

gramme of assistance to the Gambia and to mobilize that assistance;

(c) To dispatch a mission to the Gambia with a view to holding consultations with the Government on the additional assistance which it needs for rehabilitation and reconstruction and to communicate the report of the mission to the international community;

(d) To apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, of the assistance being provided and of the progress made in mobilizing assistance to the Gambia;

(e) To keep the situation in the Gambia under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **36/221. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/90 and 35/91 of 5 December 1980 on the question of assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/48 of 20 July 1981 on assistance to the drought-stricken countries, particularly Kenya,

*Having heard* the statement made before the Second Committee on 6 November 1981<sup>214</sup> by the head of the United Nations multiagency mission which visited Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, to assess the immediate, medium-term and long-term needs of the Governments concerned for their drought-affected populations,

*Noting with satisfaction* the reports of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti,<sup>215</sup> Kenya,<sup>216</sup> Somalia,<sup>217</sup> the Sudan<sup>218</sup> and Uganda,<sup>219</sup> to which were annexed the relevant reports of the multiagency mission,

*Aware* of the adverse effects of the drought on the economic and social development of the countries concerned as well as on their ecology,

*Bearing in mind* the imperative need for the international community to render assistance to Member States in the event of major natural disasters,

*Recalling* its resolutions and those of the Economic and Social Council concerning assistance in cases of natural disaster, in particular General Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Taking into account* the regional nature of the drought and the practical and regional co-operation arrangements which already exist among the affected countries,

*Recalling* its recommendation in paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/90 that the Governments of the drought-stricken countries of the region should consider the establishment of an intergovernmental body with the responsibility for co-ordinating and supporting the countries' efforts to combat

the effects of drought and other natural disasters and to deal with the problem of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation,

*Noting* that, in response to paragraph 7 of its resolution 35/90, arrangements have been made by the Secretary-General for a unit within the United Nations Development Programme to be established when funds are made available through voluntary contributions and to be assigned responsibility for assisting the countries of the region,

*Noting further* that, also in response to paragraph 7 of resolution 35/90, the Secretary-General appealed to Member States and international organizations for voluntary contributions to meet the costs of such a unit to enable it to provide the assistance envisaged in that paragraph,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his positive response to the urgent situation of the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, and for his action in dispatching a multiagency mission to those countries to assess their medium-term and long-term needs, and also commends the multiagency mission for the excellent efforts it deployed and requests the Secretary-General to send a similar mission to those countries for which such reports do not exist;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations made by the multiagency mission in its reports, which were annexed to the reports of the Secretary-General;

3. *Appeals* to Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously, in the form of financial, material and technical assistance, towards the projects and programmes to help the affected populations, as described in the reports of the multiagency mission;

4. *Urges* the Governments of the drought-stricken countries of the region to continue their consultations and to finalize the necessary arrangements for the establishment of an intergovernmental body with the responsibility for co-ordinating and supporting each country's efforts to combat the effects of drought and other natural disasters and to deal with the problem of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, and within existing resources, to assist those countries in the establishment of the proposed intergovernmental body;

6. *Reiterates* its appeal to Member States and international organizations to make voluntary contributions to meet the cost of the special co-ordinating unit, to be established within the United Nations Development Programme, and to enable it to provide assistance to the Governments of the affected countries to strengthen their national and regional capabilities to mitigate the effects of drought and to promote sustained economic and social development;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To extend all necessary assistance to the Governments of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda in establishing detailed policies for dealing with drought as a recurring phenomenon within the context of their national development programmes;

(b) To mobilize international assistance for the populations affected as a result of drought and other natural disasters in the countries concerned;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under review and to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, and

<sup>214</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, paras. 4-15.*

<sup>215</sup> A/36/276.

<sup>216</sup> A/36/712 and Corr. 1.

<sup>217</sup> A/36/275.

<sup>218</sup> A/36/277.

<sup>219</sup> A/36/274.

to the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **36/222. Assistance to Botswana**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolutions 403 (1977) of 14 January 1977 and 406 (1977) of 25 May 1977, concerning the complaint by the Government of Botswana regarding acts of aggression committed against its territory by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

*Recalling also* Security Council resolution 460 (1979) of 21 December 1979, in which all Member States and specialized agencies were called upon to provide urgent assistance to Zimbabwe and the front-line States,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 32/97 of 13 December 1977, 33/130 of 19 December 1978 and 34/125 of 14 December 1979, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, recognized the special economic hardship confronting Botswana as a result of diverting funds from current and planned development projects to effective arrangements for security against attacks and threats by Southern Rhodesia, and endorsed the assessments and recommendations contained in the notes of the Secretary-General dated 28 March 1977<sup>220</sup> and 26 October 1977<sup>221</sup> and in his reports of 7 July 1978<sup>222</sup> and 28 August 1979,<sup>223</sup>

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General of 23 June 1981,<sup>224</sup> to which was annexed the report of the mission which he sent to Botswana in response to General Assembly resolution 35/98 of 5 December 1980,

*Noting* the need of the Government of Botswana to rehabilitate and develop effective road, rail and air communications, both internally and with the rest of the world, in view of the uncertain political situation in the region, Botswana's vulnerability as a land-locked country and its dependence on externally controlled railway systems for the transport of its principal exports and imports,

*Noting with appreciation* Botswana's desire to establish its own railway system,

*Noting also* the urgent need to complete speedily the projects that have been identified in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts of Botswana in implementing its development projects;

2. *Endorses fully* the revised programme of assistance contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General and calls the attention of the international community to the outstanding needs for assistance identified therein;

3. *Notes* that, while the response from some Member States and international organizations to the appeals of the Secretary-General has been encouraging, there is an urgent need to maintain the flow of contributions to carry out the remainder of the emergency programme, the implementation of parts of which remains a critical necessity;

4. *Draws the attention* of States and international and intergovernmental organizations particularly to the projects

in the field of transport and communications, as well as to the priority requirements to rehabilitate the border areas most adversely affected by the war, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

5. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States and intergovernmental organizations to provide generous assistance to enable Botswana to carry out the remainder of its planned development projects, as well as those made necessary by the current political and economic situation;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Botswana to enable it to carry out its planned development programme without interruption;

7. *Urges* Member States and organizations which are already implementing or are negotiating assistance programmes for Botswana to expand them, wherever possible;

8. *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 World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the assistance they are rendering to Botswana, for which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to implement a special programme of economic assistance, and to report on the results of that assistance and on their decisions to the Secretary-General in time for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

9. *Appeals* to the international community to contribute to the special account established by the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Botswana;

10. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Botswana;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Botswana;

(b) To keep the situation in Botswana under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Botswana;

(c) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Botswana and the progress made in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

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### **36/223. Assistance to Zimbabwe**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the statement made before the General Assembly at its eleventh special session, on 26 August 1980, by the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe,<sup>225</sup> in which he outlined

<sup>220</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977*, document S/12307.

<sup>221</sup> *Ibid.*, *Supplement for October, November and December 1977*, document S/12421.

<sup>222</sup> A/33/166 and Corr.1.

<sup>223</sup> A/34/419-S/13506.

<sup>224</sup> A/36/264-S/14491.

<sup>225</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Special Session, Plenary Meetings*, 4th meeting, paras. 2-90.