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Environment and sustainable development: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Guyana* and Mexico: draft resolution

International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 52/200 of 18 December 1997 and 53/185 of 15 December 1998 and reiterating Economic and Social Council resolutions 1999/46 of 28 July 1999 and 1999/63 and 30 July 1999 on the successor arrangements for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

Recalling also paragraph 20 of the report of the Secretary-General on successor arrangements for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,¹

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon² and the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventh session,³

Having also considered the report on the conclusions and recommendations of the first Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts on El Niño, held at Guayaquil, Ecuador, from 9 to 13 November 1998, and the feasibility study for the establishment of an international research centre on the El Niño Southern Oscillation,⁴

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ A/54/497.

² A/54/135-E/1998/88.

³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 9 (E/1999/29)*.

⁴ A/54/135-E/1999/88, annex II.

2. *Welcomes* the 1999 retrospective report on the El Niño Southern Oscillation prepared by the World Meteorological Organization;⁵

3. *Reiterates* the invitation made by the General Assembly to Member States in paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 52/200, in relation to the technical and financial assistance needed to strengthen the national capacity of developing countries to support observation and research systems at the global and regional levels to prevent, mitigate and repair the damage caused by the El Niño Southern Oscillation;

4. *Welcomes* the recommendations of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventh session regarding the approach the United Nations system and the international community should take in dealing with the El Niño Southern Oscillation, and reiterates the invitation to Member States to cover in their annual national reports the impact of the El Niño Southern Oscillation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures for the establishment of the international research centre on El Niño at Guayaquil, Ecuador, and calls upon the international community to provide financial, technical and scientific assistance and cooperation for this purpose;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue the full implementation of General Assembly resolutions 52/200 and 53/185, as an integral part of the agreed arrangements after the conclusion of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit, through the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eighth session and the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2000, a report on the implementation of the present resolution, under the item entitled “Environment and sustainable development”.

⁵ Ibid., annex I.