

of the United Nations,¹¹⁵ which explains in more detail the nature of famine and the means of eradicating it in Africa.

Noting with appreciation the assistance provided to African countries through bilateral and multilateral channels, *inter alia*, by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the World Bank and other competent organizations,

Recognizing the vital role played by transport infrastructure in food situations, particularly in emergency food situations,

Recognizing the useful contribution that the effective execution of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa can make to the improvement of the food situation, in particular, and to the rapid over-all development of Africa,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on food problems in Africa¹¹⁶ and expresses its concern at the inadequacy of the results achieved in the implementation of its resolution 35/69;

2. *Urges* all the countries of Africa to implement, in accordance with their national development programmes and priorities, measures to increase substantially their food and agricultural production;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to continue to support efforts undertaken by African countries at the national, subregional and regional levels to increase food production through, *inter alia*, the provision, on a priority and long-term basis, of additional financial and technical assistance to Africa by organizations of the United Nations system, such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations involved in the financing of agricultural development, and through an increase in lending by the World Bank to the agricultural sector in Africa;

4. *Stresses* that international assistance should not only take the form of food aid and the corresponding additional support but, more important, should also support national efforts for the restoration and development of agricultural production, specifically crops and livestock, in the regions affected;

5. *Urges* Governments and the international organizations concerned to provide the necessary technical, financial and food assistance to food security projects in the region, especially in the countries of the Sahel and the Sudano-Sahelian countries, in the framework of their own activities, including strengthening the Food Security Assistance Scheme of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations through the participation of current and prospective donors;

6. *Calls* for the urgent consideration of the adoption of a positive and flexible approach to the financing of agricultural development by external institutions and Governments, which would finance, *inter alia*, recurrent expenditure in connection with investment and the cost of factors of production, and for the granting of concessional terms as appropriate;

7. *Recognizes* the role of the international community, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme in mobilizing food aid and agricultural assistance in Africa, and requests existing and new donor countries to increase the resources required to meet African needs for food aid and agricultural development;

8. *Recommends* that the Programme for the Control of African Animal Trypanosomiasis and Related Development, endorsed by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its twentieth session in its resolution 8/79 of 28 November 1979, should be implemented on an urgent basis under the over-all co-ordination of that organization and with the active financial and technical support of the international community;

9. *Urges* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their activities in Africa to assist Governments, *inter alia*, in the areas relating to food production, agricultural processing, integrated research and extension services;

10. *Also urges* the international community to assist countries in the African region to achieve, by 1985, the following goals:

(a) A significant improvement in their food situation and the laying of the foundations for the attainment of self-sufficiency in cereals, livestock and fish;

(b) Significant progress towards attaining a 50 per cent reduction in post-harvest losses, through, *inter alia*, the construction of storage facilities;

(c) An improved transport infrastructure to facilitate food distribution at the national, subregional and regional levels;

(d) Expanded and more effective agronomic research, with special emphasis on improved seeds and an adequate supply of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals suitable for African conditions;

11. *Further urges* all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand their training programmes in the building up of national capabilities for the preparation, execution, monitoring and evaluation of agricultural development projects;

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to take every necessary measure, including the holding of joint meetings, with a view to considering the possibilities for implementing General Assembly resolution 35/69 and the present resolution;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and organs and bodies of the United Nations system, in his final report called for in resolution 35/69:

(a) To identify the problems perceived in the attainment of the goals set forth in paragraph 10 above;

(b) To estimate the amount of external resources needed to attain those goals;

(c) To report on the level of technical and financial resources which the United Nations system will deploy towards the attainment of those goals and to suggest ways of attracting extra funding;

(d) To report on the action-oriented plans of the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system which will implement the present resolution.

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36/187. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, con-

¹¹⁵ "Famine in Africa" (document CM/1106 (XXXVI)) of the Organization of African Unity).

¹¹⁶ A/36/149.

taining the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation.

Reaffirming its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, as well as its resolutions 34/215 of 19 December 1979 and 35/203 of 16 December 1980 on the implementation of section VIII of the annex to resolution 32/197,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 35/203,¹¹⁷ the comments of the Secretary-General¹¹⁸ on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the relationships between the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and entities of the United Nations Secretariat,¹¹⁹ and the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of section IV of the annex to Assembly resolution 32/197,¹²⁰

1. *Decides* to transmit to the Economic and Social Council, for consideration at its second regular session of 1982, the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 35/203 and the comments of the Secretary-General on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit, and to return to the question of the relationships between the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and entities of the United Nations Secretariat at its thirty-seventh session, in the light of the deliberations of the Council, in order to continue to implement fully section VIII of the annex to Assembly resolution 32/197;

2. *Also decides* to return, at its thirty-seventh session, to the question of the implications of the restructuring process for the regional commissions, within the over-all context of its resolution 32/197, as well as in the light of further observations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its next session, to be held in 1982, and of the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982.

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36/188. Problem of remnants of war

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2995 (XXVII), 2996 (XXVII) and 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, pertaining to co-operation between States in the field of the environment, the international responsibility of States in protecting the environment and the establishment of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling also its resolutions 3435 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 35/71 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling further decisions 80 (IV) of 9 April 1976,¹²¹ 101 (V) of 25 May 1977¹²² and 9/5 of 25 May 1981¹²³ of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Convinced that the removal of remnants of war should be the responsibility of the countries that implanted them and should be carried out at their expense,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹²⁴

2. *Regrets* that no real action has been taken to solve the problem of remnants of war despite the various resolutions and decisions thereon of the General Assembly and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Reiterates* its support of the demand of the States affected by the implantation of mines and the presence of other remnants of war on their lands for compensation for the losses incurred from the States responsible for those remnants;

4. *Appeals* to all States, particularly those responsible for the presence of remnants of war in developing countries, to co-operate with the Secretary-General in order to enable him to make specific and effective recommendations for solving the problem of remnants of war;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his contacts and consultations with Member States pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/71 and to collate all relevant information received from States, in order to find ways and means, including the possibility of convening a conference under the auspices of the United Nations, of solving the problem of remnants of war, and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

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36/189. Session of a special character of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling paragraphs 13 to 15 of its resolution 35/74 of 5 December 1980 on international co-operation in the field of the environment,

Concerned that there is need to revive the sense of urgency and commitment by Governments for national and international co-operative action to protect and enhance the environment, which found expression at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held at Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972,

Recognizing that important changes in the perception of the environment and of environmental problems have occurred since that Conference and recognizing also the importance of the interrelationships between people, resources, environment and development,

Convinced that the session of a special character represents a unique opportunity for Governments to re-emphasize their continued commitment to and support of the cause of the environment and the United Nations Environment Programme,

1. *Decides* that the session of a special character of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme should be held at Nairobi from 10 to 18 May 1982 and that the Governing Council should report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

2. *Approves* the draft provisional agenda for the session as set forth in section I of the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Further decides* that the rules of procedure of the Governing Council will apply to the session of a special character, with modifications to rules 17, 18, 19, 31 and

¹¹⁷ A/36/477.

¹¹⁸ A/36/419/Add.1.

¹¹⁹ See A/36/419.

¹²⁰ A/36/577.

¹²¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/31/25)*, annex I.

¹²² *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/32/25)*, annex I.

¹²³ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/36/25 and Corr.1.)*, annex I.

¹²⁴ A/36/531.