

consideration at its nineteenth session, in 1983, a report containing additional and up-to-date information relating to the economic situation of Liberia,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts exerted by the Government and people of Liberia for national reconstruction, rehabilitation and development;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report on the economic situation of Liberia and the additional assistance required by that country for its reconstruction, rehabilitation and development;

3. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations of the interagency mission, contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;⁴⁹

4. *Urgently reiterates its appeal* to all Member States to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Liberia;

5. *Urges* Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and interregional governmental bodies, development and financial institutions and non-governmental organizations to support fully the efforts of the Government of Liberia to mobilize funds for its special economic assistance programme and, to this end, to respond generously to the needs of Liberia at the forthcoming round-table conference;

6. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization—to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Liberia, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in his efforts to organize an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country;

7. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as international financial institutions—in particular the European Economic Community, the European Development Fund, the African Development Bank, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund for International Development and the International Fund for Agricultural Development—to give urgent consideration to the establishment of a programme of assistance for Liberia or, where one is already in existence, to the expansion of that programme;

8. *Calls upon* Member States, pending consideration by the Committee for Development Planning at its nineteenth session of the report submitted to it and in view of the critical economic situation of Liberia, to accord Liberia special measures and, as a matter of priority, to give special consideration to the early inclusion of Liberia in their programme of development assistance;

9. *Urges* Member States and the appropriate United Nations bodies—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization—to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Liberia to cope with the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicine and essential equipment for schools and hospitals, as well

as to meet the emergency needs of the population in the region hit by the recent landslide and floods;

10. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health 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 Liberia and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1983;

11. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank to provide all possible assistance to the Government of Liberia in organizing the round-table conference of donors;

12. *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 Liberia;

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

(c) To keep the situation regarding assistance to Liberia 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 1983, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Liberia;

(d) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Liberia and in organizing and implementing the programme of assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

*109th plenary meeting
17 December 1982*

37/150. Assistance to Democratic Yemen

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/6 of 28 April 1982 concerning the extensive devastation caused by the heavy floods in Democratic Yemen,

Recalling also resolution 107 (IX) of 11 May 1982 of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,⁵¹ in which the Commission called for the urgent establishment of a programme for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/59 of 30 July 1982,

Having considered the report prepared by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on the extent and nature of the damage caused by the floods,⁵²

Taking note of the oral report presented by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/59,⁵³

Recognizing that Democratic Yemen, being one of the least developed countries, is unable to bear the mounting burden of rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas,

⁵¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22)*, chap. 1.

⁵² See E/ECWA/156.

⁵³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 27th meeting, paras. 1-9.*

Recognizing also the efforts made by Democratic Yemen to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the floods,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken regarding assistance to Democratic Yemen;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to States, international, regional and intergovernmental organizations which have provided assistance to Democratic Yemen;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective comprehensive programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Democratic Yemen in order to help mitigate the damage inflicted on it and implement its rehabilitation and reconstruction plans;

4. *Appeals* to Member States to contribute generously through bilateral and/or multilateral channels to the reconstruction and development process in Democratic Yemen;

5. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization—to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Democratic Yemen and to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective programme of assistance to that country;

6. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to give urgent consideration to the needs and development requirements of Democratic Yemen;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation in Democratic Yemen under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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37/151. Special economic assistance to Benin

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/88 of 5 December 1980 and 36/208 of 17 December 1981, in which it appealed to the international community to provide effective and continuous financial, material and technical assistance to Benin so as to help that country overcome its financial and economic difficulties,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 419 (1977) of 24 November 1977, in which the Council appealed to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to assist Benin,

Having heard the statement made by the representative of Benin before the Second Committee on 4 November 1982⁵⁴ describing his country's serious economic and financial situation and the measures adopted by his Government to tackle those difficulties,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁵⁵ to which is annexed the report of the review mission which he dispatched to Benin in July 1982,

Noting from the report that there has been an encouraging development in Benin as a result of the measures adopted by the Government and the appeal of the Secretary-General,

Deeply concerned, however, by the fact that Benin continues to experience serious economic and financial difficulties, characterized by a severe balance-of-payments disequilibrium, heavy burdens of external debt and a lack of resources to implement its planned economic and social development programme,

Noting further that unfavourable climatic conditions in Benin have entailed losses in agricultural and livestock production and that serious floods have led the Government to introduce emergency measures to assist the stricken populations,

Taking note of the recommendation concerning the programme of assistance to Benin as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General,

Noting further Benin's urgent need for international assistance in its health programmes, as well as for food aid,

Aware of the desire of the Government of Benin to organize in January 1983, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, a round-table conference of partners in development to discuss the country's development needs and to consider ways and means of helping the Government in its efforts to meet those needs,

Bearing in mind that Benin is classified as one of the least developed countries,

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

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations of the mission contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;⁵⁵

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance already given or pledged to Benin by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and regional, interregional and intergovernmental organizations;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the various measures adopted by the Government of Benin to strengthen the country's economy, and of the fruitful implementation of a number of economic initiatives of prime importance;

5. *Expresses its concern* at the fact that, in spite of those favourable developments, the Government of Benin continues to encounter serious economic and financial difficulties and that those problems have been aggravated by losses in agricultural and livestock production as a result of the floods in the south of the country and the drought in the north;

6. *Draws attention* to the needs of Benin for supplementary external assistance in order to implement fully the recommended special programme of economic assistance;

7. *Urgently reiterates the appeal* it has addressed to all Member States to provide substantial and appropriate assistance bilaterally and multilaterally, if possible in the form of grants-in-aid or loans granted on favourable terms, in order to enable Benin to carry out fully the recommended special programme of economic assistance;

8. *Urges* Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations, regional and interregional organizations, financing and development institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously to the needs of Benin at the round-table conference, scheduled to be held at Cotonou in January 1983;

9. *Requests* the appropriate bodies and programmes of the United Nations—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, 31st meeting, paras. 12-15.

⁵⁵ A/37/134 and Corr.1.