REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Addendum

Agenda item 8 (d). United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

The Governing Council,

Having considered the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1988/49),

Noting the contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in the alleviation of the effects of drought through medium- and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programmes and in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the various measures and efforts initiated in order to optimize the role and contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to address the pressing problems posed by drought and desertification;

2. Takes note with satisfaction of the in-depth study on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, carried out in accordance with the decision of the Administrator, as noted in Governing Council decision 87/40 of 18 June 1987, and notes the main conclusions contained therein, including the general orientation and frame of reference for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office activities;

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3. **Welcomes** the renewed efforts and measures to intensify support and collaboration with the countries and organizations concerned, including, in particular, the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought and Development, and takes note of the concrete steps taken to ensure a regional representation in the Inter-Governmental Authority on Drought and Development area on par with that in existence in the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel area;

4. **Further welcomes**, the emphasis being given by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to Government execution of projects, and further encourages the Office to initiate new measures, as appropriate, to provide the best possible assistance to recipient countries;

5. **Encourages** the Administrator, in connection with the follow-up by the United Nations Development Programme of General Assembly resolution 42/187 on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, to capitalize on the experience and potential of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as regards environmental issues;

6. **Renews** its appeal to Governments, organizations and individuals to initiate, continue or increase contributions to the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as well as to earmarked project activities, and to make use of its services;

7. **Requests** the Administrator to continue to report annually to the Governing Council on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.