

problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

*Bearing in mind* that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements and agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and whose activities are consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Recalling also* that the charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the second general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States was held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States on 3 and 4 May 1993, and that a sectoral meeting on natural disasters management in the Americas was held in Barbados on 28 and 29 April 1994,

*Welcoming* the meeting on peace held at United Nations Headquarters on 1 August 1994 between the Secretary-General and heads of regional organizations,

*Bearing in mind* the adoption by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, on 8 June 1994, of resolution AG/RES.1289(XXIV-O/94), also on cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations,

*Recalling* its resolutions 47/20 A, 47/20 B and 48/27 B of 24 November 1992, 20 April 1993 and 8 July 1994, respectively,

*Aware* that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as well as of his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his initiative in meeting with heads of regional organizations on 1 August 1994 and recommends that similar meetings be held more frequently;

3. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the close cooperation between the two organizations and, in particular, the joint operations of the International Civilian Mission to Haiti, as well as over the work carried out by the former Special Envoy of the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of American States in relation to the situation in Haiti;

4. *Welcomes* the offer of the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States to the President of the Security Council concerning the readiness of the Organization of American States to cooperate with the United Nations in its efforts to improve measures for the prevention and peaceful solution of regional and international conflicts;

5. *Also expresses its satisfaction* at the close cooperation between the two organizations in the observation and verification of the electoral process, and recognizes the effectiveness of that cooperation when it is requested by national authorities;

6. *Welcomes* the meeting between the Secretary-General and the new Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, soon after the latter took office, as well as regular meetings between their representatives throughout the period under review;

7. *Requests* both Secretaries-General, or their representatives, to resume consultations with a view to signing during 1995 an agreement for cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

8. *Approves* the conclusions and recommendations of the second general meeting between representatives of the two organizations, held in May 1993, as well as the sectoral meeting on natural disasters management in the Americas, held in April 1994, and urges the relevant authorities of both organizations to take the necessary steps to implement those recommendations and promote further cooperation;

9. *Recommends* that a third general meeting between representatives of the United Nations system and the Organization of American States be held in 1995 to continue to review and appraise progress, and that sectoral and focal point meetings be held on areas of priority or mutually agreed issues;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen and broaden the mechanism for cooperation between the two organizations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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#### **49/6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System**

##### *The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 48/22 of 22 November 1993 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of 14 September 1994 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System,<sup>8</sup>

*Bearing in mind* the Agreement between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System, in which the parties agree to strengthen and expand their cooperation in matters which are of common concern in the field of their respective competence pursuant to their constitutional instruments,

*Considering* that the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean has developed ties of cooperation with the Latin American Economic System which have grown stronger in recent years,

*Bearing in mind also* that the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System has carried out several programmes with the support of the United Nations Development Programme in areas that are considered of priority for the economic development of the region,

*Considering also* that the Latin American Economic System is developing joint activities with the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

<sup>8</sup> A/49/382.

the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Department for Development Support and Management Services, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the International Telecommunication Union,

*Welcoming* the continued monitoring of changes in the treatment of topics relating to the United Nations system, in close contact with the delegations of the Member States participating in such deliberations,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Urges* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to continue broadening and deepening its coordination and mutual support activities with the Latin American Economic System;

3. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to strengthen and expand its support to the programmes that the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American Economic System is carrying out, aimed at complementing the technical assistance activities conducted by the Latin American Economic System;

4. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their support for, and cooperation in the activities of, the Latin American Economic System;

5. *Requests* both the Secretary-General and the Permanent Secretary of the Latin American Economic System to assess, at the appropriate time, the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **49/7. Regional conference on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the Great Lakes region**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having again considered* the item entitled "The situation in Burundi",

*Recalling* its resolution 48/17 of 3 November 1993 concerning the situation in Burundi,

*Recalling also* the measures taken by the Security Council, in particular the dispatch of a mission to Burundi, and the statements of the President of the Council of 25 October and 16 November 1993<sup>9</sup> and 29 July, 25 August and 21 October 1994,<sup>10</sup>

*Noting* the effective action taken by the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Burundi,

*Noting also* the important role played by the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and his Special Representative for Burundi,

*Welcoming* the deployment in Burundi of an international observer mission under the procedures of the Organization of African Unity for the prevention, management and settlement of conflicts in Africa,

*Noting with satisfaction* that Burundi's registered political parties have resolved to have recourse to dialogue and negotiation in the search for lasting solutions to the institutional problems, based on equity, justice and law and an unshakable will to live in peace,

*Also noting with satisfaction* the signing, on 10 September 1994 at Bujumbura, of the Agreement embodying a Convention on Governance between the forces for democratic change (presidential majority) and the opposition political parties,

*Profoundly concerned* about the large-scale and uncontrolled population movements, including armed groups, which constitute a serious threat to the peace and security of the whole subregion,

*In pursuance* of resolution 48/118 of 20 December 1993, which advocates assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa,

*Concerned* about the continuing violence and violations of human rights in the country,

*Welcoming* in this connection the action of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and of the office which he has established in Burundi,

*Taking duly into account* resolution CM/Res.1527 (LX) on the holding of a regional conference on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the Great Lakes region, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixtieth regular session,<sup>11</sup> held at Tunis from 6 to 11 June 1994, and endorsed by the heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,

*Gratified* by the generous offer made to the Organization of African Unity by the Government of Burundi to host this regional conference in order to study all the aspects of this problem which is disrupting the plans and programmes for political stabilization of the Great Lakes region,

*Gratified also* by the dispatch by the Secretary-General of a mission to the region headed by Ambassador Dillon, which aims to facilitate the preparation and holding of an international conference on the subregion's problems, and welcoming the support given to this initiative by the Security Council in the statement of its President of 21 October 1994,<sup>12</sup>

*Convinced* that an agreed solution to the problems would help to ward off the spectre of the conflicts which have afflicted the region in general and Burundi in particular and would be an important step for peace, freedom, development and democracy,

1. *Expresses profound satisfaction* to the Government and people of Burundi for their commitment to national reconciliation, and invites the parties concerned to continue their efforts to re-establish peace and democracy in the country;

2. *Congratulates* the political leaders of Burundi on the happy conclusion of the negotiations on the re-establishment of the normal functioning of institutions, and urges all the parties to

<sup>9</sup> S/26631 and S/26757, respectively; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1993*, p. 129.

<sup>10</sup> S/PRST/1994/38, 47 and 60, respectively; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1994*.

<sup>11</sup> See A/49/313, annex I.

<sup>12</sup> S/PRST/1994/60; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Resolutions and Decisions of the Security Council 1994*.