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Algeria expressed hope that UNCSD would result in a concrete programme of action with time-bound measures, specified funding sources, and a follow-up mechanism.