

developing countries, at their request, for the development of their national environmental legislation;

2. *Urges* all States entitled to become parties, as appropriate, to existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the depositaries of the conventions referred to above to inform the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme periodically of the status of those conventions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to assist States, upon request, in preparing proposals for legislative or other measures necessary for their adherence to conventions in the field of environmental management;

5. *Further requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to keep the General Assembly informed annually of any new international convention concluded in the field of the environment and of the status of existing conventions, with particular reference to ratifications, accessions and entry into force, as well as of the intention to become parties to such conventions expressed by Governments during the year between sessions of the Council.

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### 3437 (XXX). Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2849 (XXVI), of 20 December 1971 and 2994 (XXVII), 2995 (XXVII), 2996 (XXVII), 2997 (XXVII), 3000 (XXVII) and 3002 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972,

*Recalling* its resolutions 3129 (XXVIII), 3131 (XXVIII) and 3133 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973,

*Recalling* the Declaration<sup>25</sup> and the Programme of Action<sup>26</sup> on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, as well as the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,<sup>27</sup> which lay down the foundations of the new international economic order,

*Also recalling* its resolution 3326 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974,

*Reaffirming* that the protection, preservation and enhancement of the environment for present and future generations is a responsibility of all States,

*Having considered* the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session,<sup>28</sup>

*Considering* the need to ensure co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and in implementing its decisions,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its third session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to bear in mind the need for the Programme to be in line with the relevant provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, with the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and with the

decisions of the General Assembly at its seventh special session;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director on co-operation in the field of the environment concerning natural resources shared by two or more States;<sup>29</sup>

4. *Requests* the Executive Director, in consultation with the Governing Council, to continue to implement the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3326 (XXIX) in developing the work programme and the programme activities of the Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director to inform the General Assembly, at its thirty-first session, of action taken pursuant to paragraph 7 of Assembly resolution 3226 (XXIX) of 12 November 1974, regarding co-operation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation;

6. *Requests* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other organization of the United Nations system to continue their active co-operation in carrying out the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme, allocating the necessary priorities and resources for the maximum success of those activities.

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### 3438 (XXX). 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 and 3325 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974 on the preparations for Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements,

*Having noted with appreciation* the earlier report of the Secretary-General called for in decision 4 (I) adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 21 June 1973,<sup>30</sup> and in General Assembly resolution 3128 (XXVIII),<sup>31</sup>

*Recognizing* the important contributions to the preparations for the Conference made by the regional preparatory meetings,

*Noting with satisfaction* the active support given by Governments to the objective of the Conference and the assistance lent to its preparation by interested organs of the United Nations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

*Expressing its appreciation* for decision 37 (III),<sup>32</sup> adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on 23 April 1975 allocating additional funds to the audio-visual programme of the Conference with the view, in particular, of assisting developing countries in the preparation of their audio-visual presentations,

*Recognizing* the importance of ensuring that the global efforts for the improvement of human settlements be supplemented and made more effective by measures and programmes at the regional and subregional levels,

<sup>25</sup> Resolution 3201 (S-VI).

<sup>26</sup> Resolution 3202 (S-VI).

<sup>27</sup> Resolution 3281 (XXIX).

<sup>28</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025).

<sup>29</sup> UNEP/GC/44 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

<sup>30</sup> A/9238.

<sup>31</sup> A/9729.

<sup>32</sup> See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/10025), annex I.