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ADDENDUM

As indicated in paragraph 4 of DP/1982/WG/I.1, the Chairman of the Working Group is circulating, in the Annex to this document, further texts for consideration by the Working Group as a possible basis for draft decisions.

ANNEX

Agenda item 6(i)(i)

Draft decision on Implementation of the Plan of Action to
Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian Region

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region (DP/1982/45),

Conscious of the need for the speedy implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region as an integral part of general efforts to promote the economic and social development of the region on an ecologically sound basis,

Fully aware of 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,

1. Requests the Administrator to continue to support the administrative and programme costs of the joint UNEP/UNDP venture, according to principles previously established and 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;

2. Urges all Governments, intergovernmental and private organizations, to intensify their assistance through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, bilaterally or through any other intermediary, in response to priorities of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region.

Agenda item 6(i)(ii)

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

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General (A/37/209 and Add.1),

Recognizing the decisive role being played and the significant results achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office 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,

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,

1. Urges Governments to strengthen their support to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel, including voluntary contributions to be made at the 1982 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

2. Requests 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.
