

Annex I

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE AT ITS SECOND SESSION

2/1. Regional technical co-operation on the
environment in Africa

The African Ministerial Conference on the Environment,

A. General objectives

Reaffirms its commitment to the implementation of the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation, 1/ 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;

B. Organizational and institutional matters

1. Decides to extend the mandate of the present Bureau until the third session of the Conference

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2. Further decides to hold its third session in 1989 in conjunction with the session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi;

3. Decides that future sessions of the Conference could be held outside Nairobi if an appropriate offer is made by an African Government, and further requests the secretariat to prepare and circulate to the African Governments a paper setting out the cost implications and other responsibilities to be borne by the Government making the offer;

4. Adopts the draft rules of procedure as recommended by the Conference Bureau; 2/

5. Requests each African Government to designate a national focal point to be responsible for matters relating to the Cairo Programme;

6. Decides to establish an African Technical Regional Environment Group to be composed of all national focal points with the following terms of reference:

(a) To serve as a technical advisory group of African experts to the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment,

(b) To assist the Conference secretariat in identifying and formulating elements and/or proposals for decision by the Conference;

1/ Conference resolution 1/1, section I.

7. Requests the Bureau to take note of the report of the second meeting of the African Subregional Environment Groups, held in Nairobi on 2 and 3 June 1987; 3/
8. Requests the Executive Director to further consult with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa regarding the best manner in which the two organizations can support the secretariat of the Conference;
9. Notes section III of resolution 578 (XXI) of 19 April 1986 of the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa, by which the Conference of Ministers decided to recommend that the existing Joint Intergovernmental Regional Committee on Human Settlements and the Environment of the Economic Commission for Africa should serve as a technical advisory working group of African experts to the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment;

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

1. Endorses the recommendation of the Bureau that priority attention should be given to the networks on environmental monitoring, climatology, water, soils and fertilizers, and energy; 4/
2. Further endorses the selection by the Bureau of the following institutions or organizations to perform the task of regional co-ordination units for the above networks for an initial maximum period of one and a half years:

(a) Environmental monitoring	United Nations Environment Programme/Global Environmental Monitoring System
(b) Climatology	Regional Office for Africa of the World Meteorological Organization Bujumbura, Burundi)
(c) Soils and fertilizers	Soils Research Institute, Kumasi, Ghana, to be supported by the Regional Office of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in Accra, Ghana, and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria

4/UNEP/AEC/2/2, para. 33.

(d) Energy	Renewable Energy Research Centre
(e) Water	Dakar, Senegal Water Research Centre, Cairo, Egypt

3. Requests the Executive Director, in consultation with the Conference Bureau and the Inter-Agency Working Group, to give the networks and their regional co-ordination units the support needed to make them fully operational as soon as possible;
4. Authorizes the Bureau of the Conference to decide on the permanent arrangements for the regional co-ordination units for the five networks and to bring the remaining three networks (genetic resources, science and technology, and environmental education and training) into operation as and when it deems appropriate and in this respect to give top priority to the network on environmental education and training;

D. Operational arrangements for the four Committees of the Conference

1. Endorses the amendments to the general terms of reference of the Committees as approved by the Bureau; 6/
2. Further endorses the distribution of the priority 7/ subregional activities among the Committees as approved by the Bureau and in a manner that will benefit all parts of the region;
3. Requests the Bureau to finalize:
 - (a) The composition of the Committees;
 - (b) Their detailed terms of reference;
 - (c) The workplans of the Committees;
 - (d) The priority subregional activities recommended by the Bureau for early attention;
 - (e) The budget proposals of the Committees;
4. Further requests the Bureau to examine the possibility of establishing a committee or other appropriate organ on island ecosystems;

6/ Ibid, chap. II, sect. A., and annex IV.

7/ Ibid, annex V.

E. Priority subregional activities

1. Approves the priority 8/ subregional activities selected for implementation by the Committees and urges Governments to support these activities;
2. Requests the Bureau, in co-operation with the Executive Director of UNEP, to continue to explore possibilities for obtaining additional funding for the priority subregional activities;

F. Village and stock-raising pilot projects

1. Endorses the decision of the Bureau that the secretariat should proceed to arrange support for pilot projects based on the following criteria: 9/
 - (a) That the Governments have earmarked indicative planning figures and/or other voluntary contributions;
 - (a) That the Governments have identified, and transmitted information on, villages and/or semi-arid stock-raising zones;
2. Urges the Governments to ensure that all necessary scientific, technical and financial resources from local and external sources are mobilized for the village and stock-raising pilot projects so that the start of the implementation is reported to the Conference at its third session;
3. Requests the President of the Conference and the Bureau members in co-operation with the Executive Director to continue with their efforts to obtain additional funding for these projects from within and outside the United Nations system;
4. Appeals to all Governments that have not done so already to fulfil the necessary conditions for these projects to begin in their countries;
5. Requests countries that already have experience with projects of this kind to share such experience with other countries in the region;

G. Inter-Agency Working Group

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Inter-Agency Working Group for its contribution so far;
2. Approves the recommendations of the Inter-Agency Working Group that have been accepted by the Bureau at its second meeting and as reflected in annex II of the report of the Conference on the work of its second session;

3. Requests the secretariat to maintain the necessary contacts with the agencies/organizations and the regional co-ordination units of the relevant networks to ensure that the support of the Group is provided as effectively as possible;
4. Further requests the Inter-Agency Working Group to intensify efforts in support of the implementation of the Cairo Programme;

H. Financial arrangements */

1. Strongly appeals to 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 before the end of 1987;

2. Urges Governments who have not yet done so to finalize arrangements for earmarking funds from their indicative planning figure contributions or other sources in support of the Cairo Programme and to notify the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme accordingly before the end of 1987;

3. Authorizes the Bureau in consultation with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to convene a meeting of donors in conjunction with the next meeting of the Bureau, if possible, to which would be presented village and stock-raising projects finalized by the Governments concerned with clear indications of:

Ca) Objective;

Cb) Span of implementation;

Cc) Expected output and its use;

Cd) Role of public participation;

Ce) Itemized budget indicating the national component, with confirmation that the budget is already approved by the Government concerned;

*/ Burkina Faso, Gabon, Niger and Tunisia expressed reservations concerning paragraphs 1 and 2 of this section.

I. Environmental education and training

1. Urges Governments to take all necessary measures to implement the Programme of Action on Environmental Education and Training in Africa, 10/ jointly sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. Decides that the secretariat of the Conference should obtain detailed information from all member States on institutions that could serve as a regional centre dealing with environment and natural resource use for consideration by the Bureau at its next meeting;

J. Recommendations by the Conference to the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fourteenth session

Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fourteenth session:

Ca) To welcome the Cairo Programme for African Co-operation and consider it directly relevant to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 11/ adopted by the General Assembly at its thirteenth special session;

(b) To consider that the activities selected for priority implementation from among those referred to in the Cairo Programme should be supported by the United Nations Environment Programme, within available resources.

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10/ UNEP/WG.~87/4, pp. 7-30.

1.1/ General Assembly resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, annex.