

*Convinced* that the widest possible participation in the Conference is important to ensure its success,

1. *Notes* the progress made by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Conference should complete its work before the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly;

3. *Approves* the convening in New York of two further sessions of the Conference, to be held from 14 to 31 March 1994 and from 15 to 26 August 1994, in accordance with the recommendation of the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide services for these two sessions of the Conference, with facilities enabling the Conference to hold two simultaneous meetings during the sessions;

5. *Renews its request* to Governments and regional economic integration organizations to contribute to the voluntary fund established in accordance with paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 47/192 for the purpose of assisting developing countries, especially those most concerned by the subject-matter of the Conference, in particular the least developed among them, to participate fully and effectively in the Conference, and expresses its appreciation for the contributions to the fund made so far;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to circulate to delegations as early as possible the information papers being prepared by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session the final report on the work of the Conference;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development", the sub-item entitled "Sustainable use and conservation of marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks".

*86th plenary meeting  
21 December 1993*

#### 48/195. Assistance to Yemen

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>84</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 45/193 and 45/222 of 21 December 1990, 46/174 of 19 December 1991 and 47/179 of 22 December 1992 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/62 of 26 July 1991, taking note of Council resolution 1993/58 of 29 July 1993, and recalling decisions 91/19 and 91/20 of 25 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,<sup>85</sup>

*Stressing* the importance of implementing all relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolu-

tions, and relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

*Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review the implementation of all relevant resolutions and to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a comprehensive report on that implementation.

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#### 48/196. International assistance to Sierra Leone

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 37/158 of 17 December 1982, 38/205 of 20 December 1983 and 39/192 of 17 December 1984, in which it appealed to all States, the specialized agencies and international development and financial institutions to provide all possible assistance for the development of Sierra Leone,

*Recalling also* its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Sierra Leone in the list of the least developed countries,

*Taking note* of Security Council resolution 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, in which the Council decided to establish, under its authority, the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia to, *inter alia*, monitor compliance with the peace agreement,<sup>86</sup> including at points on Liberia's borders with Sierra Leone and other neighbouring countries,

*Aware* that the Government of Sierra Leone, in cooperation with the Governments of the other States members of the Economic Community of West African States, embarked, at the height of the Liberian crisis, upon a peace-keeping/peace-monitoring exercise at Monrovia, capital of neighbouring Liberia,

*Aware also* of the serious destruction and devastation of the productive areas of the territory of Sierra Leone, and of its economy as a whole, brought about by the spill-over effect of the conflict in Liberia,

*Concerned* at the consequent devastating effects on the lives and properties of Sierra Leoneans in the eastern and southern provinces, which have resulted in massive outflows of refugees and displaced persons,

*Alarmed* at the astronomical cost to the Government of Sierra Leone of protecting its territory and people from the spill-over effect of the conflict in Liberia,

*Conscious* of the need for the international community to assist Sierra Leone in the rehabilitation of its economy and the effective implementation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes, which require the mobilization of substantial resources that are beyond the current means of the country,

*Aware* that the financial crisis that Sierra Leone is undergoing has led to a slowing down of its economic and social development,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for his efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United

Nations system and other organizations to provide assistance to Sierra Leone;

2. *Calls upon* the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide Sierra Leone with technical, financial and other forms of assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Sierra Leonean refugees, returnees and displaced persons;

3. *Appeals* to the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate assistance for the rehabilitation of the economy of Sierra Leone and the reconstruction of its devastated areas;

4. *Urges* all States and relevant United Nations bodies to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Sierra Leone meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicine and essential equipment for hospitals and schools;

5. *Urgently reiterates its appeal* to the international community, including the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to contribute generously, through bilateral and multilateral channels, to the economic and social development of Sierra Leone;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Sierra Leone;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session an item entitled "International assistance to Sierra Leone".

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**48/197. Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 45/232 of 21 December 1990, 46/147 of 17 December 1991 and 47/154 of 18 December 1992,

*Taking note* of Security Council resolutions 813 (1993) of 26 March 1993, 856 (1993) of 10 August 1993 and 866 (1993) of 22 September 1993, in which the Council, *inter alia*, decided to establish the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia, under its authority and under the direction of the Secretary-General through his Special Representative, for a period of seven months,

*Taking note also* of Security Council resolution 868 (1993) of 29 September 1993, in which the Council, *inter alia*, urged States and parties to a conflict to cooperate closely with the United Nations to ensure the security and safety of United Nations forces and personnel,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>87</sup>

*Noting* that, even though a viable country-wide emergency assistance programme has been instituted, security and logistic problems continue to hamper relief assistance, particularly in the interior, and have prevented the transition from emergency relief to reconstruction and development,

*Gravely concerned* about the devastating effects of the protracted conflict on the socio-economic conditions in Liberia, and noting the urgent need to rehabilitate, in an atmosphere of peace and stability, basic sectors of the country in order to restore normalcy,

*Welcoming* the signing on 25 July 1993 at Cotonou, Benin, under the auspices of the Economic Community of West African States, by the Interim Government of National Unity of Liberia, the National Patriotic Front of Liberia and the United Liberation Movement of Liberia for Democracy, of a peace agreement<sup>86</sup> providing for a cease-fire, disarmament and demobilization of the warring parties, formation of a transitional government and the holding of general and presidential elections,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and international and non-governmental organizations that have responded and continue to respond to appeals by the Interim Government of Liberia, as well as to appeals by the Secretary-General for emergency relief and other assistance;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations and other organizations to provide emergency assistance to Liberia, and urges that such assistance be continued;

3. *Calls upon* the international community and intergovernmental organizations to continue to provide Liberia, as appropriate, with technical, financial and other assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for the rehabilitation of combatants, which constitute important elements for facilitating the holding of democratic elections in Liberia;

4. *Appeals* to the international community and intergovernmental organizations to provide adequate assistance to programmes identified in the report of the Secretary-General, including through contributions to the Trust Fund established by the Secretary-General, in order, *inter alia*, to help defray the cost of the deployment of additional peace-keeping forces of the Military Observer Group of the Economic Community of West African States;

5. *Calls upon* all parties and factions in Liberia to ensure fully the security and safety of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, as well as of non-governmental organizations, and to guarantee their complete freedom of movement throughout Liberia, and to take all steps necessary to create an atmosphere conducive to the successful implementation of the Cotonou Agreement;<sup>86</sup>

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to coordinate the work of the United Nations system and to mobilize financial, technical and other assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;