

**UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3436 (XXX) -  
CONVENTIONS AND PROTOCOLS IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

The General Assembly,

*Recalling* the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, adopted at Stockholm on 16 June 1972, which was intended, *inter alia*, to promote international law in the field of the environment,

*Recalling with appreciation* decisions 24 (III) of 30 April 1975 and 35 (III) of 2 May 1975 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Expressing the conviction* that the development of adequate environmental law is an essential supporting measure for the implementation of the policies, strategies and recommendations of the United Nations Environment Programme,

*Noting with satisfaction* that a number of global and regional conventions and protocols in the field of the environment have been negotiated and adopted since the adoption of the Declaration of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,

*Concerned* that existing international conventions or protocols in the field of the environment have not yet received the wide acceptance and application they deserve,

*Convinced* of the need for further elaboration of conventions and protocols in the field of the environment,

1. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to take such measures as may be necessary for the realization of the objectives and the implementation of the strategies relating to the programme of the United Nations Environment Programme in the field of national and international environmental law and, in particular, to take measures designed to provide technical assistance to developing countries, at their request, for the development of their national environmental legislation;

2. *Urges* all States entitled to become parties, as appropriate, to existing conventions and protocols in the field of the environment to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the depositaries of the conventions referred to above to inform the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme periodically of the status of those conventions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to assist States, upon request, in preparing proposals for legislative or other measures necessary for their adherence to conventions in the field of environmental management;

5. *Further requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to keep the General Assembly informed annually of any new international convention concluded in the field of the environment and of the status of existing conventions, with particular reference to ratifications, accessions and entry into force, as well as of the intention to become parties to such conventions expressed by Governments during the year between sessions of the Council.

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