

of international economic co-operation and development in a comprehensive and effective manner,

Recalling, in particular, section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197 on structures for regional and interregional co-operation, through which the General Assembly designated the regional commissions, *inter alia*, as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

Recalling also its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980 on special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s,

Recalling further the Final Act of Lagos,⁸¹ adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its second extraordinary session, devoted to economic matters, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980, which called, *inter alia*, for the establishment of a subregional common market by 1990 as the first step towards the establishment of an African economic community by the year 2000,

Taking note of resolution 311 (XIII) adopted on 1 March 1977 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,⁸² by which the Conference decided to establish a certain number of Multinational Programming and Operational Centres at the subregional level,

Bearing in mind that the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres have become an integral part of the Economic Commission for Africa, through which the Commission effectively carries out its terms of reference not only with regard to studies, research, the organization of meetings and consultations but also with regard to its operational activities as an executing agency,

Emphasizing the importance of the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres for the African countries and the need for substantial and adequate financial and human resources to sustain those activities,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General urgently to seek to provide extrabudgetary resources to enable all the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres to carry out in 1982, at the subregional level, their work programme in the field of general programming, research, studies and the organization of meetings;

2. *Welcomes* the financial support which the United Nations Development Programme has extended to the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres since their inception and urges the Administrator of the Programme to continue with this essential support to the operational activities of the Centres during the third programming cycle, 1982-1986, of the Programme;

3. *Calls upon* other organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to render their fullest support to the activities of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the financing of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres on an established basis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁸¹ A/S-11/14, annex II.

⁸² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council. Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 7*, vol. I (E/5941), part III.

36/179. Interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,⁸³

Conscious of the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as noted in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁸⁴

Recognizing that the application of existing knowledge concerning those interrelationships could lead to a more efficient use of available resources in the United Nations system,

Recalling its resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in paragraph 5 of which it requested the Secretary-General to take the requisite steps for implementation of a system-wide programme of work on the interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/51 of 22 July 1981 and 1981/73 of 24 July 1981,

Aware that the formulation and implementation, at the national level, of policies and strategies in the fields of resources, environment, people and development fall within the prerogative of Governments,

1. *Requests* the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation:

(a) To initiate implementation of a co-ordinated multidisciplinary programme of work on interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, as outlined in his report,⁸⁵ and within this framework the recommendations on this subject of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme⁸⁵ and of the Economic and Social Council;⁸⁶

(b) Urgently to consult Governments on the elements contained in his report, as he proceeds in the implementation of the above-mentioned programme of work;

2. *Supports* the arrangements proposed by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation for interagency consultations and programme support in the implementation of the programme of work, as well as the establishment of a small advisory body, to be financed through the trust fund which has been established for financing activities concerning interrelationships between resources, environment, people and development, to assist him in the over-all guidance of the programme of work and to oversee the operation of the trust fund;

3. *Appeals* to Governments to contribute to the trust fund;

4. *Decides* to review at its thirty-eighth session the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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36/180. Special measures for the social and economic development of Africa in the 1980s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme

⁸³ A/36/571, annex.

⁸⁴ Resolution 35/56, annex, para. 41.

⁸⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/36/25 and Corr.1), annex I, decision 9/1, sect. II.

⁸⁶ See Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/73 of 24 July 1981.