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ASSISTANCE TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND FOLLOW-UP
TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION

United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and
rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

DRAFT DECISION SUBMITTED BY MALAWI

The Governing Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/159 of 19 December 1977, 33/133 of 19 December 1978 and 34/16 of 19 November 1979, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978/37 of 21 July 1978 and 1979/51 of 2 August 1979,

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the priority medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region requires that the international community should continue and strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery efforts and economic take-off of those countries,

Considering that in its resolution 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, the General Assembly requested the developed countries and the Specialized Agencies of the

United Nations to grant those countries affected by the drought, which do not enjoy them, benefits similar to those given to the least developed countries with respect to the specific consequences of the drought and until those consequences are eliminated,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,^{1/}

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;^{1/}
2. Commends the Administrator for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;
3. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, United Nations system agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region and urges them to continue;
4. Authorizes the Administrator to continue to grant the countries of the Sahel affected by the drought, which do not enjoy them, the benefits given to the least developed countries until the consequences of the drought are eliminated;
5. Urges all Governments to make special efforts to enable UNSO to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the countries member States of CILSS;
6. Requests the Administrator to continue to enhance the capacity of UNSO to respond effectively to the priority requirements of the States members of CILSS through the use of resources available in the Programme, particularly UNFPA, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Fund for Natural Resources Exploration.