

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,¹¹⁶

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the efforts made to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme drawn up by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

3. *Takes note* of the establishment of the Club des amis du Sahel, whose purpose is to assist in the implementation of the current programme, adopted at Ouagadougou by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and of the enlarged programme deriving from the economic and social development strategy to be adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

4. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably and in a continuing manner, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests made by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between United Nations programmes and bodies with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his action aimed at mobilizing the financial resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term projects identified by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council.

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31/181. Recapitalization of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and replenishment of the International Development Association

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and

the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,

Recalling also its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, in particular section II, paragraph 5, thereof, in which it stressed that, in order to enlarge the pool of resources available for financing development, there was an urgent need to increase substantially the capital of the World Bank Group, in particular the resources of the International Development Association, to enable it to make additional capital available to the poorest countries on highly concessional terms,

Taking note of the statement made by the President of the World Bank Group at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors held at Manila from 4 to 8 October 1976, in which he referred to the need for a substantial increase in the resources of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, to enable those institutions to continue to expand their lending to developing countries,

Recalling further its resolution 3387 (XXX) of 13 November 1975 in which it emphasized that the fifth replenishment of the International Development Association should promote a substantial increase in real terms in the resources of the Association,

I

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

1. *Expresses concern* at the slow progress in negotiations for the fifth replenishment, which threatens the commitment authority of the International Development Association;

2. *Urges* all traditional donors and others to support the fifth replenishment of the International Development Association;

3. *Emphasizes* the critical need for concessionary funds for financing development in developing countries, particularly in the least developed among them;

4. *Considers* it essential that negotiations for the fifth replenishment of the International Development Association be completed early in 1977 to replenish the Association at a substantially higher level than that of the fourth replenishment;

5. *Urges* that donor countries consider arrangements to ensure that the commitment authority of the International Development Association will not be disrupted at the end of the current replenishment period, namely, 30 June 1977;

II

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. *Calls upon* all members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development to support urgently a substantial increase in its capital in order to ensure adequate levels of lending to developing countries, thereby enabling it to maintain and enhance its role as an effective development financing institution;

2. *Expresses concern* over the impact of the hardening of the lending terms of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and urges that those terms be promptly reviewed.

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¹¹⁶ A/31/259.