grasshoppers, especially the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and its role in identifying this potential disaster,

1. Expresses its appreciation to donor countries, organizations of the United Nations system and other competent institutions in their efforts to contain the infestation;

2. Urges the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to strengthen its co-ordinating mechanisms and its technical and field operational support for locust and grasshopper control;

3. Endorses and encourages the continued cooperation of local, regional and global organizations and donors in the campaign to control the current threat to agriculture caused by locusts and grasshoppers, including the exchange and dissemination of information on pests and insects;

4. Encourages the donor community to continue to marshal its resources in support of the affected countries to bring locusts and grasshoppers under control;

5. Encourages also the affected countries to continue to ensure that adequate resources are made available to combat these recurrent crises, in particular by strengthening their national plant protection services;

6. Urges all parties concerned to establish and strengthen early warning systems in respect of the affected countries and to co-ordinate their efforts in this regard;

7. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to take catalytic action in raising the consciousness of the world community regarding this potentially disastrous situation;

8. Invites the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit an up-to-date report on the locust and grasshopper infestation to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

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41/186. Inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries

The General Assembly,
Noting Economic and Social Council decision 1986/153 of 11 July 1986, in which the Council endorsed the conclusion and recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries,
Decides to include Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries.

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41/187. Proclamation of the World Decade for Cultural Development

The General Assembly,
Considering recommendation No. 2740 adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies convened by the

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Mexico City in 1982, in which it recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization propose to the General Assembly of the United Nations the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

Considering also resolutions 11.20 of 25 November 198241 and 11.10 of 8 November 198542 adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions, respectively,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/69 of 23 July 1986, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-first session on the question of the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

Taking into account the interest that the international community, including the organizations of the United Nations system, have shown in the proposed decade,

Recognizing that voluntary efforts at the national level by interested individuals and non-governmental and governmental organizations are principal vehicles for advancing the objectives of the decade,

Taking note of the draft plan of action for the world decade for cultural development, submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,43


2. Approves the four main objectives of the Decade: acknowledging the cultural dimension of development; affirming and enriching cultural identities; promoting participation in culture; promoting international cooperation;

3. Invites all States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, and interested individuals to take an active part in the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade and, for that purpose, to make available, on a voluntary basis and taking into consideration their particular situation, priorities and means, the necessary intellectual, human and financial resources;

4. Encourages the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system participating in the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade to do so in a manner that is in accordance with established programme priorities and does not entail additional financial implications for non-voluntarily funded programmes;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure, through the Administrative Committee on Coordination, that activities undertaken by the United Nations system in support of the Decade are co-ordinated in such a manner as to avoid duplication and overlap;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session, on


42 Ibid., Twenty-third Session, vol. 1, Resolutions, sect. III.