



Sixtieth session

Agenda item 40

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The General Assembly,

Seriously concerned by the fires in the affected territories, which have inflicted widespread environmental damage,

1. *Stresses* the necessity to urgently conduct an environmental operation to suppress the fires in the affected territories and to overcome their detrimental consequences;
 2. *Welcomes* the readiness of the parties to cooperate to that end and *considers* such an operation to be an important confidence-building measure;
 3. *Takes note* of the OSCE intention to organize a mission to the region to assess the short-term and long-term impact of the fires on the environment as a step for preparation of the environmental operation;
 4. *Calls upon*, in this regard, the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme, in cooperation with the OSCE, to provide all necessary assistance and expertise, including, inter alia, the assessment of and counteraction to the short-term and long-term impact of the environmental degradation of the region, as well as in its rehabilitation;
 5. *Requests* the Chairman in Office of the OSCE to provide a report on this matter to member States of the General Assembly by 30 April 2007.
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