

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1975

RESOLUTIONS

1915 (ORG-75). Measures to be taken following the earthquake in Pakistan

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with deep regret and concern that an earthquake of unprecedented intensity has recently caused serious loss of life and property in the northern regions of Pakistan,

Noting also that the communications, infrastructure and economy of that region have been severely damaged, many villages have been completely destroyed, and several thousands of persons have died or have been injured,

Noting with appreciation the generous response of the international community in providing immediate relief to the victims of the earthquake disaster,

Commending the efforts of the Secretary-General and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system in taking an active part in the relief operations,

Realizing that, following the phase of emergency relief for the victims of the earthquake, a second phase of reconstruction and rehabilitation would have to be undertaken at great expense,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy to the people and Government of Pakistan for the loss of life and*

the damage caused to the economy of its northern regions;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction of the statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General on the assistance given by the United Nations system and co-ordinated by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;*

3. *Calls upon all the organizations concerned within session, to take urgent action to provide the necessary action to assist the Government of Pakistan in its efforts to provide relief to the victims of the earthquake and in the process of reconstruction and rehabilitation in the affected areas;*

4. *Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its nineteenth session, to take urgent action to provide the necessary assistance to the Government of Pakistan in the process of reconstruction and rehabilitation in the affected areas;*

5. *Expresses its desire that the World Bank and all other financial institutions should give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance that the Government of Pakistan might submit in connexion with its reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes in the affected areas.*

*1938th plenary meeting
15 January 1975*

DECISIONS

64 (ORG-75). Basic programme of work of the Council for 1975

1. At its 1937th meeting, on 15 January 1975, the Council, having examined the basic programme of work for 1975 submitted by the Secretariat,¹ and the note by the Secretariat on actions arising out of decisions of the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session,² approved the following programme of work for 1975:

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SESSION

1. Consideration of a system-wide attack on the drought problems in the Sudano-Sahelian region and in Ethiopia.
2. Programme budget for 1976-1977 and medium-term plan for 1976-1979.
3. Rationalization of the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies.
4. Transport questions.
5. Non-governmental organizations.

¹ E/5604 and Corr.1.

² E/L.1618.

6. Social development questions.
7. Human rights questions.
8. Narcotic drugs.
9. Mid-term review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade and implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order.
10. Population questions.
11. Statistical questions.

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FIFTY-NINTH SESSION

1. General discussion of international economic and social policy including regional and sectoral developments.
2. Regional co-operation.
3. International Women's year.
4. Economic assistance to Zambia.
5. United Nations University.
6. Economic, financial and technical assistance to the Government of Guinea-Bissau and to the Territories still under Portuguese administration.