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22/12. Brussels Declaration and Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

The Governing Council,

Recalling the endorsement by the General Assembly, in its resolution 55/279 of 12 July 2001, of the Brussels Declarationⁱ and Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,ⁱⁱ as adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels from 14 to 20 May 2001,

Recalling further resolution 2002/33 of 26 July 2002 of the Economic and Social Council, General Assembly resolutions 56/227 of 24 December 2001 and 57/276 of 17 December 2002, in which the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations were invited to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 within their programmes of work,

1. Notes with appreciation the support given by the United Nations Environment Programme to the least developed countries;
2. Stresses the importance of coordination and cooperation with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;
3. Resolves that the United Nations Environment Programme should continue to give special attention to the least developed countries as well as to landlocked developing countries and small island developing States in its programme activities, with a focus on the effective implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action within the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme;
4. Invites the Executive Director to take the necessary steps to ensure that implementation of the Programme of Action is fully included in the programme activities of the United Nations Environment Programme as well as in its intergovernmental processes within the mandate and available resources of the United Nations Environment Programme.

10th meeting
7 February 2003

i A/CONF.191/12.

ii A/CONF.191/11.