Noting the efforts on behalf of the Sahel by the Office for Sahelian Relief Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Sahelian Office,

Recalling its resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

Recalling further United Nations Conference on Trade and Development recommendation 99 (IV) of 31 May 1976, particularly paragraph 4 thereof, in which the Conference recommended that measures of assistance should be undertaken by the appropriate organs of the United Nations system in favour of the newly independent States of Africa,

Noting the outline of the economic and social situation in Cape Verde submitted by the Government of Cape Verde to the Secretary-General, and the appeals of the Secretary-General of 26 March 1975 and 18 October 1976 for assistance to Cape Verde,

1. Urgently appeals to Member States and the international institutions concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, to assist the Government of Cape Verde in an effective and continuous manner so as to enable it to deal effectively with the catastrophic drought situation and its consequences;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to mobilize the financial, technical and economic assistance of the international community, in particular the developed countries and the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to meeting the short-term and long-term development needs of this newly independent country;

3. Requests the Committee for Development Planning at its thirteenth session, as a matter of priority, to give favourable consideration to the question of the inclusion of Cape Verde in the list of the least developed countries and to submit its conclusions to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

4. Invites in the meantime Member States, particularly the developed countries, and the organizations of the United Nations system to grant Cape Verde the same benefits as those enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries in the light of prevailing conditions in Cape Verde;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

31/42. Assistance to the Comoros

The General Assembly,

Recalling recommendation 99 (IV) of 31 May 1976, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session, held at Nairobi from 5 to 31 May 1976, in which the Conference noted the serious and disturbing nature of the economic situation in the Comoros, where the per capita income is one of the lowest in the world;7

Being aware, moreover, that the Comoros is faced with certain specific tasks arising from its recent attainment of independence,

Recalling further its resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

1. Urgently appeals to Member States and to the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to assist the Government of the Comoros in an effective and continuous manner so as to enable it to face successfully the critical situation resulting from the economic difficulties experienced by that country;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community, particularly from the developed countries and the appropriate organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to meeting the short-term and long-term development needs of this newly independent country;

3. Requests the Committee for Development Planning to give favourable consideration at its thirteenth session, as a matter of priority, to the question of the inclusion of the Comoros in the list of least developed countries and to submit its conclusions to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

4. Invites in the meantime Member States, particularly the developed countries, and the organizations of the United Nations system to grant to the Comoros, in view of that country’s difficult economic situation, the same benefits as those enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the matter under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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31/43. Assistance to Mozambique

The General Assembly,

Recalling the resolutions of the Security Council on the question of Southern Rhodesia, in particular resolution 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966, in which the

7 Ibid.