

chapter 17, section G, relating to the sustainable development of small island developing States,

Recalling also its resolution 47/186 of 22 December 1992 on specific measures in favour of island developing countries,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/189 of 22 December 1992, in which it decided to convene the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

Reaffirming, in particular, the goals and objectives of the Global Conference identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 47/189, and mindful of the important contribution that their successful accomplishment could make to the promotion of sustainable and environmentally sound development with respect to small island developing States,

Stressing that, because the development options of small island developing States are limited, there are special challenges to planning for and implementing sustainable development, and that small island developing States will be constrained in meeting those challenges without the cooperation and assistance of the international community,

Also stressing the need for the intergovernmental preparatory process for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States to be completed before the Conference itself,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Preparatory Committee for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on its organizational and first sessions;⁷⁸

2. *Decides* to convene the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in Barbados from 25 April to 6 May 1994, including a high-level segment on 5 and 6 May;

3. *Urges once again* that representation at the Conference be at the highest possible level;

4. *Also decides* to convene one day of pre-Conference consultations at the venue of the Conference on 24 April 1994;

5. *Further decides* that the first session of the Preparatory Committee shall be resumed in New York for a period of five working days, from 7 to 11 March 1994, to complete the preparatory work assigned to it in paragraph 11 of resolution 47/189, including the draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States contained in annex III to the report of the Preparatory Committee, and that adequate facilities shall be made available for this purpose within the approved budget limit set for the biennium 1994-1995;

6. *Endorses* Preparatory Committee decisions 1⁷⁹ and 4⁸⁰ concerning the participation of associate members of regional commissions and of non-governmental organizations, including major groups, in the Conference and its preparatory process;

7. *Also endorses* Preparatory Committee decisions 3⁸⁰ and 13,⁸¹ and decides to transmit the provisional rules of procedure and the provisional agenda to the Conference for adoption;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant United Nations agencies and organizations and taking into account the submissions he may receive from bilateral, regional and multilateral donor agencies as well as from non-governmental organizations, to ensure the timely submission to the Preparatory Committee, at its resumed session, of the report requested in decision 11 of the Preparatory Committee;⁸¹

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, to ensure that the goals and purposes of the Conference receive the widest possible dissemination within Member States, non-governmental organizations and national, regional and international media, with a view to encouraging their active contribution to and support for the Conference and its preparatory process;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions made to the voluntary fund established for the purpose of assisting small island developing States and the least developed countries to participate fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, and invites all Member States and organizations in a position to do so to contribute generously to the fund;

11. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", the sub-item entitled "Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the report of the Global Conference.

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21 December 1993*

48/194. United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/192 of 22 December 1992, concerning the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (the Conference),

Noting that the Conference held its organizational session in New York from 19 to 23 April 1993 and its second session, also in New York, from 12 to 30 July 1993,

Noting with appreciation that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has agreed to prepare two information papers, one on the precautionary approach and the other on the concept of maximum sustainable yield,

Welcoming the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made by the Conference during 1993,⁸²

Taking note of the recommendation of the Conference to the General Assembly, as set forth in the report of the Conference on its second session, regarding the convening of two further sessions in 1994,⁸³ required by the Conference in order to complete its work.

Convinced that the widest possible participation in the Conference is important to ensure its success,

1. *Notes* the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Conference should complete its work before the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Approves* the convening in New York of two further sessions of the Conference, to be held from 14 to 31 March 1994 and from 15 to 26 August 1994, in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide services for these two sessions of the Conference, with facilities enabling the Conference to hold two simultaneous meetings during the sessions;

5. *Renews its request* to Governments and regional economic integration organizations to contribute to the voluntary fund established in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 47/192 for the purpose of assisting developing countries, especially those most concerned by the subject-matter of the Conference, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference, and expresses its appreciation for the contributions to the fund made so far;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to delegations as early as possible the information papers being prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the final report on the work of the Conference;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", the sub-item entitled "Sustainable use and conservation of marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks".

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48/195. Assistance to Yemen

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,⁸⁴

Recalling its resolutions 45/193 and 45/222 of 21 December 1990, 46/174 of 19 December 1991 and 47/179 of 22 December 1992 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/62 of 26 July 1991, taking note of Council resolution 1993/58 of 29 July 1993, and recalling decisions 91/19 and 91/20 of 25 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,⁸⁵

Stressing the importance of implementing all relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolu-

tions, and relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Requests the Secretary-General to keep under review the implementation of all relevant resolutions and to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a comprehensive report on that implementation.

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48/196. International assistance to Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/158 of 17 December 1982, 38/205 of 20 December 1983 and 39/192 of 17 December 1984, in which it appealed to all States, the specialized agencies and international development and financial institutions to provide all possible assistance for the development of Sierra Leone,

Recalling also its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Sierra Leone in the list of the least developed countries,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, in which the Council decided to establish, under its authority, the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia to, *inter alia*, monitor compliance with the peace agreement,⁸⁶ including at points on Liberia's borders with Sierra Leone and other neighbouring countries,

Aware that the Government of Sierra Leone, in cooperation with the Governments of the other States members of the Economic Community of West African States, embarked, at the height of the Liberian crisis, upon a peace-keeping/peace-monitoring exercise at Monrovia, capital of neighbouring Liberia,

Aware also of the serious destruction and devastation of the productive areas of the territory of Sierra Leone, and of its economy as a whole, brought about by the spill-over effect of the conflict in Liberia,

Concerned at the consequent devastating effects on the lives and properties of Sierra Leoneans in the eastern and southern provinces, which have resulted in massive outflows of refugees and displaced persons,

Alarmed at the astronomical cost to the Government of Sierra Leone of protecting its territory and people from the spill-over effect of the conflict in Liberia,

Conscious of the need for the international community to assist Sierra Leone in the rehabilitation of its economy and the effective implementation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes, which require the mobilization of substantial resources that are beyond the current means of the country,

Aware that the financial crisis that Sierra Leone is undergoing has led to a slowing down of its economic and social development,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for his efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United