

and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recalling also its resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

Recalling further its resolution 3403 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research,

Considering its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 which set in motion measures that form the basis and framework for the work of the competent bodies and organizations of the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;¹²

2. *Invites* the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to continue concentrating its work in the sphere of economic and social training and research so as to include specific projects on the problems in the areas identified by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions and in the relevant decisions of the Assembly at its twenty-ninth session;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the United Nations Institute for Training and Research will have greater and wider financial support from Member States and organizations.

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31/108. United Nations Conference on Desertification

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3337 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which it decided to initiate concerted international action to combat desertification,

Recalling further its resolution 3511 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the United Nations Conference on Desertification,

Having considered the relevant parts of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its fourth session relating to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 3337 (XXIX),¹³

Noting decision 73 (IV)¹⁴ of 13 April 1976 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme acting in its capacity as the intergovernmental preparatory body for the Conference,

Noting also Economic and Social Council resolution 2013 (LXI) of 3 August 1976,

1. *Urges* Member States to continue to co-operate with the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Desertification in the preparations for the Conference, including the case studies and the proposed transnational activities to combat desertification;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, in addition to his

other responsibilities as Executive Director, to assume the responsibility of Secretary-General of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite:

(a) All States to participate in the Conference;

(b) Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and the work of all international conferences convened under its auspices in the capacity of observers, in accordance with Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974;

(c) Representatives of the national liberation movements recognized in its region by the Organization of African Unity, in the capacity of observers, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974;

(d) The United Nations Council for Namibia to participate as an observer;

(e) The specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as interested organs of the United Nations, to be represented at the Conference;

(f) Interested intergovernmental organizations to be represented by observers;

(g) Interested non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to be represented by observers;

4. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to invite other interested non-governmental organizations that might have a specific contribution to make to the work of the Conference to be represented by observers;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary arrangements are made for the effective participation in the Conference of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 (b) and (c) above, including the requisite financial provisions for their travel expenses and *per diem*;

6. *Decides* to include Arabic as a language of the Conference;

7. *Approves* the provisional agenda for the Conference annexed to the present resolution;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the results of the Conference, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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ANNEX

Provisional agenda for the United Nations Conference on Desertification

1. Opening of the Conference and election of the President.
2. Organization of the work of the Conference:
 - (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (c) Establishment of committees and other sessional bodies;
 - (d) Election of officers other than the President;
 - (e) Credentials of representatives to the Conference: appointment of the Credentials Committee.

¹² Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 14 (A/31/14).

¹³ Ibid., Supplement No. 25 (A/31/25), chap. VII and annex II.

¹⁴ Ibid., annex I.

3. General debate.
4. Processes and causes of desertification.
5. Plan of action to combat desertification.
6. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee.
7. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

31/109. Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3001 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 3128 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973, 3325 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 and 3438 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 on the preparations for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

Considering that solutions to human settlements problems around the world are urgently required,

Bearing in mind the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order¹⁵ and the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States¹⁶ and the importance for the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade of improving human settlements around the world as a major component in improving the quality of life,

Noting that Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements was held at Vancouver from 31 May to 11 June 1976:

(a) To stimulate innovation, serve as a means for the exchange of experience and ensure the widest possible dissemination of new ideas and technologies in the field of human settlements,

(b) To formulate and make recommendations for an international programme in this field which will assist Governments,

(c) To stimulate interest in developing appropriate financial systems and institutions for human settlements among those making financial resources available and those in a position to use such resources, considering that the most appropriate and effective action for dealing with human settlements problems is action at the national level, but that such action will require assistance and co-operation between and among all States,

1. Expresses its appreciation and thanks to the Government of Canada for the excellent organization, facilities and generous hospitality provided for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements;

2. Expresses appreciation to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme for the guidance as well as the generous support it provided for the Conference;

3. Takes note of the report of the Conference, including the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,¹⁷ the recommendations for national ac-

tion¹⁸ and the resolutions for international co-operation,¹⁹

4. Commends the Secretary-General of the Conference on the successful preparation and organization of the Conference;

5. Urges the Governments of all Member States to consider, on a priority basis, the recommendations for national action contained in the report and to take those recommendations into account when reviewing their existing policies and strategies in the field of human settlements;

6. Calls upon the regional commissions and urges all other international organizations within and outside the United Nations system to take intensified and sustained action in support of national efforts, including exchanges of information and assistance, at the request of Governments, in the formulation, design, implementation and evaluation of projects to improve human settlements;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to convene regional meetings, as appropriate, within the framework of the regional commissions, to establish guidelines for the co-ordination, within each region, of action to be taken in order to deal with human settlements and to report to the General Assembly on the results of their deliberations no later than at the thirty-second session;

8. Takes note of the notes by the Secretary-General transmitting reports on the regional meetings already held within the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Economic Commission for Europe.²⁰

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31/110. Living conditions of the Palestinian people

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, 1976,²¹ and the recommendations for national action²² adopted by Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, held at Vancouver from 31 May to 11 June 1976,

Recalling also resolution 3 of the Conference²³ on living conditions of the Palestinians in occupied territories, and Economic and Social Council resolution 2026 (LXI) of 4 August 1976,

Recalling further the recommendation adopted at the Regional Preparatory Conference for Asia and the Pacific, held at Teheran from 14 to 19 June 1975,

1. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the relevant United Nations organs and specialized agencies, to prepare and submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session a report on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories;

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, chap. II.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

²⁰ A/C.2/31/5, A/C.2/31/9.

²¹ *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.

²² *Ibid.*, chap. II.

²³ *Ibid.*, chap. III.

¹⁵ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI); see also resolution 3362 (S-VII) entitled "Development and international economic co-operation".

¹⁶ Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

¹⁷ *Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and corrigendum), chap. I.