

2757 (XXVI). Assistance to Afghanistan following two years of severe drought

The General Assembly,

Taking note with concern of the grave results in Afghanistan of two successive years of drought, the resulting shortage of food-stuffs, and in particular the serious damage caused by the drought to the country's livestock industry, which is basic to its export-earning capacity,

Recalling its resolutions 2034 (XX) of 7 December 1965, 2435 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2608 (XXIV) of 16 December 1969 and 2717 (XXV) of 15 December 1970,

Aware of the adverse effects of this natural disaster on the economic and social development of Afghanistan,

Aware also of the urgent efforts of the Government of Afghanistan to obtain food-stuffs, fodder and equipment to combat the water shortage and to restore satisfactory living conditions in the devastated areas,

Recognizing the very high cost involved and the great problems of distribution to the remote areas of the country,

Recalling the statement of the President of the Trade and Development Board, made at the eleventh session¹ in the name of the entire membership of the Board, in which Member States and international organizations were requested to consider practical measures that might be taken to bring prompt relief and assistance to Afghanistan,

Noting with satisfaction the assistance already offered by some countries and organizations and by the United Nations,

1. *Assures* the people and the Government of Afghanistan of its deep sympathy in the face of this catastrophe;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations or members of specialized agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations to study all possible ways in which they could provide assistance to Afghanistan and to make generous contributions towards alleviating the severe conditions prevailing in the disaster areas;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to study ways and means of providing, on an emergency basis, additional assistance from the United Nations to the Government of Afghanistan and to make this assistance available as soon as possible;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the executive heads of specialized agencies, the Executive Director of the World Food Programme and the Director-General of the United Nations Children's Fund, bearing in mind their available resources, to take into consideration the pressing needs of the Government of Afghanistan in this respect when determining the allocation of their assistance to Member States.

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¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/8415/Rev.1)*, part three, para. 403.

2770 (XXVI). Youth, its problems and needs, and its participation in social development

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of youth in the realization of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular those concerning the promotion of higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Emphasizing the tasks and responsibilities young people have been increasingly assuming in social and economic development, the promotion of human rights and the achievement of world peace, justice and progress,

Noting that serious problems still exist for the individual and social needs of many of the world's youth, in particular with regard to health, education, training, employment, housing and social services, and their opportunities to participate in national development, as indicated in the *1970 Report on the World Social Situation*,²

Aware of the need to increase the contribution of the United Nations and the specialized agencies concerned to the education of youth, in the spirit of peace, mutual understanding, friendly relations and co-operation among peoples, social justice, the dignity and value of the human person and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as the need to enlarge their programmes and projects related to youth,

Noting that an analytical study in depth of the world social situation of youth, prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1407 (XLVI) of 5 June 1969, will be completed in 1972,

Bearing in mind that a report of the Secretary-General on measures to be taken to establish channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations, requested by the General Assembly in resolution 2497 (XXIV) of 28 October 1969, will be completed in 1972,

Desiring the realization of the aims of its resolution 2633 (XXV) of 11 November 1970,

Recalling paragraph 16 of that resolution, in which the General Assembly decided to resume in the future the consideration of the item entitled "Youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its participation in national development", taking into account in particular the advisability of considering the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite early comments from Governments on the question of the implementation of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples;

2. *Decides* to consider as soon as possible, but not later than at its twenty-eighth session, the item entitled "Youth, its education in the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, its problems and needs, and its active participation in national development and international co-operation".

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² United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.71.IV.13.