

35/105. Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Equatorial Guinea²²⁴*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 34/123 of 14 December 1979, in which it appealed to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and to international economic and financial institutions, to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of Equatorial Guinea,

Recalling also the deep concern expressed in that resolution at the widespread destruction of property and severe damage to the economic and social infrastructure of Equatorial Guinea during the preceding eleven years,

Recalling the urgent problem of absorbing the large numbers of returning refugees and displaced persons into the social and economic life of Equatorial Guinea and of resettling them,

Recalling further its requests to the Secretary-General to organize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Equatorial Guinea to meet the long-term and short-term reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of the country,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 19 September 1980,²²⁹ to which was annexed the report of the interagency mission dispatched to Equatorial Guinea to consult with the Government on the additional assistance it required for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country,

Noting with satisfaction that the new Government has succeeded in carrying out a number of measures designed to revive the economy and revitalize social and public services,

Noting also with satisfaction the efforts made to ensure the welfare of all the citizens of the country,

Recognizing the need for the adoption of special measures of assistance to enable Equatorial Guinea to rebuild its economy and to restore to normal the social and public services of the country,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 1980/161 of 24 July 1980, requested the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of certain developing countries, including Equatorial Guinea, with a view to their inclusion in the list of least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first regular session of 1981,

1. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations of the mission to Equatorial Guinea contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize humanitarian and economic assistance for Equatorial Guinea;

3. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the critical social and economic situation confronting Equatorial Guinea and to the list of urgent short-term and long-term projects required by the Government of Equatorial Guinea to carry out its programme of rehabilitation and reconstruction;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international economic and financial insti-

tutions to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of Equatorial Guinea;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the assistance already provided or pledged to Equatorial Guinea by some Member States and agencies of the United Nations system as well as by some voluntary agencies and non-governmental organizations;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States to extend all possible technical assistance to Equatorial Guinea, so that its programme of rehabilitation and reconstruction can be implemented, and also to assist the Government in organizing the necessary educational and training programmes for nationals of Equatorial Guinea in order to overcome the critical shortage of trained and skilled manpower;

7. *Expresses the hope* that, in implementing social and economic programmes, the relevant agencies and organizations of the United Nations system will contribute, as far as possible, the necessary funds and technical assistance;

8. *Requests* the International Labour Organisation to do whatever is possible to help the Government of Equatorial Guinea in its manpower training programmes and in the formulation of a labour code and employment policies;

9. *Requests* the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Equatorial Guinea to cope with the critical health problems facing the population and to provide, as appropriate, food aid for schools and hospitals;

10. *Requests* Member States and the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to grant special measures to Equatorial Guinea pending the review of its situation by the Committee for Development Planning;

11. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund—to maintain and expand their current and future programmes of assistance to Equatorial Guinea and to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in the work of organizing an effective international programme of assistance, and to report periodically to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country;

12. *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 special needs of Equatorial Guinea and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 August 1981;

13. *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 Equatorial Guinea;

²²⁹ A/35/447 and Add.1.

(b) To ensure that the necessary financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Equatorial Guinea and the mobilization of assistance;

(c) To keep the situation in Equatorial Guinea under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, of the status of the special economic assistance programme for Equatorial Guinea;

(d) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Equatorial Guinea 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-sixth session.

*84th plenary meeting
5 December 1980*

35/106. Review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and newly independent developing countries with a view to their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries²²⁴

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1980/161 of 24 July 1980, in which the Council decided to request the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and newly independent developing countries with a view to their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first session of 1981,

1. *Decides* to authorize the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1981, the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries and, accordingly, to add any of these countries to the list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to the above-mentioned countries;

2. *Decides* that this exercise should be without prejudice to any future over-all review of the list of the least developed countries which may be authorized at a later date by the General Assembly in accordance with established procedures.

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35/107. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and its resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office,

Recalling also section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, and its resolution 33/22 of 29 November 1978,

Reaffirming that it is necessary to ensure a continued sound financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976,

Bearing in mind that the timely receipt and distribution of information about the responses of donors is essential for the execution of the mandate of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator²³⁰ and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator before the Second Committee on 3 November 1980;²³¹

2. *Commends* the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator which have contributed to the easing of the consequences of natural disasters;

3. *Calls upon* Governments and international organizations to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator by providing timely information on the nature and extent of their current and intended contributions to disaster-afflicted countries;

4. *Decides* to maintain for a further two-year period, as from 1 January 1982, the trust fund established pursuant to its resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974, modified under its resolutions 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and its decision 33/429 of 19 December 1978, in order to ensure that the financial resources available to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator remain adequate to meet the tasks entrusted to that Office;

5. *Urges* all Governments to contribute to the trust fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

6. *Decides* to review at its thirty-sixth session the mandate of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator.

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35/108. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/15 of 9 November 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/61 of 3 August 1979 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

Recalling further resolution 341 (XIV), adopted on 27 March 1979 by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa,²³² in which the Conference urged member States to give high priority to the development of transport and communications,

Noting resolution CM/Res.738 (XXXIII), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of

²³⁰ A/35/228.

²³¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 36th meeting, paras. 6-17.*

²³² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 15 (F.1979/50), part two, sect. D.*