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40/1. International relief to Mexico

The General Assembly,

Deeply distressed by the loss of lives, the number of afflicted persons and the enormous destruction wrought by the earthquakes which, on 19 and 20 September 1985, struck various regions of Mexico, especially its capital,

Conscious of the efforts of the Government and people of Mexico to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the cataclysm,

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster, for which the Government of Mexico has established a National Reconstruction Trust Fund,

Conscious also of the prompt response of Governments, international agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals, which have contributed emergency disaster relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the catastrophe and its long-term effects will require, as a complement to the effort being made by the people and Government of Mexico, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral co-operation in order to meet the immediate emergency situa-

tion in the affected areas, as well as to undertake the process of reconstruction,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Government and people of Mexico;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals that are providing emergency relief to that country;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize resources to contribute to the relief and reconstruction task undertaken by the Government of Mexico;

4. *Calls upon* all States to contribute generously to those relief and reconstruction efforts in the affected areas and, to the extent possible, to channel their assistance through the United Nations system;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-ordinate the multilateral assistance and, in consultation with the Government of Mexico, to identify the emergency and medium-term and long-term needs in order to contribute to the reconstruction of the affected areas.

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