

Annex I

Resolutions Adopted by the Conference at its Third Session

The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment

A. General objectives

1. reaffirms its commitment to the implementation of the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation, which seeks to strengthen co-operation between African governments in economic, technical and scientific activities, with the prime objective of halting and reversing the degradation of the African environment in order to satisfy the food and energy needs of the peoples of the continent;
2. further reaffirms that, in implementing the Cairo Programme, full account should be taken of the role of population variables, particularly the effect of displaced populations and refugees on the environment, and that particular emphasis should be given to the inter-linkages between population and resources as they affect environment and development.

B. Organizational and institutional matters

1. requests the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to support the temporary secretariat of the Conference and to explore the possibility of assigning clearly specified activities of the Cairo Programme to each of these organizations;
2. authorizes the Secretariat to submit to the ECA and OAU specific proposals on activities that could be carried out by them in support of the work plan of the Secretariat;
- ( 3. requests the Bureau to submit to the OAU through appropriate channels the decisions and resolutions of the Third and future Sessions of AI4CEN and invites the Council of Ministers to take into consideration the decisions contained therein with a view to urging African governments to act on these decisions;
4. calls upon the Secretary General of the OAU to support the UNEP regional office for Africa and its structures by requesting the Assembly-of Heads of State or Government, through the Council of Ministers, to devote special attention to the concerns of AMCEN;
5. decides to hold the Fourth Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment in 1991 in an African country that offers to host the meeting. If no such offer is received, the Conference will be held after two years in Nairobi in conjunction with the session of the Governing Council of UNEP;

6. requests governments to submit to future sessions of the Conference national reports on the status of the implementation of the Cairo Programme and on other activities of relevance;
7. endorses the election of the Bureau of the African Technical Regional Environment Group (ATREG) consisting of the five central focal points of the sub-regional environment groups;
8. calls for a re-assessment of AMCEN's operational and organizational structures, particularly its Committees and Networks, incorporating a clear definition of their terms of reference and interlinkages and emphasizing the efficient and cost effective operations of AMCEN's organs.
9. decides that no further ANCEN organs apart from the Committee on African Island Ecosystems should be established until the agreed re-assessment has been completed and submitted to the Fourth Session;
10. requests the secretariat to submit a report on this re-assessment to the Fourth Session of the Conference in 1991;
11. requests the Bureau and the Secretariat to strengthen the ATREG National Focal Points as a means of assisting governments in the elaboration of environmental strategies and their integration in national development plans.
12. calls upon ATREG to draw up an inventory and evaluation of all regional and sub-regional organizations involved in environmental questions in Africa so as to take these activities into account in AMCEN's activities and their harmonization within the Cairo Programme;

C. Operational arrangements for the four Committees of the Conference

1. endorses the creation of the Committee on African Island Ecosystems, in accordance with the recommendation made by the environment experts of the African islands of the East African Sub-regional Environment Group (EASREG);

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2. endorsed the terms of reference and the proposed work plans of the ANCEN Committees as amended;

D. Regional technical co-operation networks on environment and development

1. requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Conference Bureau and the Inter-Agency Working Group, to continue to support the Networks and their Regional Co-ordination Units so as to make them fully operational as soon as possible;

2. notes the concern expressed by the Inter-Agency Working Group that governments had not made full use of the United Nations mechanisms and procedures available to them at the national level to obtain, in particular, technical assistance from locally-based representatives of United Nations bodies;
3. endorses the recommendations of the Committee on Seas to recognize the existing networks of African national institutions participating in the four regional seas action plans as AKCEN regional network for the protection and development of the coastal and marine environment;
4. requests the secretariat to undertake an evaluation of the existing science and technology and genetic resources institutions and networks and to submit it to the Bureau for consideration and recommendation to the Conference on the selection of the RCU for each Network;
5. decides to locate the RCU's of the Networks within the institutions already functioning as the RCUs and to locate the RCU of the Climatology Network within the WMO Regional Office for Africa in Bujumbura until the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) in Niamey commences functioning;
6. further decides currently to locate the RCU for the Environmental Education and Training Network in Nigeria, working in close collaboration inter alia with the institutions proposed by Sudan and Zimbabwe;
7. endorses ATREG's proposal that the issue of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes should be addressed by the Network on Science and Technology, that of pesticides by the Soils and Fertilizers Network and wildlife by the Genetic Resources Network;

#### E. Inter-Agency Working Group

1. requests the secretariat to continue to maintain the necessary contacts with United Nations bodies to ensure that the support of the Group is provided as effectively as possible;
2. endorses the IAWG's request to the secretariat to continue to promote awareness among competent government and non-governmental bodies, as well as among development agencies and organizations both within and outside the United Nations system represented at the country, sub-regional and regional levels, regarding the importance of implementing the Cairo Programme of Action in general and the village and stock-raising projects in particular;
3. further requests the secretariat to draw up memoranda of understanding with the United Nations bodies members of the Inter-Agency Working Group outlining their role in the implementation of the Programme;
4. welcomes the commendable support provided by the members of IAWG, individually and collectively, to the AMCEN programme and requested the IAWG

to continue doing so, particularly by allocating from available resources necessary funds in support of the Cairo Programme;

F. Village and stock-raising pilot projects

1. requests the secretariat to continue to assist governments in the design and formulation of pilot projects and in securing financial support from donors to governments;

calls upon governments to provide information to the secretariat on the status of funding and implementation of the pilot projects on a semi-annual basis;

3. urges governments that have not yet approached donor representatives in their countries through the normal channels of bilateral co-operation to do so and to inform the secretariat of the outcome of such contacts and of any assistance which might be required;

4. further requests governments to consider the integration of the pilot projects, national plans of action to combat desertification, and national conservation strategies in national plans for economic and social development;

5. endorses the IAWG's recommendation to seek the co-operation of IAWG members in preparing a format which could be used by all concerned in seeking or providing relevant information for the establishment of a computerized' data base focussed on the pilot projects to provide analytical information for use in future AMCEN projects, as well as to determine the advantages of the AMCEN approach;

6. welcomes the following recommendations of the IAWG:

With regard to pilot projects, in examining ways in which members of the IAWG could intervene and provide technical assistance in project formulation, the IAWG:

(i) reaffirmed the willingness of its members to co-operate with governments in the design of pilot projects;

(ii) urged governments to make full use of:

(a) their usual channels of communication with United Nations agencies,

(b) the co-ordination role of the offices of UN resident co-ordinators;

(iii) called on AMCEN focal points to establish closer working relationships with representatives of United Nations bodies in their respective countries in order to facilitate greater

involvement of the United Nations system in the implementation of national components of the Cairo Programme of Action, especially with regard to:

- (a) the development of local capabilities in project design and implementation,

(b) monitoring the implementation of pilot projects;

(iv) recommended that, as appropriate and where the requesting government has satisfied inter alia criteria such as the selection of sites, readiness to use national expertise and local skills, counterpart inputs, identification of funding sources, etc., the ANCEN secretariat should approach United Nations Representatives with a view to organizing programming missions aimed at providing on-the-ground assistance/guidance with regard to project design, implementation and monitoring. The members of the IAWC-expressed their willingness to be associated, within the limits of their mandates and resources, with such joint programming missions, which should also seek the participation of funding agencies;

(v) proposed that, in addition to national officials and ANCEN-selected experts, agencies funding ANCEN-related projects should be fully involved in monitoring;

7. requests the Secretariat, in co-operation with the Inter-Agency Working Group, to explore the possibility of organizing a regional workshop in 1990 for managers/co-ordinators of pilot village and stock-raising zone-projects which would have been in operation for at least six months so as to facilitate exchange of information and experience for effective implementation and evaluation of the pilot projects in the various ecological zones of the African region and to submit to the fourth session of the ANCEN a report on the results and recommendations of the workshop.

#### G. The role of African Women

1. endorses the recommendations of the Regional Symposium on the Environment of the Nile basin: Role of Women, and those of the African Womans' Assembly on Sustainable Development as contained in documents UNEP/AEC/RSPW/1 and UNEP/AWASDl/1;

2. requests the Secretariat to promote initiatives aimed at associating women in sustainable development efforts and to note in particular the regional women's workshops on arid lands (Dakar, Senegal, April 1989) sponsored by Unesco with UNEP's co-sponsorship and in this connection to urge the Secretariat to use the outputs of such workshops in the determination of the role of women in ANCEN activities.

3. further requests the Committees to take measures to put into effect the recommendations made by the African Woments Assembly on Sustainable Development and to report to the Fourth Session of the Conference on the status of implementation of the Assembly's report;

4. urges the Secretariat to continue to support women's activities and to encourage ANCEN organs to pay greater attention to grass-roots programmes involving women;

#### H. Financial arrangements

1. urges Governments to step up their efforts in order to ensure that the financial obligations falling upon them as a result of the undertakings given during the first session of the Conference are honoured by all African governments;
2. calls upon all governments that have not yet finalized arrangements for earmarking funds from their IPF contributions or other sources in support of the Cairo Programme to do so as early as possible and to notify the secretariat accordingly;
3. requests Governments to mobilize funds from their own resources or other resources to cover the costs of organizing and convening Committee meetings and to provide initial funding for some of the priority projects of the Committees;
4. further requests governments to provide the necessary financial support from their own national resources or other resources to make the Networks fully operational;
5. appeals to governments to support the Cairo Programme through the secondment of staff to assist in the implementation of the activities of the secretariat, the Networks, Committees and pilot projects and cover the travel cost and fees of seconded staff in full or in part as may be agreed upon by governments concerned and the Secretariat.
6. calls upon donor governments, aid agencies and multilateral development institutions to extend strong financial support to the Networks;
7. requests governments to cover the cost of their participation in meetings of the Conference and its various organs;
8. calls upon governments to include the ANCEN pilot village projects in their national development plans;
9. urges governments to include the ANCEN pilot projects in their priority programmes and to make available the necessary local financial component;
10. further requests the Executive Director to write to Ministers for Foreign Affairs of African governments, being the official channels of communication, with copies to the Ministers for Finance/Planning and for the Environment, and also to use other channels of communication, urging them to include their national activities under the Cairo Programme of Action as priority programmes, to allocate the necessary financial support and to ensure their inclusion in government priority lists for negotiating aid from various donors;
11. calls upon bilateral donors, as well as multilateral development and financing organizations, to allocate soft loans or grants under umbrella programmes to support the Cairo Programme of Action, with priority given to the least-developed countries, ensuring that funds provided are mainly utilized in the recipient country and

limiting funds spent on feasibility studies and expertise from outside Africa to the minimum.

I. Emerging environmental issues

1. notes that the global warming effect may result in a rise of the sea level, the destruction of forest cover, changes in the zonal pattern of traditional crops, an increase in the occurrence of droughts and floods, an increase in the number of environmental refugees and friction between neighbouring countries;
2. further notes that the depletion of the ozone layer causes serious health implications, damage to marine food, unpredicted changes in regional and global climates;
3. takes note that the uncontrolled release of hazardous wastes and toxic chemicals in the environment resulting from industrial, agricultural and domestic activities causes chronic and acute health and environmental hazards;
4. reiterates the deep concern expressed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and their Ministers for Foreign Affairs on the dumping of hazardous wastes on the African Continent.
5. requests the OAU authorities to declare its decision at the next session of the OAU with regard to the Basle Global Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes;
6. notes that the depletion of biological diversity will result in the inability of the land to maintain the essential ecological processes and its life support systems and consequently reduce the rate of sustainable agricultural and industrial growth;
7. request the Council of Ministers of OAU to continue urging governments to take necessary action with regard to the African Convention on the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.
8. requests governments to contribute, through participation in ( environmental action plans, conventions and protocols, etc., to international efforts exerted to address emerging environmental problems;
9. further requests the Bureau to consider the role of the Cairo Programme in addressing these emerging problems.

J. Recommendations by the Conference to the Governing Council of UNEP at its fifteenth session

Decided to submit to the Governeng Council of UNEP at its fifteenth Session a memorandum which will inter alia contain specific requests for its consideration.