

the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the International Telecommunication Union,

Welcoming the continued monitoring of changes in the treatment of topics relating to the United Nations system, in close contact with the delegations of the Member States participating in such deliberations,

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

2. *Urges* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to continue broadening and deepening its coordination and mutual support activities with the Latin American Economic System;

3. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen and expand its support to the programmes that the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System is carrying out, aimed at complementing the technical assistance activities conducted by the Latin American Economic System;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their support for, and cooperation in the activities of, the Latin American Economic System;

5. *Requests* both the Secretary-General and the Permanent Secretary of the Latin American Economic System to assess, at the appropriate time, the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

41st plenary meeting
21 October 1994

49/7. Regional conference on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the Great Lakes region

The General Assembly,

Having again considered the item entitled "The situation in Burundi",

Recalling its resolution 48/17 of 3 November 1993 concerning the situation in Burundi,

Recalling also the measures taken by the Security Council, in particular the dispatch of a mission to Burundi, and the statements of the President of the Council of 25 October and 16 November 1993⁹ and 29 July, 25 August and 21 October 1994,¹⁰

Noting the effective action taken by the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Burundi,

Noting also the important role played by the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and his Special Representative for Burundi,

Welcoming the deployment in Burundi of an international observer mission under the procedures of the Organization of African Unity for the prevention, management and settlement of conflicts in Africa,

Noting with satisfaction that Burundi's registered political parties have resolved to have recourse to dialogue and negotiation in the search for lasting solutions to the institutional problems, based on equity, justice and law and an unshakable will to live in peace,

Also noting with satisfaction the signing, on 10 September 1994 at Bujumbura, of the Agreement embodying a Convention on Governance between the forces for democratic change (presidential majority) and the opposition political parties,

Profoundly concerned about the large-scale and uncontrolled population movements, including armed groups, which constitute a serious threat to the peace and security of the whole subregion,

In pursuance of resolution 48/118 of 20 December 1993, which advocates assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa,

Concerned about the continuing violence and violations of human rights in the country,

Welcoming in this connection the action of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and of the office which he has established in Burundi,

Taking duly into account resolution CM/Res.1527 (LX) on the holding of a regional conference on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the Great Lakes region, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixtieth regular session,¹¹ held at Tunis from 6 to 11 June 1994, and endorsed by the heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

Gratified by the generous offer made to the Organization of African Unity by the Government of Burundi to host this regional conference in order to study all the aspects of this problem which is disrupting the plans and programmes for political stabilization of the Great Lakes region,

Gratified also by the dispatch by the Secretary-General of a mission to the region headed by Ambassador Dillon, which aims to facilitate the preparation and holding of an international conference on the subregion's problems, and welcoming the support given to this initiative by the Security Council in the statement of its President of 21 October 1994,¹²

Convinced that an agreed solution to the problems would help to ward off the spectre of the conflicts which have afflicted the region in general and Burundi in particular and would be an important step for peace, freedom, development and democracy,

1. *Expresses profound satisfaction* to the Government and people of Burundi for their commitment to national reconciliation, and invites the parties concerned to continue their efforts to re-establish peace and democracy in the country;

2. *Congratulates* the political leaders of Burundi on the happy conclusion of the negotiations on the re-establishment of the normal functioning of institutions, and urges all the parties to

⁹ S/26631 and S/26757, respectively; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1993*, p. 129.

¹⁰ S/PRST/1994/38, 47 and 60, respectively; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1994*.

¹¹ See A/49/313, annex I.

¹² S/PRST/1994/60; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1994*.

comply scrupulously with the provisions of the Convention on Governance signed on 10 September 1994 and its subsequent additional protocols;

3. *Encourages* the new coalition Government of Burundi to continue relentlessly to fight against warmongers and to disarm the people's militias and other extremist groups which are threatening the country's security;

4. *Requests* Member States, the bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide the people of Burundi with:

(a) Assistance in the reconstruction of the country and emergency assistance for its social and economic recovery, the revitalization of the economy and the resumption of development;

(b) Support for the national programmes to restore confidence among the various elements of the people of Burundi, especially by deploying civilian human rights observers to back up the local administration;

(c) Appropriate financial and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of the country's judicial system in order to break the cycle of impunity and enable the Burundi authorities to bring to justice the perpetrators of the attempted *coup d'état* of October 1993 and of the subsequent ethnic massacres;

(d) Assistance in the dismantling of the secret pirate radio station "Rutomorangingo", which is inciting ethnic hatred and violence, and of any other instrument of propaganda which is undermining the patient efforts to achieve national reconciliation;

5. *Endorses fully* the wish of the heads of State and Government of African countries to convene a regional conference for assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the Great Lakes region;

6. *Invites* the competent bodies of the United Nations system to take part in the implementation of such an initiative;

7. *Requests* Member States to furnish generous assistance for the implementation of the initiative;

8. *Expresses appreciation* to all the States, United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations which have provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Burundi since the beginning of the crisis and invites them to redouble their efforts during the forthcoming phase of reconstruction and economic recovery;

9. *Invites* the international community to become fully involved by providing substantial technical and financial support for the early implementation of the plan of action which will be produced by a regional conference;

10. *Encourages* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to continue their efforts to normalize the situation in Burundi, which remains precarious and worrisome;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to mobilize resources for that purpose, to ensure the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

43rd plenary meeting
25 October 1994

49/8. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 36/38 of 18 November 1981, 37/8 of 29 October 1982, 38/37 of 5 December 1983, 39/47 of 10

December 1984, 40/60 of 9 December 1985, 41/5 of 17 October 1986, 43/1 of 17 October 1988, 45/4 of 16 October 1990 and 47/6 of 21 October 1992,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 18 July 1994 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee,¹³

Having heard the statement made on 25 October 1994¹⁴ by the Secretary-General of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on the steps taken by the Consultative Committee to ensure continuing, close and effective cooperation between the two organizations,

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

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the continuing efforts of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee towards strengthening the role of the United Nations and its various organs, including the International Court of Justice, through programmes and initiatives undertaken by the Consultative Committee;

3. *Also notes with satisfaction* the commendable progress achieved towards enhancing cooperation between the United Nations and the Consultative Committee in wider areas;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the decision of the Consultative Committee to participate actively in the programmes of the United Nations Decade of International Law and programmes on environment and sustainable development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Consultative Committee;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee".

43rd plenary meeting
25 October 1994

49/9. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba

The General Assembly,

Determined to encourage strict compliance with the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Reaffirming, among other principles, the sovereign equality of States, non-intervention and non-interference in their internal affairs and freedom of international trade and navigation, which are also enshrined in many international legal instruments,

Recalling the statements of the heads of State and Government at the third and fourth Ibero-American Summits, held respectively at Salvador, Brazil, on 15 and 16 July 1993 and Cartagena, Colombia, from 14 to 16 June 1994, concerning the need to eliminate the unilateral application of economic and trade measures by one State against another which affect the free flow of international trade.

Taking note of Decision 356 adopted on 3 June 1994 by the Twentieth Council of the Latin American Economic System, held at the ministerial level at Mexico City, which called for the lifting of the economic, commercial and financial embargo against Cuba,

¹³ A/49/262.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-ninth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 43rd meeting, and corrigendum.