

**UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME**

Distr.
LIMITED

DP/L.344/Add.2
22 June 1981

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

GOVERNING COUNCIL
Twenty-eighth session
June 1981
Agenda item 12

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND
REGULAR SESSION, 1981

Draft report of the Governing Council on its twenty-eighth session

Rapporteur: Mr. Anton Baramov (Bulgaria)

Chapter V, sections G and H

OTHER FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES

G. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked
Developing Countries

1. For its consideration of agenda item 7 (g), the Council had before it a report of the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries (DP/541).
2. At its 721st meeting, the Deputy Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme introduced the report of the Administrator. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in documents DP/SR.721, 722 and 724.
3. At its 724th meeting the Council approved the recommendations contained in paragraph 14 of document DP/541. The text of the approved recommendation appears in the annex below as decision 81/3.

H. Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa and follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Desertification

4. For its consideration of agenda item 7 (h), the Council had before it the following documents:

(a) Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, report of the Secretary-General (A/36/208);

(b) United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, note by the Administrator (DP/542);

(c) Implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region, report of the Administrator (DP/543);

(d) Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa, report of the Administrator (DP/544).

5. At its 721st meeting, the Assistant Administrator and the Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa introduced the report of the Administrator contained in DP/544. At the same meeting, the Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) introduced the Secretary-General's report contained in A/36/208, as well as the report of the Administrator contained in DP/543. The views expressed during the Council's consideration of this item are contained in documents DP/SR.721, 722 and 724.

6. At its 724th meeting, the Council adopted the draft decision sponsored by the Gambia, Guinea and Niger as contained in document DP/L.346. The text of the decision appears in the annex below as decision 81/4.

7. At its 724th meeting, the Council also adopted the draft decision sponsored by the Gambia, Guinea and Niger contained in document DP/L.348, as orally amended. The text of the decision appears in the annex below as decision 81/5.

8. At its 724th meeting, the Council also adopted the draft decision sponsored by the Gambia, Guinea and Niger as contained in document DP/L.349. The text of the decision appears in the annex below as decision 81/6.

ANNEX

Decision 81/3. United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries

The Governing Council,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the United Nations Special Fund for land-locked Developing Countries (DP/541);

2. Appeals, in the light of General Assembly resolution 35/58 on the specific action related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries and the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade as it pertains to land-locked developing countries, to all countries to review their position with respect to the fund and to contribute urgently and generously to it; and

3. Requests the Administrator to report henceforth on the activities of the Fund on a biennial basis, with the first of such reports to be presented to the Governing Council at its June 1983 session.

724th meeting

19 June 1981

Decision 81/4. Implementation of the plan of action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the plan of action to combat desertification as an integral part of the general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the region on an ecologically sound basis,

Stressing that desertification is both a major form of environmental degradation and an obstacle to development in fragile ecosystems characterized by low and erratic rainfalls,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the plan of action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/543), and of the statement by the Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;

/...

2. Commends the Administrator for the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, acting on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme and within the joint UNEP/UNDP venture, in implementing the plan of action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

3. Endorses decision 9/22 B of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to add Benin to the list of countries eligible to receive assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in implementing the plan of action to combat desertification;

4. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the administrative and programme costs of the joint UNEP/UNDP venture in full partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme with a view to ensuring the timely and effective provision of assistance, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in combating desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

5. Urges all Governments, organizations, organs and other bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and private organizations, to intensify their assistance either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, in response to the priority requirements of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

6. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the implementation of the plan of action to combat desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

724th meeting

19 June 1981

Decision 81/5. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Governing Council,

Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, which are among the least developed countries, make it necessary for the international community to continue to strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery and rehabilitation efforts, and of the economic development of those countries,

/...

Expressing its deep concern over the severe living conditions of the Sudano-Sahelian people and the continuing critical food situation in the region,

Welcoming the initiative of the Administrator to include the United Nations Trust Fund for Sudano-Sahelian Activities in the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, with a view of expanding and intensifying the mobilization of the resources needed for the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel,

1. Notes with satisfaction the decisive role being played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO) in helping to combat the effects of the drought through the mobilization of resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS);

2. Takes note with satisfaction of 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/

3. Commends the Administrator for the results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and for his continuing priority attention to the pressing needs of the drought-affected Sudano-Sahelian countries;

4. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, 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;

5. Calls upon all Governments to make special efforts to enable the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), including voluntary contributions to be made at the 1981 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

6. Invites the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel with a view to hastening the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

1/ A/36/208.

7. Requests the Administrator to continue to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond effectively in the field to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel through the greater use of resources available to the Programme, particularly the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Revolving Fund for Natural Resources Exploration;

8. Further requests the Administrator to continue to report to the Governing Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

724th meeting

19 June 1981

Decision 81/6. Assistance to drought-stricken countries in Africa

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator (DP/544 and Corr.1) in the light of the recent information from the Assistant Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Director of the Regional Bureau for Africa given in the statement of the former, as well as other information given during the debate by representatives of drought-stricken African countries,

Noting with anxiety that drought continues to wreak havoc in several parts of Africa,

1. Takes notes with appreciation of the report of the Administrator and of the additional information given during the debate;

2. Requests the Administrator to continue to report on the drought situation in Africa; and

3. Appeals to the international community to give drought-stricken African countries generous emergency assistance that will enable them to cope with the situation created by the persistence and spread of drought.

724th meeting

19 June 1981