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# **INTRODUCTION**

1. Pursuant to Governing Council decision 14/4 of 18 June 1987 and General Assembly resolution 4/185 of 11 December 1987, the first special session of the Governing Council of the Unted Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was helf at UNEP headquaters, Nairobi, from 14 to 18 March 1988. The Council adopted the present report at the 7th meeting of the session, on 18 March 1988.

#### CHAPTER 1

### ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

# A. Opening of the session

- 2. The first special session was opened by Mr. J. Illueca (Panama), President of the Council.
- 3. In his opening statement, the President reviewed some of the major events related to international co-operation in the field of the environment that had taken place since the fourteeth session of the Council and outlined the main tasks before the Council at its current session.

#### B. Attendance

4. The following states members of the Governing Council 1/ were presented at the session:

Argentina	Indonesia	Syrian Arab Republic
Austalia	Iraq	Thailand
Botswana	Japan	Tunisia
Brazil	Jordan	Turkey
Bulgaria	Kenya	Uganda
Burundi	Mauritania	Ukrainian Soviet
Canada	Mexico	Socialist Republic
Chile	Netherlands	Union of Soviet
China	Nigeria	Socialist Republic
Colombia	Oman	United Kingdom of
Czechoslovakia	Panama	Great Britain and
Denmark	Poland	Northern Ireland
France	Republic of Korea	United States of
Germany, Federal	Senegal	America
Republic of	Sri Lanka	Venezuela
Ghana	Swaziland	Yugoslavia
Greece	Sweden	Zaire
India	Switzerland	Zambia

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1/ The membership fo the Governing Council was determined by elections held at the 93rd plenary meeting of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, on 10 December 1984, the 120th and 123rd plenary meetings of the fortieth session, held on 17 December 1985 and 28 April 1986, and the 98th plenary meeting of the forty-first session, held on 5th December 1986 (decisions 39/310,40/316 and 41/310). At the 97th plenary meeting of its forty-second session, on 11 December 1987, the General Assemby decided to defer elections to the Governing Council until its forty-third session and to extend by one year the term of office of those States member of the Governing Council whose term would expire on 31 December 1987 (decision 42/448).

5. The following States Member of the United Nations but not member of the Governig Council were represented by observers:

Algeria Malawi Austria Maldives Bangladesh Morocco Belgium Norway Burkina Faso Pakistan Costa Rica Peru Cote d' Ivoire Philippines Democratic Kampuchea Portugal Rwanda Djibouti Egypt Saudi Arabia Ethiopia Somalia Finland Spain German Democratic Republic Sudan Guyana Togo

Isreal United Republic of

ItalyTanzaniaKuwaitYemenLesothoZimbabwe

Liberia

6. The following States not a member of the United Nations were represented by an observer:

Holy See

7. The following United Nations bodies and Secretariat united were represented:

United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs

United Nations Information Centre, Nairobi

Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

United Nations Centre for Human Settlement (Habitat)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

The World Food Programme (WFP)

8. The following specializedd agencies or other organization in the United Nations system were represented:

International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Culture Organization (UNESCO)

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was also represented.

9. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented:

Commission of the European Communities

Council for mutual Economic Assistance (CMEA)

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)

League oof Arab States (LAS)

Organization for Econommic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Organization of African Unity (OAU)

- 10. In addition, 12 international non-governmental organizations were represented by observers.
- 11. The following other organizations were represented by observers:

Africa National Congress (ANC)

Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

Pan African Congress of Azania (PAC)

South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)

#### C. Officers

12. Accrding to rule 18 of the rules of procedure, "at the commencement of the first meeting of its regular session, the Governing Council shall elect a President, three Vive-Presidents and a Rapporteur from among its members". Rule 19 provides that the President, Vise-Presidents and Rapporteur shall hold office until their successors are elected (i.e., at the 1st meeting of the next regular session). Accordingly, the following officers, elected at the fourteenth regular session, contained to serve in their respective capacities at the first special session:

President: Mr. J. Illueca (Panama)

Vice-President: Mr. Z. R. Ansari (India)

Mr. C.J. Butale (Botswana)

Mr. D. Protsenko (Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic)

Rapporteur: Mr. P. Sutter (Switzerland)

13. At the opening meeting of the session, the Council was informed that Mr. Ansari (India), Vice-President of the Council, had apologized for being unable to attend the session and had nominated Mrs. M. Bhalla, head of the Indian delegation at the session, to perform his functions in the Bureau.

### D. Credentials

14. In accordance with rule 17, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Bureau examined the credentials of the delegations attending the fourteen session. The Bureau found the Credentials in order and so reported to the Council, which approved the Breau's report at the 7th meeting of the session, on 18 March.

### E. Agenda

- 15. At the opening of the session, the Council adopted the following agenda on the basis of the revised provisional agenda by the Executive Director (UNEP/GCSS.1/1/Rev.1):
  - 1. Opening of the session.
  - 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
  - 3. Credentials of representatives.
  - 4. System-wide medium-term environment programme (1990-1995) and the medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment programme for the period 1990-1995.
  - 5. Proposed revisions to chapter 12 ("Environment") of the current United Nations medium-term plan
  - 6. Adoption of the report
  - 7. Closure of the session.
- 16. The spokesman of the Latin American and Caribbean Group said that his group had no difficulty with the three topics proposed under item 4 and 5 of the agenda but felt that since the Governing Council at its fourteenth session and the United Nations General Assembly at its forty-second session had approved the items "System-wide medium-term environment programme (1990-1995)" and "Revisions to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989" for the current special session, those two topics should be discussed first, after which the medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 1990-1995 could be considered, within the time available at the session.

## F. Organization of the work of the session

17. At the opening meeting of the session, the Governing Council considered and approved the organization of the work of the session in the light of the suggestions made by the secretariat in the ammotations to the revised provisional agenda and the

- timetable of meetings suggested by the Executive Director (UNEP/GCSS.1/1/Rev.1/Add.1).
- 18. The Council also decided to establish an informal, open-ended drafting group under the chairmanship of Ms. D. Protsenk (Ukrainian SSR), with a core membership of representatives from each regional group, in order to reach agreement on revisions amendments to the system-wide medium-term or environment programme( UNEP/GCC.1/2 and Corr.1 and 2), the proposed medium-term plan of the United Envionment Programme (UNEP/GCSS.1/3 and Corr.1), and the proposed **Nations** chapter 12 ("Environment") of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for revisions to period 1984-1989 (UNEP/1/4, annex), and in order to seek consensus on draft decisions the before they were formally considered by the Council.
- 19. At the 6th meeting of the session, the Council decided that, in view of the heavy workload before the drafting group, it would establish another open-ended drafting group, under the chairmanship of the President of the Council, to perform the second function entrusted to the drafting group that has been established at the opening meeting, i.e. to seek consensus on draft decisions before their submission to plenary for formal consideration. The drafting set up at the 1st meeting would continue to seek agreement, the revisions or amendments to the system-wide medium-term environment programme, the proposes medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme, and the proposed revisions to chapter 12 of the United Nations medium-term plan.

## G. Introductory statement by the Executive Director

20. At the opening meeting of the session, the Executive Director made an introductory statement focusing on the main tasks before the Council in the light of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187, in which the Assembly endorsed the Environmenta Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and welcomed the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development entitled <u>Our Common Future</u>. 2/ The full text of the Executive Director's statement is contained in documents UNEP/GCSS.1/6/Add.3 and Corr.1.



<sup>2/</sup> A/42/427, annex.

#### CHAPTER II

# MATTERS REQUIRING THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND/OR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

## A. Action with respect to resolutions of the General Assembly

- 21. In paragraph 1 of its decision SS.1/1 of 18 March 1988, the Governing Council resolved to excercise fully the role expected of it with respect to environmental activities within the United Nations system, the follow-up of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond (see General Assembly resolution 42/186,annex), the report of the World Commission n Environment and Development, 2/ and the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, 3/ in accordace with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.
- 22. The Council also decided, in paragraph 2 of the same decision, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session an item eentiled "Follow-up of the relevant resoluions of the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the General Assembly".
- 23. In paragraph 3 of the same decision, the Council requested the Executive Director, using as appropriate the mechanism of the Designated Officials for Environental Matters, to provide the Council at its fifteenth session with the reports called for in paragraph 10 and 18 of General Assembly resolution 42/187. In paragraph 4 of the same decision, the Council further requested the Executive Director to submit to it at its fifteenth session, for consideration and transmittal as appropriate to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Ecnomic and Social Council, a report containing proposed comments by the Governing Council on the reports referred to in paragraph 3 of the decision and on any other matters concerning progress on sustainable development that fell within the Council's mandate.

# B. Environmental considerations in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade

24. In paragraph 5 of its decision SS.1/1, the Governing Council empphasized its view that sustainable and environmentally sound development strategy, taking into account the recommendations contained in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, and invited the Executive Director to contribute fully and actively in the process of development of the strategy.

The system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, as amended and approved by the Governing Council, is containe in document UNEP/GCSS.1/7/Add.1.

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# C. System-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995

- 25. By paragraph 3 of decision SS.1/3 of 18 March 1988, the Governing Council approved the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, as submitted by the Administrative Committee on co-ordination(UNEP/GCS.1/2 and Corr.1 and 2) and with the amendments proposed by the Bureau, subject to the preparation by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination of a revision of the programme to be presented to the Council at its sixteenth session with a view, inter alia, to reflecting more closesly the structure and recommendations of the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond and the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development in the light of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987.
- 26. By paragraph 11 of the same decision, the Council brought the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995 to the attention of the General Assembly. 3/
- 27. By paragraph 14 of the decision, the Council invited the governing bodies of the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to take fully into account their objectives, plans and programme budgets the relevant aspects of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, while in paragraph 15 it urged the organization of the programme, giving priority to developing countries in each of the programmes areas.

# D. Revisions to the global programe on the environment of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

- 28. In accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assebly 42/185 of 11 December 1987, the Governing Council at its first special session considered appropriae changes to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 and, by paragraph 1 of its decision SS.1/7 of 18 March 1988, took note of the proposed revisions submitted the Executive Director (UNEP/GCSS.1/4, annex).
- 29. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the same decision, the comments of the Council on the proposed revisions are deemed to be the principles and objectives of the medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme, as approved by the Council in its decision SS.1/6 of 18 March 1988.
- 30. By paragraph 3 of decision SS.1/7, the Council requested the Exective Director to transmit the above-mentioned comments, as well as the views expressed by delegations during the Council's deliberations on the proposed revisions, through the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

<sup>3/</sup> The system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, as amended and approved by the Governing Council, is contained in document UNEP/GCSS.1/7 Add.1.

# E. Co-ordination between the United Nations medium-term plan and the system-wide medium-term environment programme

- 31. In paragraph 12 of its decision SS.1/3 of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, the Governing Council expressed its concern about the need to maintain maximum possible co-ordination between the United Nations medium-term plan and the system-wide medium-term environment programme, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 2997(XXVII) of 15 December 1972, which gives the United Nations Environment Programme a co-ordinating role on environmental policies and proogrammes with the United Nations system, and resolutions 4/215 of 21 December 1987, by which the Assembly extended the United Natios medium-term pan for the period 1984-1989 to include 1990-1991.
- 32. In the saem vein, by paragraph 4 of decision SS.1/7 on proposed revisions to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, the Governing Council recommended to the General Assembly that the global programme on the environment of the United Nations medium-term plan beginning in 1992 should be structured along the lines of the system-wide medium-term environment programme to ensur uniformity of content and to facilitate co-ordnation of the envornmental activities being undertaken by the United Nations system in the light of Assembly reslutions 42/86 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987.

# F. Support for the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation

33. By section 1 of its decision SS.1/5 of 18 March 1988, the Governing Council urged the Governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations system to give priority to the provision of financial and technical assistance for the effective implementation of each of the programme area of the Cairo Programme for Africa Co-operation.4

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<sup>4/</sup> Report of the African Ministeria; Conference on the Environment on the work of its first sesson 9UNEP/AEC.1/2), annex 1, resolution 1/1, sect.1.

<u>Proposed revisions to the global programme on the environment of the extended Unted Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 (decission SS.1/7)</u>

- 53. A draft decision on this subject was submitted by the Bureau (UNEP/GCSS.1/L.35/Rev.1).
- 54. The President announced that the Bureau wished to revise paragraph 2 of the draft by inserting the words "the principles and objectives of" before the words "the medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme" in the first line of the paragraph.
- 55. The draft decision, as orally revised, was adopted by consensus.

### **ANNEX**

# Decisions adopted by the Governing Council at its first special session

Decision Date of Title adoption number Page SS.1/1 Programme policy and implementation 18 March 1988 14 SS.1/2 The 1990 state-of-the environment 18 March 1988 15 report SS.1/3 System-wide medium-term environment 18 March 1988 16 programme for the period 1990-1995 SS.1/4 Regional land subregional programmes 18 March 1988 19 in Latin America and the Caribbean SS.1/5 Support for the Cairo Programme for 18 March 1988 20 African Co-operation SS.1/6 18 March 1988 21 Medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 1990-1995 SS.1/7 18 March 1988 22 Proposed revisions to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Nations mediumterm plan for the period 1984-1989

### SS.1/1. Programme policty and implementation

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972.

<u>Recalling</u> also the resolutions adopted by the Council at its session of a special character in 1982. <u>1/</u>

<u>Having considered</u> General Assembly resolutions 42/184 of 11 December 1987, on International co-operation in the field of the enviornment, 42/185 of 11 December 1987, on the biennial cycle of sessions of the Governing Council of United Nations Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 42/187 of 11 Decembere 1987, on the report of the World Commissio on Environment and Development, and 42/193 of 11 December 1987, on preparation of the new international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade.

<u>Having also considered</u> the introductory report of the Executive Director, 2/ his introductory statement 3/ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, 4/

<u>Bearing in mind</u> its decision SS.1/3 of 18 March 1988, on the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995.

- 1. <u>Resolves</u> to exercise fully the role expected of it:
- (a) With respect to environmental activities within the United Nations system, as set forth by the General Assembly in resolution 2997 (XXVII) and by the Governing Council in section VI, paragraph 3 of resolution 1 of 18 May 1982, adopted at its session of a special character:
- (b) With respect to the follow-up of the Environmental perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/186;
- (c) With respect to the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, welcomed by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/187;
- (d) With respect to the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, in accordance with section 1, paragraph 2 (b), of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII):

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- <u>Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Suppliment No. 25</u> (A/37/25), part one, annex 1.
- 2/ UNEP.GCSS. 1/6 and Corr. 1 and 2.
- 3/ UNEP/GCSS.1/6 and Add.3 and Corr.1.
- 4/ UNEP/GCSS.1/5
- Decides ti include in the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session of item entiled "Follow-up of the relevant resolutions of the forty-second and forty-third sessions of the General Assembly";
- 3. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Director, using as appropriate the mechanism of the Designated Officials for Environmental Matters, to provide the Council at its fifteenth session with the following documents:
- (a) Reports made available to the Council by the governinf bodies of organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in accordance with paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 42/187, on progress made in their organizations towards sustainable development;
- (b) The report prepared by the Secretary-General, in accordance with paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 42/187, on efforts by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to pursue sustainable development;
- 4. <u>Further requests</u> the Executive Director to submit ot it at its fifteenth session, for consideration and transmittal as appropriate to th General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report containing proposal comments by the Governing Council on the reports referred to in paragraph 3 above and on any other matters concerning progress on sustainable development that fall within the Council's mandate;
- 5. Emphasizes its view that sustainable and environmentally sound developmet should be one of the main objectives of the new international development strategy, taking into account the Environment Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 5/ and also the analysis and recommendations contained in the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, 6/ and invites the Executive Director to contribute fully and actively in the process of development of the strategy nd to keep the Council and its Committee of Permanent Representatives informed of developments.

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SS.1/2. The 1990 state-of-the-environment report

The Governing Council

<u>Recalling</u> its decisions 13/9 D of 24 May 1985, in which it decided, inter alia, that state-of-theenvironment reports should, in general, alternate in successive years between a report on economic and social aspects of the environment and a report on environmental data and assessment.

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- 5/ Genral Assembly resolution 42/186, annex.
- 6/ A/42/427, annex.

<u>Recalling further</u> its decision 14/9 B of 18 June 1987, in which it decided, <u>inter alia</u>, that the 1989 state-of-the environment report should be an update of the 1987 report on the state of the world environment.

<u>Having considered</u> the proposal of the Executive Director 7/ that the topic for the state-of-the environment report for 1990 should be "Childre and the environment".

- 1. <u>Decides</u> that the topic of the state-of-the-environment report for 1990 should be "Children and the environment";
- 2. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Director to prepare the report in close co-operation with the United Nations Children;s Fund;
- 3. <u>Further requests</u> the Executive Director to submit a detailed outline of the report to it at its fifteenth session so that delegations may comment upon it.

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# SS.1/3. <u>System-wide medium-term environment programme</u> for the period 1990-1995

#### The Governing Council.

<u>Having considered</u> the proposed system-wde medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, 8/1 submitted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987.

<u>Having noted</u> the proposed goals that could be achieved by Governments by the 1995 with the support of the United Nations system, 9/

<u>Having also considered</u> the 1987 report by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 4/ and the introductorty report of the Executive Director, 2/

<u>Recognizing</u> in the light of previous experience, that the system-wide medium-term environment programme is a valuable mechanism for the co-ordintio of environmental activities within the United Nations system.

<u>Convinced</u> that system-wide medium-term environment programme should particulary take into account the statements contained in the Environmental perspective that environmental issued are closely intertwined with development

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- 7/ UNEP/GCSS.1/6 and Corr.1 and 2, para. 28.
- 8/ UNEP/GCSS.1/2 and Corr.1 and 2.
- 9/ UNEP/GCSS.1/2/Add.1.

policies and practices, that consequently environmental goals and actions need to be defined in relation to development objectives and polices and that, although it is important to tackle immediate environmental problems, anticipatory and preventive policiess are the most effective and economical in achieving environmentally sound development, 10/

<u>Convinced further</u> that the reports which the governing bodies of the organs, organizations and programme of the Unied Nations system are invited to submit not later than 1989, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 42/187, on progress made in their organizations towards sustainable development, would make a valuable contribution to the further development of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995.

- 1. <u>Takes note with appreciation</u> of the 1987 report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;
- 2. <u>Expresses its appreciation</u> to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for its efforts in formulating the proposed system-wide medium-wide environment programme, which reflects a collective effort of the United Nations system;
- 3. <u>Approves</u> the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, as submitted by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and with the amendments proposed by the Bureau, II/ and subject to paragraph 4 below;
- 4. <u>Decides</u> that at its fifteenth session it will provide the Administative Committee on Coordination with its views as policy quidance for a revision of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995 to be presented to the Council at its sixteenth session, with a view, inter alia, to reflecting more closely the structure and recommandations of the Environmental Perspective to the Yeaar 2000 and Beyond and the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development 6/ in the light of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187, and with a view to identifying the cross-references between sources of environmental problems and subject-matter environmental sectors;
- 5. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Director to seek in 1988 the views of Governments on revisions to be made to the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995 and to report to it at its fifteenth session on those views;
- 6. <u>Invites</u> the Administrative Committee on Co-ordinaion to prepare, for submission to the Council at its sixteenth session, a revised system-wde medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995, reflecting the guidance of the Governing Council and the endeavours of the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations

system towards environmentally sound and sustainable development, endeavours which are to be described in the reports to the General Assembly called for by the Assembly in its resolutions 42/186 and 42/187;

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- Genera Assembly resolution 42/186, annex, paras. 3 (e) and (f).
- 11/ UNEP/GCSS.1/L.31 and Corr.1 and Add.1-5.
- 7. <u>Decides</u> to add a new sub-item (c) to the present item 6 of the provisional agenda of its fifteenth session, 12/ to be entitled "Guidelines for the revision of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995";
- 8. <u>Decides</u> to recommend to the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that it should arrange for an evaluation of the first sustem-wde medium-term environment programme (1984-1989) for submission to the Council at its sistenth session in the light of the preparatory work for a revision of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995;
- 9. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Direcor to brig the approved system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995 to the attention of all Governments and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;
- 10. <u>Calls upon Governments</u>, interrgovernmental organizations and international nongovernmental organizations to give their full support and co-operation to the implementation of the system-wide medium-term environment programme;
- 11. <u>Brings</u> the system-wide medium-term environment programme foor the period 1990-1995 to the attention of the General Assembly;
- 12. Expresses its concern to the General Assembly about the need to maintain maximum possible co-ordination between the Unitted Nations medium-term plan and the system-wide medium-term environment programme, in the light of General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, which gives the United Nations Environment Programme a co-ordinating role on environmental policies and programmes within the United Nations system, and resolution 42/215 of 21 December 1987, by which the Genera Assembly extended the United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989 to include 1990-1991;
- 13. <u>Take note</u> of the proposal goals that could be achieved by Governments by 1995 with the support of the United Nations system,9/ as presented by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination;
- 14. <u>Invites</u> the governing bodies of the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to take fully into account in their objective, pland and programme budgests the relevant aspects of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-995:
- 15. <u>Urges</u> the organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate closely in the implementation of the system-wide medium-term envionment programme, giving priority t o developing countries in the implementation of the strategies in each of the programme areas;

16. <u>Notes</u> the decision of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination that the Designated Officials for Environmental matters should have responsibility for

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<u>12</u>/ See the report of the Governing Council on the work of its fourtheeth session (Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second session, supplement No.25 (A/42/25 and Corr.1), annex, other decisions, p.95.

conducting a qualitative evaluation of the system-wide medium-term environment programme; 13/

- 17. <u>Endorses</u> the need expresed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination 14/ to develop suitable monitoring procedures for the system-wide medium-term environment programme;
- 18. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Director to continue to pursue active consultations with the executive heads of the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the development and effective implementation of the system-wide medium-environments programme;
- 19. <u>Requests</u> the Executive Director to report to the Governing Council at its regular sessions on progress in the implementation of the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-995.

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#### SS.1/4. Regional and subregional programmes in Latin America and the Caribbean

#### The Governing Council..

Recalling its decisions 13/21 of 23 May 1985, 13/32 of 24 May 1985 and 14/21 of 18 June 1987.

<u>Taking into account</u> the results of the Extraordinaty Intergovernmental Meeting of the Action Plan for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Areas of the South-East Pacific, held at Bogota in April 1987, and of the XIX Regular Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, held at Quito in December 1987.

Noting that the medium -term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme for the period 1990-1995 15/ includes among its objectives the continuation and ehancement of regional and interregional co-operation in the management of marine regions.

Bearing in mind that the system-wide medium-term environment programme for the period 1990-1995 8/ also includes among its objectives the maintenance and enhancement of the quality of regional marine environments and the achievement of the sustainable use of the resources of marine regions.

1. <u>Expresses its appreciation</u> to the United Nations Environment Programme for its involvement with and support for the Action Plan for the Protection of the

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- 13/ UNEP/GCSS.1/5, para. 22.
- 14/ UNEP/GCSS. 1/2 and Corr.1 and 2, para.400.
- 15/ UNEP/GCSS.1/3 and Corr.1.

addressed" and "strategies" of the medium-term plan for the United Nations Environment Programme and the proposed targets for the Environment Programme and to circulate this note prior to the fifteenth session of the Council;

- 6. <u>Considers</u> the targets proposes for the United Nations Environment Programme for 1995
- to be management guidelines for monitoring the performance of the secretariat of the Environment Programme.

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SS.1/7. <u>Proposed revisions to the global programme on the environment</u> for the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989

#### The Governing Council

<u>Having considered</u> the Executive Director's proposes revisios to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989, 20/

<u>Bearing in mind</u> General Assembly resolution 42/215 of 21 December 1987, in which the General Assembly decided to extend the current United Nations medium-term plan for a future two-year period.

- 1. <u>Takes note</u> of the proposed revisions to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Natons medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;
- 2. <u>Considers</u> that the principles and obejctives of the medium-term plan of the United Nations Environment Programme for the priod 1990-1995, as approved by the Council in its decision SS.1/6 of 18 March 1988, constitute the comments of the Council on the proposed revisions to the global programme on the environment of the extended United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1984-1989;
- 3. Requests the Executive Director to forward the comments of the Governing Council, as well as the review expressed by delegations during the Council's deliberations on the proposed revisions, through the Committee on Programme and Co-ordination, to the General Assembly at its forty-third session;
- 4. <u>Recommends</u> to the General Assembly that the global programme on the environent of the United Natons medium-term plan beginning in 1992 be structured along the lines f the system-wide medium-term environment programme to ensure nformity of content and to

facilitate co-ordination of the enviornmental activities being undertaken by the United Nations system in the light of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187 of 11 December 1987.

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20/ UNEP/GCSS.1/4, annex.

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