of international economic co-operation and development in
a comprehensive and effective manner.

Recalling, in particular, section IV of the annex to res-
olution 32/197 on structures for regional and interregional
cooperation, through which the General Assembly design-
ated the regional commissions, inter alia, as the main
general economic and social development centres within the
United Nations system for their respective regions,

Recalling also its resolution 35/64 of 5 December 1980
on special measures for the social and economic develop-
ment of Africa in the 1980s,

Recalling further the Final Act of Lagos, adopted by
the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the
Organization of African Unity at its second extraordinary
session, devoted to economic matters, held at Lagos on 28
and 29 April 1980, which called, inter alia, for the estab-
lishment of a subregional common market by 1990 as the
first step towards the establishment of an African economic
community by the year 2000.

Taking note of resolution 311 (XIII) adopted on 1 March
1977 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Com-
mission for Africa, by which the Conference decided to estab-
lish a certain number of Multinational Programming and
Operational Centres at the subregional level.

Bearing in mind that the Multinational Programming and
Operational Centres have become an integral part of the
Economic Commission for Africa, through which the Com-
misson effectively carries out its terms of reference not
only with regard to studies, research, the organization of
meetings and consultations but also with regard to its op-
erational activities as an executing agency,

Emphasizing the importance of the activities of the Mul-
tinational Programming and Operational Centres for the
African countries and the need for substantial and adequate
financial and human resources to sustain those activities,

1. Calls upon the Secretary-General urgently to seek to
provide extrabudgetary resources to enable all the Mul-
tinational Programming and Operational Centres to carry
out in 1982, at the subregional level, their work programme
in the field of general programming, research, studies and
the organization of meetings;

2. Welcomes the financial support which the United
Nations Development Programme has extended to the Mul-
tinational Programming and Operational Centres since their
inception and urges the Administrator of the Programme to
continue with this essential support to the operational ac-
tivities of the Centres during the third programming cycle,
1982-1986, of the Programme;

3. Calls upon other organs, organizations and bodies of
the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental
and non-governmental organizations, to render their fullest
support to the activities of the Multinational Programming
and Operational Centres;

4. Invites the Secretary-General, in consultation with
the Administrator of the United Nations Development Pro-
gramme and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Com-
mission for Africa, to submit to the Economic and Social
Council, at its second regular session of 1982, a report on the
financing of the Multinational Programming and Op-
erational Centres on an established basis;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Gen-
eral Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report on the
implementation of the present resolution.

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36/179. Interrelationships between resources, environ-
ment, people and development

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General for
Development and International Economic Co-operation on
interrelationships between resources, environment, people
and development,\(^ {81} \)

Conscious of the interrelationships between resources,
environment, people and development, as noted in the In-
ternational Development Strategy for the Third United Na-
tions Development Decade,\(^ {84} \)

Recognizing that the application of existing knowledge
concerning those interrelationships could lead to a more
efficient use of available resources in the United Nations
system,

Recalling its resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980, in
paragraph 5 of which it requested the Secretary-General to
take the requisite steps for implementation of a system-wide
programme of work on the interrelationships between re-
sources, environment, people and development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/
51 of 22 July 1981 and 1981/73 of 24 July 1981,

Aware that the formulation and implementation, at the
national level, of policies and strategies in the fields of
resources, environment, people and development fall within
the prerogative of Governments,

1. Requests the Director-General for Development and
International Economic Co-operation:

(a) To initiate implementation of a co-ordinated mul-
tidisciplinary programme of work on interrelationships be-
between resources, environment, people and development, as
outlined in his report,\(^ {85} \) and within this framework the rec-
ommendations on this subject of the Governing Council of
the United Nations Environment Programme\(^ {86} \) and of the
Economic and Social Council;\(^ {86} \)

(b) Urgently to consult Governments on the elements
contained in his report, as he proceeds in the implementation
of the above-mentioned programme of work;

2. Supports the arrangements proposed by the Director-
General for Development and International Economic Co-
operation for interagency consultations and programme
support in the implementation of the programme of work,
as well as the establishment of a small advisory body, to
be financed through the trust fund which has been estab-
lished for financing activities concerning interrelationships
between resources, environment, people and development,
to assist him in the over-all guidance of the programme of
work and to oversee the operation of the trust fund;

3. Appeals to Governments to contribute to the trust
fund;

4. Decides to review at its thirty-eighth session the pro-
gress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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36/180. Special measures for the social and economic
development of Africa in the 1980s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of
1 March 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme

\(^{81}\) A/36/571, annex.

\(^{82}\) Resolution 35/56, annex, paras. 41.


\(^{84}\) See Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/73 of 24 July 1981.