

Yugoslavia to provide relief for the victims of the earthquake and to restore normal living conditions for the people,

Noting also the preparation by the Government of Yugoslavia of a five-year plan for the reconstruction of the city of Skoplje,

Taking note of the assistance rendered to the people of Skoplje by many nations, by organizations of the United Nations family and by other organizations, and noting with satisfaction that the spirit of international solidarity demonstrated on this occasion has transformed the reconstruction of Skoplje into a real symbol of friendship and brotherhood among peoples,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people of Skoplje and the Government of Yugoslavia over this disaster;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 970 (XXXVI) of 29 July 1963 inviting Member States to consider what further assistance they may be in a position to offer to Yugoslavia, and appeals to them to assist the Yugoslav Government in the execution of the five-year plan for the reconstruction of Skoplje;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the heads of the specialized agencies, the Executive Directors of the World Food Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund, the Managing Director of the Special Fund, and the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, to bear in mind the immediate and long-term needs of the Yugoslav Government in connexion with its plan for the reconstruction of Skoplje when deciding on the services to be provided to Member States in the light of the funds available.

*1240th plenary meeting,
14 October 1963.*

1886 (XVIII). Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency to the General Assembly for the year 1962-1963.¹

*1253rd plenary meeting,
30 October 1963.*

1887 (XVIII). Report of the Security Council

The General Assembly

Takes note of the report of the Security Council to the General Assembly covering the period from 16 July 1962 to 15 July 1963.²

*1253rd plenary meeting,
30 October 1963.*

1888 (XVIII). Measures in connexion with the hurricane which has just struck the territories of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep regret the tragic consequences of the hurricane which struck the Caribbean area—espe-

cially the territories of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago—resulting in the loss of thousands of lives and causing considerable material damage,

Considering the urgent measures adopted by the Governments of the above-mentioned countries to alleviate the suffering of the victims of the hurricane, reconstruct the devastated areas and restore normal living conditions in those areas.

Noting with particular satisfaction that many States, international bodies and organizations in the United Nations family have taken immediate steps to help the victims of the hurricane,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the peoples of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago over the loss of human life and the material damage caused by the hurricane;

2. *Invites* Member States and non-governmental organizations to study ways of providing large-scale assistance, either individually or collectively, to the above-mentioned territories in order that they may make a more effective effort to rehabilitate the devastated areas, and asks them to furnish such assistance generously;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the United Nations agencies concerned to bear in mind the immediate and future needs of the affected countries and to provide assistance, in connexion with their rehabilitation plans, from available resources, obtaining where necessary the authorization of the governing bodies of their respective organizations.

*1254th plenary meeting,
1 November 1963.*

1898 (XVIII). Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Improvement of the Methods of Work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Recalling with appreciation the initiative taken by the President of the sixteenth session of the General Assembly in his memorandum of 26 April 1962 on the methods of work of the Assembly,³

Recalling its decision of 30 October 1962 establishing the Ad Hoc Committee on the Improvement of the Methods of Work of the General Assembly and its resolution 1845 (XVII) of 19 December 1962, by which it decided to continue the Committee,

Having considered the report submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee in pursuance of the above-mentioned resolution,⁴

Conscious of the need to adapt its methods of work to the changed circumstances in the General Assembly, in particular those resulting from the recent increase in the number of Member States,

Concerned however to avoid reducing in any way the possibilities for action available to the General Assembly under the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of procedure of the Assembly,

Convinced that it is in the interests of the Organization and of Member States that the work of the General Assembly should be carried out as efficiently and expeditiously as possible and that, save in quite ex-

¹ *Annual Report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1962-30 June 1963, Vienna, July 1963, and supplementary report (A/5471 and Add.1).*

² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 2 (A/5402).*

³ *Ibid., Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 86, document A/5123.*

⁴ *Ibid., Eighteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 25, document A/5423.*

ceptional cases, the duration of regular sessions should not exceed thirteen weeks,

Takes note of the observations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Improvement of the Methods of Work of the General Assembly and approves the recommendations submitted by the Committee, in particular those which provide that:

(a) The President of the General Assembly should make every effort to ensure that the general debate proceeds in a methodical and regular manner, and should close the list of speakers, with the consent of the Assembly, as soon as he considers it feasible;

(b) All the Main Committees, except the First Committee, should begin their work not later than two working days after they have received the list of agenda items referred to them by the General Assembly;

(c) The First Committee should meet as soon as possible to organize its work, determine the order of discussion of the items allocated to it and start the systematic consideration of its agenda; at the beginning of the session, such meetings might be held when there is an interruption in the general debate; later, plenary meetings might be held during one part of the day, the other part being reserved for the First Committee, thus enabling the Committee to proceed with its regular work as soon as possible after the opening of the session;

(d) Each of the Main Committees should establish its programme of work as soon as possible, including the approximate dates on which it will consider the various items referred to it and the date on which it proposes to conclude its work, on the understanding that this programme will be transmitted to the General Committee to enable it to make such recommendations as it may deem relevant, including, when the General Committee considers it appropriate, recommendations as to the dates by which Main Committees should conclude their work;

(e) Each of the Main Committees should consider the establishment, in the circumstances referred to in paragraphs 29 to 32 of the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee, of sub-committees or working groups of limited size but representative of its membership, for the purpose of facilitating its work;

(f) The General Committee should fulfil its functions under rules 40, 41 and 42 of the rules of procedure and, in particular, make appropriate recommendations for furthering the progress of the Assembly and its Committees, in such a way as to facilitate the closing of the session by the date fixed; to this end, the General Committee should meet at least once every three weeks;

(g) Presiding officers should make use of the resources provided by the rules of procedure and exercise their prerogatives under rules 35 and 108, in order to accelerate the work of the General Assembly; to that effect they should, *inter alia*:

- (i) Open meetings at the scheduled time;
- (ii) Urge representatives to take the floor in the order in which they were inscribed on the list of speakers, it being understood that representatives prevented from so doing will normally be placed at the end of the list, unless they have arranged to change places with other representatives;
- (iii) Apply the rules of procedure in such a way as to ensure the proper exercise of the right

of reply, explanations of votes and points of order.

*1256th plenary meeting,
11 November 1963.*

1907 (XVIII). International Co-operation Year

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 1844 (XVIII) of 19 December 1962,

Noting the report of the Preparatory Committee on the International Co-operation Year,⁵

Conscious of the many grave international problems which remain unresolved and of the consequent need for international co-operation,

Considering it essential that Member States should endeavour to promote measures aimed at the elimination of international tension,

Convinced that increased public awareness of the extent and significance of existing everyday co-operation would lead to a better appreciation of the true nature of the world community and of the common interests of mankind,

Convinced that devoting a year to international co-operation would help to bring about increased world understanding and co-operation, and thereby facilitate the settlement of major international problems,

1. *Designates* 1965, the twentieth year of the United Nations, as International Co-operation Year;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Preparatory Committee on the International Co-operation Year for its work;

3. *Takes note* of the general criteria, the suggested activities and the publicity proposals recommended by the Preparatory Committee in its report;

4. *Calls upon* all Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned:

(a) To take note of the designation of 1965 as International Co-operation Year;

(b) To publicize to the widest extent feasible the activities of international co-operation in which they have been and are at present engaged and their efforts to strengthen and expand these activities;

(c) To formulate such plans and programmes as seem to them appropriate to promote the purposes of the International Co-operation Year;

5. *Decides* to establish a Committee for the International Co-operation Year, which would be composed of not more than twelve members to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Committee:

(a) To draw up and co-ordinate plans for, the International Co-operation Year, taking into account the views and intentions of the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the non-governmental organizations concerned;

(b) To organize and prepare for suitable activities for the International Co-operation Year to be undertaken by the United Nations, bearing in mind the report of the Preparatory Committee;

⁵ *Ibid.*, agenda item 24, document A/5561.