

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Gambia;

(b) To keep the situation in the Gambia under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the status of the special programme of economic assistance for the Gambia;

(c) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of the Gambia and in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/213. Assistance to Djibouti²⁰⁷

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/153 of 17 December 1982 and its previous resolutions on assistance to Djibouti, in which it drew the attention of the international community to the critical economic situation confronting Djibouti and to the country's urgent need for assistance,

Recalling also its resolution 37/176 of 17 December 1982, in which it called upon the international community to continue to support the efforts made by the Government of Djibouti to cope with the needs of the refugee population,

Recalling further its resolution 36/221 of 17 December 1981, in which it appealed to the international community to contribute generously towards the projects and programmes to help the drought-affected populations,

Having in mind its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Djibouti in the list of the least developed countries,

Having examined the summary report of the Secretary-General,²⁰⁸

Noting the critical economic situation of Djibouti and the list of urgent and priority projects, formulated by the Government, that require international assistance,

Noting also that the Government of Djibouti convened a donors' conference from 21 to 23 November 1983 in order to seek international support for the country's economic and social development,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to organize an international programme of economic assistance for Djibouti;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance already provided or pledged to Djibouti by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other organizations;

3. *Again draws the attention* of the international community to the difficult economic situation confronting Djibouti and to the severe structural constraints to its development;

4. *Renews its appeal* to Member States, the appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and international organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental

organizations, as well as international financial institutions, to provide assistance bilaterally and multilaterally, as appropriate, to Djibouti in order to enable it to cope with its difficult economic situation and to implement its development strategies;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Djibouti, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to those States and organizations which participated in the donors' conference, held in Djibouti from 21 to 23 November 1983, and urges them to respond generously to the programme of assistance that was presented by the Government of Djibouti at that time;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

(b) To continue to ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to mobilize resources and to co-ordinate international assistance to Djibouti;

(c) To keep the situation in Djibouti under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Djibouti;

(d) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Djibouti and in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/214. Special economic assistance to Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/155 of 17 December 1982 and its previous resolutions on the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Chad, emergency humanitarian assistance to Chad and special economic assistance to that country,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on special economic assistance to Chad, relating, *inter alia*, to the economic and financial situation of Chad, the status of assistance provided for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country and the progress made in organizing and executing the special programme of economic assistance for that country,²⁰⁹

Noting that the stability of the situation in Chad enabled the Secretary-General to organize an International Conference on Assistance to Chad, in November 1982 at Geneva, in close co-operation with the Government of Chad,

Aware that the resumption of fighting in Chad has prevented the States and agencies that participated in the

²⁰⁷ See also resolution 38/216 below and sect. VI, resolution 38/89.

²⁰⁸ A/38/216, sect. VIII.

²⁰⁹ A/36/261, A/36/739, A/37/125 and Add.1 and A/38/213.

International Conference on Assistance to Chad from fully honouring their commitments,

Noting with concern that the resumption of fighting is aggravating the situation of dire need in Chad resulting from the systematic destruction of the economic and social infrastructure during seventeen years of war and from the effects of natural disasters,

Considering that Chad is included in the list of the least developed countries and is therefore entitled to the benefits provided for in the relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing the need for the provision by the international community of emergency humanitarian assistance, particularly in the areas of food and health, to the population of Chad,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and organizations that responded to the appeals of the Government of Chad and of the Secretary-General by furnishing assistance to Chad;

2. *Also expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for his efforts to mobilize assistance to Chad;

3. *Again appeals* to the international community to provide, as a matter of urgency, the necessary assistance to the people of Chad, who have suffered from the war;

4. *Renews the request* made to States, appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations and international financial institutions to contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Chad through bilateral or multilateral channels;

5. *Takes note* of the desire of Chad to organize, as soon as circumstances permit, a conference of donors and contributors of funds to consider a general programme of reconstruction and development and to finance detailed projects in the areas of priority;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to give all the necessary assistance to Chad for the preparation and organization of the conference, in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the International Conference on Assistance to Chad held in November 1982;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To monitor, in close collaboration with the humanitarian agencies concerned, the humanitarian needs, particularly in the areas of food and health, of the people affected by the war and the drought;

(b) To mobilize the humanitarian assistance of the international community for persons who have suffered as a result of the war in Chad;

(c) To pursue his efforts to organize the programme of financial assistance to Chad;

(d) To apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the situation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/215. Assistance to Lesotho

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976, in which the Council, *inter alia*, expressed concern at the serious situation created by South Africa's closure of certain border posts between South

Africa and Lesotho aimed at coercing Lesotho into accord- ing recognition to the bantustan of the Transkei,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 535 (1983) of 29 June 1983, in which the Council endorsed the report of the mission dispatched to Lesotho in response to resolution 527 (1982) of 15 December 1982,²¹⁰

Commending the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei, in compliance with United Nations decisions, particularly General Assembly resolution 31/6 A of 26 October 1976,

Also commending the Government of Lesotho for its steadfast opposition to *apartheid* and its generosity to the South African refugees,

Fully aware that the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei and its acceptance of refugees from South Africa have imposed special economic burdens upon its people,

Strongly endorsing the appeals made in Security Council resolutions 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976, 407 (1977) of 25 May 1977 and 535 (1983) of 29 June 1983, in General Assembly resolutions 32/98 of 13 December 1977, 33/128 of 19 December 1978, 34/130 of 14 December 1979, 35/96 of 5 December 1980, 36/219 of 17 December 1981 and 37/160 of 17 December 1982, and by the Secretary-General, calling upon all States, regional and inter-governmental organizations and the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to contribute generously to the international programme of assistance to enable Lesotho to carry out its economic development and enhance its capacity to implement fully the resolutions of the United Nations,

Having examined the summary report of the Secretary-General,²¹¹ prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 37/160, in which the economic situation was reviewed, as well as the progress in the implementation of the special programme of economic assistance for Lesotho,

Noting the priority which the Government of Lesotho accords to raising levels of food production through increased productivity, thus lessening the country's dependency on South Africa for food imports,

Aware that the high prices paid by Lesotho for its imports of petroleum products as a result of the oil embargo on South Africa have become a serious impediment to the development of the country,

Recognizing, in connection with such embargoes, the obligation of the international community to help countries such as Lesotho that act in support of the Charter of the United Nations and in compliance with General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977 and 33/197 of 29 January 1979 concerning the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and, in this regard, noting Lesotho's geopolitical situation, which necessitates the urgent development of air and telecommunication links with neighbouring countries in Africa and the rest of the world,

Taking account of Lesotho's need for a national network of roads, both for its planned social and economic development and to lessen its dependence on the South African network, to reach various regions of the country affected by the imposition of travel restrictions by South Africa,

Taking note of Lesotho's special problems associated with the employment of large numbers of its able-bodied men in South Africa,

Taking note also of the priority which the Government of Lesotho has accorded to the problem of absorbing into

²¹⁰ S/15600.

²¹¹ A/38/216, sect. XI.