DRAFT DECISION

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,

Recalling its decision 87/40 of 18 June 1987 by which, inter alia, the Council took note of the decision of the Administrator to ask the new Director to make a study of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office,

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

2. Commends the Administrator and the Director of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office for carrying out an in-depth study on the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office;
3. Takes note of the main conclusions of the study, including the general orientation and frame of reference for the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office activities;

4. 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;

5. Further welcomes, in the context of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office's project activities, the emphasis being given to Government execution as well as the innovative efforts being made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to ensure that it can provide the best possible assistance to Governments in this connection;

6. Renews its appeal to Governments, organizations and individuals to increase or initiate contributions to the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office's general resources as well as for earmarked project activities;

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