The Governing Council,

Welcoming the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, entitled "Our Common Future", which stresses the interdependence between economic, social, environmental and other factors related to development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 42/187 on the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development,

Also recalling, General Assembly resolution 42/186 on the Environmental Perspective to the Year 2000 and Beyond, bearing in mind UNEP's essential role within the United Nations System in catalyzing environmentally sound and sustainable development,

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Recalling further its decision 87/10 affirming the importance of improved management of the environment and the supportive role that UNDP can play in this area,

1. **Recognizes** that the effects of resource use and environmental damage are global in nature and that it is in the common interest of all countries to pursue policies aimed at sustainable and environmentally sound development;

2. **Considers** that concern for environmentally sustainable development is integral to the development process and should be taken into account in the design of development strategies and programmes;

3. **Emphasizes** in this regard particularly the need to take measures to eliminate mass poverty, which is often at the root of environmental degradation;

4. **Stresses** the need for additional financial resources and strengthened technical co-operation for the purposes set out in paragraphs 14 and 15 of General Assembly resolution 42/187;

5. **Welcomes** the initiatives taken by UNDP to strengthen its capacity to promote sustainable and environmentally sound development;

6. **Requests** the Administrator to assist recipient countries, at their request, and in accordance with their national development plans, priorities and objectives, to enhance their capacity to integrate environmental concerns into their development strategies and programmes;

7. **Requests** the Administrator to review the programming instruments of the UNDP, such as the programme advisory note, the country programme formats, mid-term reviews and evaluations, with a view to ensuring the appropriate treatment of the sustainability issue in development programmes;

8. **Requests** the Administrator to pay particular attention to the need for education, training and research on the relationship between environment and development;

9. **Requests** the Administrator to report on the manner in which the executing agencies that design, implement and evaluate projects funded with UNDP resources take environmental issues into account in deployment of these resources;
10. **Requests** the Administrator to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of this decision in preparation for its report to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 42/186 and paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 42/187;

11. **Invites** the Administrator to bring to the attention of other United Nations organizations the activities undertaken by UNDP aimed at contributing to sustainable development.