

cumstances which could lead to the sudden return of migrant workers from South Africa at a rate faster than Lesotho could absorb them,

Noting that, as a result of the uncertainty of the political and economic situation in the region, the Government has had to accelerate key elements of the development programme and to take additional steps to ensure the nation's food supply,

Noting with appreciation the generous provision of food aid to Lesotho to help it meet its urgent food requirements and the agreement of some donors to the use of such aid for development purposes,

Noting also that it would be of particular help to Lesotho, considering its special circumstances, if food and other material assistance could be provided on cost, insurance and freight terms, as allowed by some bilateral and multilateral agencies in the case of some other land-locked countries,

Taking account of Lesotho's position as a least developed, most seriously affected and land-locked country,

Noting further the need for technical assistance personnel and the hope expressed by the Government that donors will be increasingly willing to support training in Lesotho,

1. *Expresses concern* at the imposition of new restrictions by South Africa on travel between Lesotho and that country, thereby adding to the difficulties faced by Lesotho as a result of its decision not to recognize the so-called independent Transkei;

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations for dealing with the situation contained in the reports of the Secretary-General of 5 June 1978 and 14 July 1978;

3. *Takes note* of the requirements of Lesotho, as described in the reports of the Secretary-General, to carry out the remainder of its development programme and to implement projects necessitated by the current crisis;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Lesotho;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the response made thus far by the international community to the special economic assistance programme for Lesotho, which has enabled it to proceed with the implementation of parts of the recommended programme;

6. *Reiterates its appeal* to Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Lesotho for the implementation of the projects and programmes identified in the Secretary-General's reports;

7. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the special account which was established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General, in accordance with Security Council resolution 407 (1977), for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Lesotho;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank

and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies the assistance they are rendering to Lesotho, for which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to implement a special economic assistance programme, and to report the results of that assistance to the Secretary-General in time for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

9. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance to Lesotho and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist that country;

10. *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 Lesotho;

(b) To maintain close contact with the Government of Lesotho, as well as the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the International Labour Organisation, on the question of formulating adequate contingency plans to deal with any developments which might result in the large-scale repatriation of Lesotho nationals working in South African mines;

(c) To pursue with the Government of Lesotho the question of organizing a meeting of donors and, in this respect, to co-ordinate efforts with the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa and the World Bank;

(d) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Lesotho and the mobilization of assistance;

(e) To keep the situation in Lesotho under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1979, of the current status of the special economic assistance programme for Lesotho;

(f) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Lesotho and the progress made in organizing and implementing the special economic assistance programme for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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33/129. Assistance to Seychelles

The General Assembly,

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 also its resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which it urged all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries, to lend their support, in the context of their assistance programmes, for the implementation of the specific action envisaged in favour of developing island countries, and its resolution 32/185 of 19 December 1977, in which it called upon all organizations in the United Nations system to implement, within their respective spheres of competence, appropriate specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Recalling further its resolution 32/101 of 13 December 1977, in which it requested the Secretary-General to mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community on behalf of Seychelles,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/54 of 2 August 1978, in which the Council endorsed the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Seychelles,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning at its fourteenth session, in response to the application of Seychelles for inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, that Seychelles should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade and that the special difficulties and upheavals experienced by Seychelles require special measures,⁸⁰

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 28 June 1978,⁸¹ containing the report of the mission which he sent to Seychelles in response to General Assembly resolution 32/101,

Concerned at the serious structural imbalances in the economy of Seychelles, the country's overwhelming dependence on the tourist industry and its heavy reliance on imports,

Taking note of the decision of the Government of Seychelles to close down its tourist office in South Africa by January 1979, in compliance with United Nations sanctions,

Taking into account the disadvantageous demographic and geographical features of Seychelles—the small population, the wide dispersion of a large number of islands and the physical remoteness of the country—which pose special development problems,

Noting that, without good transport and communications links, any development will be difficult,

Taking note of the projects which the mission, in consultation with the Government, identified as urgent or as calling for accelerated implementation,⁸²

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Seychelles;

2. Endorses fully the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and draws the attention of the international community to the requirements for assistance for the projects and programmes identified in it;

3. Draws the attention of the international community to the special development problems con-

fronting Seychelles as a developing island country with a small population;

4. Calls upon Member States, in the light of the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning and in accordance with the previous resolutions of the General Assembly, to accord Seychelles, as a matter of priority, privileges and benefits and to give special consideration to the early inclusion of Seychelles in their programmes of development assistance;

5. Reiterates its appeal to Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Seychelles to enable it to establish the social and economic infrastructure that is essential for the well-being of its people;

6. Invites the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies for their consideration the assistance they are rendering to Seychelles, for which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to implement a special economic assistance programme, and to report the results of that assistance and their decisions to the Secretary-General in time for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

7. Draws the attention of the international community to the special account which was established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/101, for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Seychelles;

8. Requests the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report periodically to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Seychelles;

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 Seychelles;

(b) To pursue with the Government of Seychelles the question of organizing a meeting of donors and, in this respect, to co-ordinate efforts with the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa and the World Bank;

(c) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Seychelles and the mobilization of assistance;

(d) To keep the situation in Seychelles under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1979, of the current status of the special economic assistance programme for Seychelles;

(e) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Seychelles and the progress made in or-

⁸⁰ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 6 (E/1978/46 and Corr.1), para. 99.

⁸¹ A/33/139.

⁸² Ibid., annex, sect. IV.

ganizing and implementing the special economic assistance programme for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

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33/130. Assistance to Botswana

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolutions 403 (1977) of 14 January 1977 and 406 (1977) of 25 May 1977 concerning the complaint by the Government of Botswana of acts of aggression committed against its territory by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 232 (1966) of 16 December 1966 and 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, in which the Council determined and reaffirmed, respectively, that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/97 of 13 December 1977, in which, *inter alia*, the Assembly expressed full support for the Government of Botswana in its efforts to safeguard its sovereignty, recognized the special economic hardship confronting Botswana as a result of diverting funds from current and planned development projects to effective arrangements for security against attacks and threats by Southern Rhodesia and endorsed the assessments and recommendations contained in the notes by the Secretary-General dated 28 March 1977⁸³ and 26 October 1977,⁸⁴

Recalling also its resolution 32/160 of 19 December 1977 concerning the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 7 July 1978,⁸⁵ containing the report of the mission which he sent to Botswana in response to General Assembly resolution 32/97,

Noting that the revised programme of assistance contained in the report of the Secretary-General was fully endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1978/48 of 2 August 1978,

Deeply concerned that the security situation continues, with incidents and incursions by Southern Rhodesian forces occurring frequently at various places along the Botswana border with Southern Rhodesia,

Noting that there has been a substantial increase in the flow of refugees into Botswana, particularly since the announcement of an "internal settlement" in Southern Rhodesia, resulting in the need to expand and improve refugee facilities,

Noting also the need of the Government of Botswana to develop effective road, rail and air communications, both internally and with the rest of the world, in view of the uncertain political situation in the region, Botswana's vulnerability as a land-locked country and its dependence on the externally-con-

trolled railway systems for the transport of its principal exports and imports,

1. *Expresses its full support* for the Government of Botswana in its efforts to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to carry out its planned development programme;

2. *Endorses fully* the revised programme of assistance contained in the report of the Secretary-General and draws the attention of the international community to the outstanding needs for assistance identified in it;

3. *Notes* that, while the response from some Member States and international organizations to the appeals of the Secretary-General has been encouraging, there is urgent need to maintain the flow of contributions to carry out the remainder of the emergency programme, the implementation of parts of which has now become a critical necessity;

4. *Draws the attention* of States and international and intergovernmental organizations particularly to the projects in the field of transport and communications recommended in the report of the Secretary-General;

5. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States and intergovernmental organizations to provide generous assistance to enable Botswana to carry out the remainder of its planned development projects as well as those made necessary by the current political situation;

6. *Calls upon* Member States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Botswana to enable it to carry out its planned development programme without interruption;

7. *Urges* Member States and organizations which are already implementing or are negotiating assistance programmes for Botswana to expand these, wherever possible;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies for their consideration the assistance they are rendering to Botswana, for which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to implement a special economic assistance programme, and to report the results of that assistance and their decisions to the Secretary-General in time for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-fourth session;

9. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the special account established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Botswana;

10. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance to Botswana and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist that country;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

⁸³ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977, document S/12307.*

⁸⁴ *Ibid., Supplement for October, November and December 1977, document S/12421.*

⁸⁵ A/33/166 and Corr.1.