5. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit his report on the implementation of the Plan of Action in the Sudano-Sahelian region, on behalf of the Council, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/32

13/32. Regional and subregional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council,

... 1. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Mexico for its kind hospitality in convening the Fourth Intergovernmental Regional Meeting on Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean;

2. Calls on the Governments of the region and the United Nations Environment Programme to ensure that future intergovernmental meetings include an agenda item aimed at strengthening the dialogue on the relationship between economic and social issues and the application and development of environmental policies which by their nature are cross-sectoral and global;

3. Requests the Executive Director to support the regional and subregional programmes of common interest and periodically to assess progress made in them, in co-operation with regional and subregional bodies, communicating the results of such assessments to the Governments of the region;

4. Invites the Governments of the region to conduct quantitative and social cost-benefit environmental studies which will serve as a basis for guiding national policies and to prepare regional reports on the state of the environment;

5. Requests the Executive Director, in co-operation with Governments and appropriate regional bodies, to focus his efforts, in this first stage of the implementation of the regional and subregional priority programmes identified at the Second Intergovernmental Regional Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Buenos Aires in 1983, on initiating the implementation of the regional environmental programmes on planning and environment, environmental law and environmental education, without prejudice to programmes already under way, namely, the regional seas programmes for the wider Caribbean and for the South-East Pacific and the Environmental Training Network;

6. Requests the Executive Director to report to Governments periodically on progress in ongoing programmes and their short-term prospects, including their financial aspects. In this regard, the intergovernmental regional meetings should include in their agenda analyses of project implementation in the preceding biennium;

7. Requests the Executive Director to support, within the resources allocated to the relevant budget lines, the implementation of the above-mentioned activities;

8. Further requests the Executive Director, with regard to the implementation of activities in the field of planning and the environment, to seek additional resources through the Clearing-house or through any other suitable mechanism as described in the present decision;

9. Recommends to the Executive Director that he should conduct an inventory of the available resources of regional and international multilateral organizations and bilateral sources to support the regional environmental programmes of common interest and to create and maintain an information system on such resources;

10. Recommends to the Executive Director that he should request countries, within a period of three months, to send him a list of experts from Latin America and the Caribbean in order to draw up a roster of such experts, with a view to supporting the implementation of the activities related to the application of the regional and subregional projects which are allocated priority within the framework of the regional programmes already adopted, bearing in mind in particular salaries of the experts for the period for which they are engaged, and the United Nations Environmental Programme is expected, within available resources, to meet their travel and subsistence expenses;

11. Authorizes the Executive Director, in the light of his report on innovative means of financing and alternatives for utilization of national currencies and contributions in kind to support the implementation of regional environmental programmes of common interest, within available resources and in co-ordination with appropriate regional and international United Nations bodies, to initiate actions which offer the Governments of the region alternatives concerning the use of national currencies in the implementation of environmental projects of common interest;

12. Urges the Executive Director, in preparing his plan for intraregional financing for selected regional and subregional environmental programmes, to take into account the proposal made by the experts of Ad hoc Meeting on Alternative Means for Financing in National Currencies and Contributions in Kind, held at Mexico City, in January 1985, and to prepare an appropriate timetable covering the stages suggested in the experts' proposal;

13. Recommends to the Executive Director that he should consider the possibility of making more use of non-convertible currencies from outside the region to support the programme referred to above.

UNEP/GC/DEC/13/34

13/34. Trust funds

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the reports on the management of trust funds and other funds;

2. Expresses its appreciation to Governments that have pledged to increase their contributions to the various trust funds and other funds for 1985 and for subsequent years;

3. Urges Governments to support Fund programme activities in which they are particularly interested by making counterpart contributions to individual projects under rule 204.1 of the Financial Rules of the Fund;

4. Approves the extension of trust funds established under the rules of the Environment Fund, as follows:...

... (e) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme until 31 December 1987;...

... 6. Takes note of the establishment by the Executive Director, under authority delegated by the Secretary-General, of technical assistance trust funds as follows:

(a) Technical Assistance Trust Fund for the Provision of Short-term Experts to Developing Countries, financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany;

(b) Technical Assistance Trust Fund for an Integrated Pilot Project on Environmental Management and Protection of Andean Ecosystems (Cajamarca/Peru), financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany for a four-year period ;...

... 7. Again urges Governments to pay their contributions to the trust funds promptly, as near as possible to the beginning of the calendar year to which the contributions apply.

UNEP/GC/DEC/14/1

14/1. Programme policy and implementation

...B. New initiatives

The Governing Council,

I. Forest ecosystems

Taking note of the recent developments concerning forests in general and tropical forests in particular, such as the entry into force of the International Tropical Timber Agreement and the establishment of the International Tropical Timber Organization, as well as the Tropical Forestry Action Plan, an initiative resulting from Governing Council decision 7/6 A of 3 May 1979 and which is being co-ordinated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Taking into account the growing concern about the fate of forest ecosystems and the resources they contain, as well as the need to ensure the sustainable use and the conservation of such resources,

Takes note of and welcomes the initiative, as reported by the Executive Director, to pursue consultations among countries owning tropical forests and other forest ecosystems and interested countries which are major users of wood resources in order to find ways and means to consider, through the appropriate international mechanisms, practical collaborative action for the sustainable use and conservation of significant areas of forest ecosystems and the genetic resources they contain;

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State-of-the environment reports

...B. The state of the world environment 1987

The Governing Council,

...4. Calls upon all Governments to accord high priority to the development and implementation of various environmental protection measures to improve the state of environment at the national and global level....

UNEP/GC/DEC/14/15

14/15. Desertification

A. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

... 1. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in 1985 and 1986;

2. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit his reports on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in 1985 and 1986, on behalf of the Governing Council, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

B. Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

... 1. Takes note of the reports of the Executive Director on the implementation of the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in 1985 and 1986;

2. Welcomes the steps taken by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, on behalf of the Environment Programme, toward the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in twenty-two countries of the Sudano-Sahelian and neighbouring region;

3. Authorizes the Executive Director to continue support to the Office as a joint venture with the United Nations Development Programme;

4. Urges the Executive Director and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to intensify efforts to mobilize resources for continued assistance to the countries served by the Office in combating desertification;

5. Authorizes the Executive Director to submit his reports on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region in 1985 and 1986, on behalf of the Council, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

C. National plans of action to combat desertification

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Commends the Executive Director on the current endeavours of the United Nations Environment Programme to combat desertification at the national, regional and global levels;
2. Recommends that national plans of action and the nature of their implementation should be grassroots-oriented for easier integration into national economic systems;
3. Requests the Executive Director to apply the criteria for selecting concentration countries in a flexible manner, taking into account regional distribution;
4. Further requests the Executive Director to evaluate the programme of the United Nations Environment Programme to mobilize more funds through United Nations organizations and other funding agencies, including bilateral donor agencies and multilateral development banks and to work more closely with concerned Governments in planning strategies and specific plans and projects to combat desertification;
5. Urges the United Nations Environment Programme to mobilize more funds through United Nations organizations and other funding agencies, including bilateral donor agencies and multilateral development banks and to work more closely with concerned Governments in planning strategies and specific plans and projects to combat desertification;
6. Requests the Executive Director to evaluate the content, relevance and feasibility of integration into each country's national development plan of the plans of action to combat desertification;
7. Urges Governments to give full support to such plans of action to combat desertification.

D. Special Account to finance the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Governing Council,

- ... 1. Requests the Executive Director to discuss with Governments the feasibility of adopting a new and realistic approach which would encourage them and international financing institutions to contribute directly or indirectly to the Special Account to finance the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification, as recommended in his report to the Governing Council;
2. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its fifteenth session on the results of his discussions.

UNEP/GC/DEC/14/16

14/16. Promotion of the transfer of environmental protection technology

The Governing Council,

Having in mind General Assembly resolution 40/178 of 17 December 1985 on strengthening the role of the United Nations in the field of international economic, scientific-technological and social co-operation, in which the Assembly stressed the willingness of Member States of the United Nations to strengthen the United Nations system as a framework for constructive dialogue and joint efforts in solving international economic scientific-technological and social problems and thus contribute to the reinforcement of peace, security and confidence in the world as a whole.

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 40/200 of 17 December 1985 on international co-operation in the field of the environment, which stressed the importance of an international exchange of experience and knowledge concerning the protection of the environment,

- ... 1. Encourages Governments to promote the commercial exchange and transfer of environmental protection technology, and direct industrial contacts in the field of environmental protection technology;...
- ... 3. Encourages Governments to share public research and demonstration results and information on non-proprietary environmental protection technology;
4. Invites the Executive Director to consult Governments to identify specific environmental protection technology that is not now available to them, identify the reasons for such unavailability and report to the Governing Council at its next regular session on these matters, with recommendations to relevant bodies to discuss solutions to factors impeding appropriate transfer;
5. Invites the specialized agencies and other members of the United Nations system dealing with problems of technology transfer, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and regional economic commissions to take account in their respective fields of activity of the promotion of the transfer of environmental protection technology.

UNEP/GC/DEC/14/21

14/21. Regional and subregional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Governing Council.

1. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments of Mexico, Uruguay, Colombia and Jamaica for hosting the above-mentioned regional and subregional meetings;
2. Decides to disseminate and promote for due consideration by Governments the Declaration and recommendations of the First Interparliamentary Conference on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean;
3. Decides to continue to give the highest priority within the framework of the regional environmental programmes of common interest to the Programme of the Environmental Training Network for Latin America and the Caribbean, providing funding within the available resources to support the contributions being made by the Governments of the region;...

... 5. Requests the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to continue and strengthen the following regional and subregional programmes of common interest:

- (a) Development planning and environment;
- (b) Development of environmental legislation and institutional framework;
- (c) Management of wildlands, protected areas and wildlife;
- (d) Environmental education;
- (e) Natural potential and national management of the tropical and sub-tropical forest ecosystems in Central America and Mexico, and in the South Cone;

6. Encourages Governments to undertake natural and cultural heritage inventory and accounting programmes, including economic analyses, which will facilitate continuous evaluation of such resources and act as a data base for economic planning and decision-making bodies;

7. Calls upon the organizations responsible for each regional and subregional programme being, or to be, implemented to consider it as part of a whole and, as a consequence, to establish the working relations required to ensure maximum cohesion, continuity and complementarity in their activities;

8. Requests the Executive Director:

(a) To support the work of the Contact Group of the Regional Office for Latin America of the United Nations Environment Programme headquarters, in conformity with the interest shown by the Governments in the regions, as reflected by the Final Report of the Fifth Intergovernmental Regional Meeting;

(b) To continue to promote technical co-operation among the countries of the region, especially that aimed at the dissemination of experience and achievements, as well as the training of professional specialists in environmental matters;...

... (d) To support Governments of the region, within available resources, in the study of the impact of the external debt of the developing countries on environmental policies and administration;

(e) In connection with the Programme of the Environmental Training Network:

(i) To extend the duration of project FP/8102-86-02 (2676), entitled "Support to the regional co-operation project for the implementation of the environmental training network for Latin America and the Caribbean";

(ii) To incorporate the training components of the regional environmental programmes and projects into the General Programme of the Network and co-ordinate them through their regional co-ordination mechanisms;

- (iii) To continue supporting the Regional Co-ordination Mechanism, so that it can effectively fulfil the functions assigned to it by the Network Advisory Committee;
- (iv) To contribute to the support of the Regional Co-ordination Mechanism, should the Government of Mexico discontinue its generous contribution and if a formula for financing by the countries has not been established;
- (f) To advise Governments on how to obtain financial resources from the clearing-house mechanism and from other international organizations to support the umbrella projects and the national sub-projects;
- (g) To ensure that all future requests for new projects and activities which UNEP may promote in the region are considered within the regional co-operation system on environmental matters that the Governments of Latin America and the Caribbean have been establishing through their intergovernmental regional meetings;
- (h) To ensure that requests for new regional projects and activities which are supported by the United Nations Environment Programme are considered to be within the scope of priority of the Intergovernmental Regional Co-operation System on Environmental Matters that the Governments have been establishing through their intergovernmental regional meetings;
- (i) To take into account the interest of the region in a new regional programme of common interest on environmental management and utilization of agricultural and agro-industrial residues, as well as a new subregional programme on the management of grassland ecosystems in temperate subhumid and humid zones;
- (j) To continue with the Governments that have made progress in this field to promote the systemization of environmental legislation by means of national digests and the operation of data banks in the countries of the region interested in this field;
- (k) To give special attention to research programmes that will respond to the numerous questions about the behaviour of environmental systems and that will work towards the creation of methodological instruments for assessing environmental impact and for economic analysis;
- (n) To continue supporting the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations/United Nations Environment Programme project on the management of wildlands, protected areas and wildlife, in accordance with the guidelines of the present project, which includes training, support for the Latin American Network of Technical Co-operation for the Protection of National Parks, Other Protected Areas and Wild Flora and Fauna, technical co-operation and information bulletins on the subject, including activities in the following matters:
 - (i) Harmonization of the relations between the objectives of the protected areas and those of the inhabitants of such areas, local societies and economies;
 - (ii) Relationship between the management of protected areas and that of neighbouring wildland areas;

- (iii) Operational and methodological co-ordination in the conservation of the natural and cultural heritage in protected areas where both exist.

UNEP/GC/DEC/14/26

14/26. Rationalization of international conventions on biological diversity

The Governing Council,

Concerned about the disappearance of plant and animal species as a result of the destruction of their habitats and their exploitation for commercial and other purposes,

Recognizing the need for adequate protection and preservation of biological diversity, because of both the intrinsic and economic value of the species concerned,

Noting the recommendations of the World Commission on Environment and Development concerning the protection of biological diversity and the achievements of United Nations bodies and other international organizations, including non-governmental organizations, in this field,

Noting in particular the need to support actively the efforts currently underway within the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources to develop a convention for the in situ preservation and conservation of biological diversity,

Aware of the need to avoid duplication of effort and to co-ordinate present and future efforts in this field in order to ensure the effective and efficient use of available financial resources,

1. Requests 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;

2. Further requests the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its next regular session on the results of this investigation.

14/34. Trust funds and other funds

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the reports on the management of trust funds and other funds;

2. Expresses its appreciation to Governments that have paid contributions due to the various trust funds on time;

3. Urges Governments to pay their contributions to trust funds at the beginning of the year to which they relate or earlier;...

... 5. Approves the extension of general trust funds established under the rules of the Environment Fund, subject to the approval of the United Nations Secretary-General, as follows:...

... (c) Regional Trust Fund for the Implementation of the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme until 31 December 1989;...

... 7. Takes note of the establishment by the Executive Director, under authority delegated to him by the Secretary-General, of technical co-operation trust funds as follows:

... (b) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Support the Clearing-house Mechanism through Provision of Consultancies on Strategies for Dealing with Serious Environment Problems, financed by the Government of Norway;

(c) Technical Co-operation Trust Fund to Provide Consultancies to Developing Countries, financed by the Government of Finland;...

... (e) Special Purpose Trust Fund for the Provision of Junior Professional Officers, financed by the Government of Japan.

Fund Programme Activities 1973

(million dollars)

A.	Human settlements, human health, habitat and well-being	1.2
B.	Land, water and desertification	1.0
C.	Education, training, assistance and information	0.8
D.	Trade, economics, technology and transfer of technology	0.5
E.	Oceans	0.6
F.	Conservation of nature, wildlife, and genetic resources	0.5
G.	Energy	0.1

Earthwatch

A.	Monitoring	0.3
B.	International Referral System	0.2

Other programme development including future plan of action of UNEP

0.3
5.5

Status of Utilization of Resources for Fund
Programme Activities as of 28 February 1974

Fund Programme Activities	Apportionment decided by the Governing Council (US dollars)
Human settlements, human health habitat and well-being	1,200,000
Land, water and desertification	1,000,000
Education, training, assistance and information	800,000
Trade, economics, technology and transfer of technology	500,000
Oceans	600,000
Conservation of nature, wildlife and genetic resource	500,000
Energy	100,000
Earthwatch (Monitoring)	300,000
Earthwatch (International Referral System)	200,000
Other programme development including future plan of action of UNEP	300,000
TOTAL	5,500,000

36 (III) Allocation of resources for
Fund programme activities

Areas	1975
Human settlements, human health	\$ 3,950,000
United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	600,000
Terrestrial ecosystems, their management and control	4,400,000
Environment and development	2,500,000
Oceans	2,300,000
Energy	300,000
Natural disasters	200,000
Earthwatch	1,900,000
Environmental management	525,000
Supporting measures	3,000,000
Development of the programme	325,000
	20,000,000

Fund Programme Activities	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Human settlements and human health	6,300,000	7,150,000
Ecosystems	8,190,000	9,250,000
Environment and development	3,600,000	3,600,000
Oceans	3,600,000	3,150,000
Energy	550,000	600,000
Natural disasters	200,000	300,000
Earthwatch	3,400,000	3,350,000
Environment management	450,000	550,000
Environmental law	300,000	300,000
Support	5,910,000	6,250,000
United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements		
Foundation	1,500,000	1,200,000
Total	\$34,000,000	\$35,700,000
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Areas	1978
Human settlements and human health	5,020,000
Support	4,800,000
Environment and development	1,600,000
Oceans	4,000,000
Energy	570,000
Environmental management including environmental law	1,140,000
Ecosystems	7,620,000
Natural disasters	550,000
Earthwatch, including the International Register of Potentially Toxic Chemicals	4,890,000
United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation	700,000
Data	710,000
Total	31,600,000

Fund programme activities	1979
Human settlements, human health	5,200,000
Support	7,700,000
Environment and development	3,100,000
Oceans	5,000,000
Energy	800,000
Environmental management including	
environmental law	1,400,000
Terrestrial ecosystems	9,000,000
Natural disasters	400,000
Earthwatch, including the International Register	
of Potentially Toxic Chemicals	6,500,000
Environmental data	700,000
Arid lands (including desertification)	3,000,000
Total Fund programme activities	42,800,000
Fund programme reserve	1,000,000
Total	43,800,000

Fund programme activities	Total		
	1980 \$000)	1981 (\$000)	1980-1981 (\$000)
Oceans	3,650	3,850	7,500
Energy	900	600	1,500
Environmental management (including environmental law)	750	750	1,500
Terrestrial ecosystems	6,250	5,550	11,800
Natural disasters	250	250	500
Earthwatch (including IRPTC)	6,300	5,800	12,100
Environmental data	600	500	1,100
Arid lands (including desertification)	3,300	3,250	6,550
Total	35,250	32,000	67,850

Fund programme activities	1982 (\$mill.)	1983 (\$mill.)
01 Human settlements and human health	4.5	5.5
03 Support	7.9	9.2
04 Environment and development	2.7	3.3
05 Oceans	4.7	5.8
07 Energy	1.0	1.1
10 Environmental management and environmental law	1.1	1.4
11 Ecosystems	7.5	9.3
12 Natural disasters	0.3	0.3
13 Earthwatch	7.5	9.4
16 Data	0.8	0.7
17 Arid and semi-arid lands including desertification	4.0	5.0
Total Fund programme activities	42.0	51.0

1984-1985
(Thousands of
(US dollars)

Health and human settlements	7,150
Environment and development	8,050
Earthwatch	8,500
Terrestrial ecosystems	10,800
Oceans	7,400
Water	3,000
Desertification	6,700
Arms race and the environment	400
Environmental awareness	12,000
Regional support	6,000

Total Fund programme activities	70,000
100.00	
Fund programme reserve	2,000

Total	72,000
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<u>Budget lines</u>		1986-1987
Percentage		(Thousands of US Dollars)
21	Environment and development	6,360
31	Environmental awareness	9,120
41	Earthwatch	9,770
51	Oceans	6,780
52	Water	3,000
61	Terrestrial ecosystems	7,260
62	Arid and semi-arid lands ecosystems and desertification control	6,000
71	Health and human settlements	6,190
81	The arms race and the environment	360
82	Regional and technical co-operation	5,160
Total Fund programme activities		60,000
Fund programme reserve		2,000
TOTAL		62,000

Programmes and subprogrammes	1988-1989
	(Thousands of United states dollars)

<u>Earthwatch</u>	
1. Monitoring and assessment	8,300
2. Information and exchange	5,600
<u>Environmental management</u>	
3. Oceans	6,900
4. Water	3,200
5. Terrestrial ecosystems management	6,300
6. Desertification control	6,000
7. Environmental health	2,100
8. Peace, arms race and the environment	350
9. Technology and the environment	4,900
<u>Support</u>	
10. Support measures	11,250
11. Technical and regional co-operation	5,100
Total Fund programme activities	60,000
