

grasshoppers, especially the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and its role in identifying this potential disaster,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to donor countries, organizations of the United Nations system and other competent institutions in their efforts to contain the infestation;

2. *Urges* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to strengthen its co-ordinating mechanisms and its technical and field operational support for locust and grasshopper control;

3. *Endorses and encourages* the continued co-operation of local, regional and global organizations and donors in the campaign to control the current threat to agriculture caused by locusts and grasshoppers, including the exchange and dissemination of information on pests and insects;

4. *Encourages* the donor community to continue to marshal its resources in support of the affected countries to bring locusts and grasshoppers under control;

5. *Encourages also* the affected countries to continue to ensure that adequate resources are made available to combat these recurrent crises, in particular by strengthening their national plant protection services;

6. *Urges* all parties concerned to establish and strengthen early warning systems in respect of the affected countries and to co-ordinate their efforts in this regard;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to take catalytic action in raising the consciousness of the world community regarding this potentially disastrous situation;

8. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to submit an up-to-date report on the locust and grasshopper infestation to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1987.

*100th plenary meeting  
8 December 1986*

**41/186. Inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* Economic and Social Council decision 1986/153 of 11 July 1986, in which the Council endorsed the conclusion and recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning regarding the inclusion of Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries,

*Decides* to include Kiribati, Mauritania and Tuvalu in the list of the least developed countries.

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**41/187. Proclamation of the World Decade for Cultural Development**

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* recommendation No. 27<sup>40</sup> adopted by the World Conference on Cultural Policies convened by the

<sup>40</sup> See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *World Conference on Cultural Policies, Mexico City, 26 July-6 August 1982, Final Report (CLT/MD/1, Paris, November 1982)*, part V

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Mexico City in 1982, in which it recommended that the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization propose to the General Assembly of the United Nations the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

*Considering also* resolutions 11.20 of 25 November 1983<sup>41</sup> and 11.10 of 8 November 1985<sup>42</sup> adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its twenty-second and twenty-third sessions, respectively,

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/69 of 23 July 1986, in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-first session on the question of the proclamation of a world decade for cultural development,

*Taking into account* the interest that the international community, including the organizations of the United Nations system, have shown in the proposed decade,

*Recognizing* that voluntary efforts at the national level by interested individuals and non-governmental and governmental organizations are principal vehicles for advancing the objectives of the decade,

*Taking note* of the draft plan of action for the world decade for cultural development, submitted by the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,<sup>43</sup>

1. *Proclaims* the period 1988-1997 the World Decade for Cultural Development, to be observed under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

2. *Approves* the four main objectives of the Decade: acknowledging the cultural dimension of development; affirming and enriching cultural identities; broadening participation in culture; promoting international cultural co-operation;

3. *Invites* all States, intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, and interested individuals to take an active part in the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade and, for that purpose, to make available, on a voluntary basis and taking into consideration their particular situation, priorities and means, the necessary intellectual, human and financial resources;

4. *Encourages* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system participating in the fulfilment of the objectives of the Decade to do so in a manner that is in accordance with established programme priorities and does not entail additional financial implications for non-voluntarily funded programmes;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, that activities undertaken by the United Nations system in support of the Decade are co-ordinated in such a manner as to avoid duplication and overlap;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to report biennially to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session, on

<sup>41</sup> See United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-second Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, sect. II.

<sup>42</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-third Session*, vol. 1, *Resolutions*, sect. III.

<sup>43</sup> E/1986/L.30, annex.