

medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. *Strongly urges* all Governments to make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, including voluntary contributions through the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

5. *Endorses* the urgent request addressed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1980/51 of 23 July 1980 to all United Nations organs, agencies and programmes to increase their assistance through joint undertakings with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries, for the implementation of their recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes;

6. *Calls upon* all Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to requests for assistance from the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and from the Committee itself;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue to strengthen its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel with a view to the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme and of priority projects;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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### 35/87. Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the Central African Republic

*The General Assembly,*

*Deeply concerned* about the serious damage suffered by the economic and social infrastructure of the Central African Republic,

*Affirming* the urgent need for international action to assist the Government of the Central African Republic in its efforts for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country,

*Bearing in mind* the concern expressed by Member States about the situation in the Central African Republic and their interest in the expeditious return of the country to normal conditions of life and in its reconstruction and development,

*Noting* the statements made by the Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central

African Republic to the General Assembly on 12 October 1979<sup>174</sup> and 9 October 1980,<sup>175</sup>

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts exerted by the Government and people of the Central African Republic for national reconstruction, rehabilitation and development;

2. *Urgently appeals* to all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international economic and financial institutions to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the Central African Republic;

3. *Requests* Member States and the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to grant special treatment to the Central African Republic;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to organize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Central African Republic to enable it to meet its long-term and short-term needs with respect to reconstruction, rehabilitation and development;

5. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund—to increase their current and future programmes of assistance to the Central African Republic, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist that country;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to open a special account for the Central African Republic, within the framework of the United Nations Trust Fund for Special Economic Assistance Programmes, for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to the Central African Republic and urges Member States and international financial institutions to contribute generously to that account;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to dispatch a mission to the Central African Republic with a view to holding consultations with the Government on the additional assistance which it needs for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country and to communicate the report of the mission to the international community;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate financial arrangements are made for the organization of an effective international programme of assistance to the Central African Republic and for the mobilization of international assistance;

9. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of the Central African Republic.

<sup>174</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Plenary Meetings, 32nd meeting, paras. 40-129.*

<sup>175</sup> *Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Plenary Meetings, 31st meeting, paras. 49-66.*

lic and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 August 1981;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, of the assistance granted to the Central African Republic;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation in the Central African Republic under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/88. Special economic assistance to Benin

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered*, under the item entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance", the request of 13 October 1980 of the Government of Benin,<sup>176</sup>

*Recalling* the provisions of Security Council resolutions 404 (1977) of 8 February 1977, 405 (1977) of 14 April 1977 and 419 (1977) of 24 November 1977, and in particular paragraph 5 of resolution 419 (1977) in which the Council appealed to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to assist Benin to repair the damage caused by the act of aggression,

*Recalling* the report of the Secretary-General of 29 September 1978 on assistance to Benin,<sup>177</sup>

*Noting* that, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 419 (1977), the Security Council decided to remain seized of the question,

*Having heard* the statement made by the representative of Benin before the Second Committee on 4 November 1980, on the serious economic problems of that country,<sup>178</sup>

*Taking note* of the special situation of Benin, which is among the least developed countries,

1. *Appeals* to Member States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide effective and continuous financial, material and technical assistance to Benin so as to help that country overcome its financial and economic difficulties;

2. *Requests* the competent organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Benin, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist that country;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take steps to re-evaluate the specific economic problems encountered by Benin and, in consultation with the Government, to establish an international programme of assistance to meet the specific economic and development needs of the country;

(b) To mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Benin;

(c) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to organize an international programme of assistance to Benin to mobilize that assistance;

(d) To report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981 on the progress achieved in the mobilization of assistance to Benin and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/89. Assistance to Djibouti<sup>179</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 34/124 of 14 December 1979, in which it called upon the international community to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance to enable it to cope with its special economic hardship,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 32/93 of 13 December 1977 and 33/132 of 19 December 1978, in which it, *inter alia*, expressed its deep concern at the situation prevailing in Djibouti and strongly appealed to Member States and to the international institutions concerned to give effective and sustained assistance to that country and requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General of 12 September 1980,<sup>180</sup> to which was annexed the report of the mission which he sent to Djibouti in response to General Assembly resolution 34/124,

*Noting with concern* that the prolonged drought has caused a heavy loss of livestock, depriving a large number of people of their livelihood, and that the influx of refugees, together with the drought, has put serious strains on the fragile economic, social and administrative infrastructure of the country,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Djibouti;

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>180</sup>

3. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance already provided or pledged to Djibouti by Member States and organizations of the United Nations system;

4. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the critical economic situation confronting Djibouti, to the assistance immediately needed for the victims of the drought and to the list of urgent short-term and long-term projects submitted by the Government of Djibouti for financial assistance as described in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

5. *Renews its appeal* to Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international economic and financial institutions to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally,

<sup>176</sup> A/35/538-S/14219.

<sup>177</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1978*, document S/12873.

<sup>178</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 37th meeting*, paras. 48-59.

<sup>179</sup> See also sect. X.B.3, decision 35/423.

<sup>180</sup> A/35/415.