

to Combat Desertification⁴⁴ and on the establishment and operation of a special account for financing the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification,⁴⁵

Aware of the urgency for implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification⁴⁶ in view of the acute seriousness of the problem in a large number of countries affected by desertification,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the efforts made to undertake the preliminary arrangements for implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and of the leading role played by the United Nations Environment Programme, in consultation and close co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and other agencies concerned, in the preliminary arrangements undertaken within a short time for the implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations Conference on Desertification and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Desertification;

3. *Takes note also* of the establishment of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control and urges the Group to expedite its work to assist the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme in the mobilization of resources for the formulation and 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;

4. *Reaffirms* its decision to establish in principle a special account within the United Nations for the financing of the national, subregional and regional projects within the framework of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

5. *Invites* the donor countries and international financial institutions to participate actively in the work of the Consultative Group for Desertification Control;

6. *Calls upon* donor countries, as well as upon the international and multilateral financial organizations, to increase their financial and technical assistance to the developing countries engaged in combating desertification, in particular to the least developed among them, in response to their requests for the financing of concrete projects;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to solicit the views of Governments on the additional measures and means of financing for the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and to report on the results to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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⁴⁴ A/33/260.

⁴⁵ A/33/117.

⁴⁶ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

33/90. Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which it established the World Food Council to serve as a co-ordinating mechanism to provide over-all integrated and continuing attention to the successful co-ordination and follow-up of policies concerning food production, nutrition, food security, food trade and food aid, as well as other related matters, by all organizations of the United Nations system,

Further recalling its resolution 32/52 of 8 December 1977, in which it decided to review, at its thirty-third session, the implementation of the Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition contained in the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council,⁴⁷

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fourth session, held at Mexico City from 12 to 15 June 1978,⁴⁸

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/69 of 4 August 1978,

1. *Expresses its appreciation and thanks* to the Government and people of Mexico for the excellent facilities and generous hospitality provided for the World Food Council at its fourth session;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the World Food Council;

3. *Adopts* the Mexico Declaration of the World Food Council⁴⁹ concerning the world food situation and implementation of the Manila Communiqué of the World Food Council: Programme of Action to Eradicate Hunger and Malnutrition;

4. *Expresses its deep concern* at the slow progress in solving the fundamental food problems facing the developing countries, in particular the food priority countries and other developing countries with large food deficits and whose food production situation is still deteriorating;

5. *Endorses* the important recommendations and decisions in the Mexico Declaration concerning urgent necessary action and modalities for increasing food production in the developing countries, improving human nutrition and reducing hunger and malnutrition, assisting the countries of the Sahelian zone of Africa, improving food security, increasing and improving food aid and improving the contribution of trade to the solution of food problems;

6. *Urges* Governments and international organizations to co-operate fully with the World Food Council

⁴⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/32/19), part one, para. 1.

⁴⁸ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/33/19 and Corr.1).

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, part one, para. 1.

in its efforts to identify the major obstacles to increasing food production, to mobilize greater action in this area and to formulate, in close collaboration with developing countries, donor countries and major international financial and development assistance agencies, proposals to overcome obstacles to the mobilization of internal and external resources for this purpose;

7. *Recommends* that the World Food Council, at its fifth session, should give consideration to the impact of trade, including the protectionist measures harming the exports of the developing countries, on the solution of the food problems of the developing countries and put forward specific recommendations thereon;

8. *Urges* Governments to implement fully the recommendation to establish the international emergency reserve of 500,000 tons of cereals as a continuing reserve, with yearly replenishment determined by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, which would be placed at the disposal of the World Food Programme;

9. *Expresses its deep regret and concern* at the suspension of the negotiations to replace the International Wheat Agreement, 1971,⁵⁰ and urges that the Governments participating in those negotiations reach, as a matter of urgency, a definitive agreement and reaffirm their commitment to world food security and that they also, *inter alia*, seek to establish as early as possible an international system of grain reserves of adequate size to provide world food security and reasonable market and price stability;

10. *Urges also* that the new food aid convention, directed towards securing at least 10 million tons of cereals as food aid *per annum*, be concluded and implemented by traditional donor countries and by those in a position to do so as a matter of urgency;

11. *Calls upon* traditional donor countries and those in a position to do so, considering the growing need of the developing countries for agricultural inputs and their increasing costs, to increase their assistance for agricultural inputs, especially fertilizer, through the appropriate bilateral and/or multilateral channels, in particular the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,⁵¹ and also to make substantial contributions to the Seed Improvement and Development Programme and the Action Programme for Prevention of Food Losses of the Food and Agriculture Organization, so as to reach the desirable funding level of \$20 million for each;

12. *Strongly calls upon* donor countries to do their utmost to preserve the nutritional value, in particular the protein element, of their food aid;

13. *Requests* the World Food Council, at its fifth session, taking into consideration the various annual assessments made by the Council, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other bodies and bearing in mind the ongoing preparations for the international development strategy for the third development decade, to undertake a comprehensive mid-decade review and assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the decisions, reso-

lutions and programmes regarding food adopted since the World Food Conference, to formulate action-oriented recommendations thereon and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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33/108. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2951 (XXVII) of 11 December 1972, 3081 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, 3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976 and 32/54 of 8 December 1977,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University⁵² and the report of the Secretary-General,⁵³

Noting decision 5.2.3 of 19 October 1978 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one hundred and fifth session, in which the Board, *inter alia*, emphasized the need for further progress in the strengthening of co-operation between the United Nations University and the agencies of the United Nations system, affirmed its conviction that the development of the University required and deserved greater financial support and reiterated its appeal to Member States to contribute generously to the University Endowment Fund and, additionally or alternatively, to make special contributions for research and training activities,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* that the programme activities of the United Nations University are making steady progress in three priority programme areas—world hunger, human and social development, and use and management of natural resources—and expresses its confidence that the University will continue its intensified efforts for the early achievement of the results that will represent substantial contributions to the solution of the pressing problems of global concern;

2. *Recognizes* that the major activities of the United Nations University are concerned with problems and institutions in developing countries and encourages continuation of that emphasis;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations University to continue to concern itself with various activities taking place in the United Nations system, thereby further developing its co-operative and co-ordinated relationships with relevant agencies and bodies of the system and orienting its programme activities in the direction of the urgent concerns of Member States;

4. *Notes* that fund-raising results have not proved adequate to sustain the programmes of the United

⁵⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 800, No. 11400, p. 45.

⁵¹ Approved by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in its resolution 1/63 of 19 July 1974 (see Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the Council of FAO, Sixty-third Session*, para. 26).

⁵² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/33/31).*

⁵³ A/33/333 and Corr.1.