

Noting the need of the Government of Botswana to rehabilitate and 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 externally controlled railway systems for the transport of its principal exports and imports,

Noting with appreciation Botswana's desire to establish its own railway system,

Noting also the urgent need to complete speedily the projects that have been identified in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,

1. Notes with satisfaction the efforts of Botswana in implementing its development projects;

2. Endorses fully the revised programme of assistance contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁷ and calls the attention of the international community to the outstanding needs for assistance identified therein;

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 an urgent need to maintain the flow of contributions to carry out the remainder of the emergency programme, the implementation of parts of which remains 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, as well as to the priority requirements to rehabilitate the border areas most adversely affected by the war, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the annex to 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 and economic situation;

6. Appeals to all Member States, regional and interregional 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 them, 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 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 on the results of that assistance and on their decisions to the Secretary-General in time for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

9. Appeals to the international community to contribute to the special account established 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 cooperate closely with the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Botswana;

11. 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 Botswana;

(b) To keep the situation in Botswana 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 Botswana;

(c) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Botswana and 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-eighth session.

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17 December 1982

37/149. Assistance for the development of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/207 of 17 December 1981, in which it appealed to all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international financial and development institutions to provide all possible assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Liberia,

Noting the statement made by the representative of Liberia before the Second Committee on 4 November 1982,⁴⁸ describing his country's serious economic and financial situation,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,⁴⁹ to which was annexed the report of the inter-agency mission he dispatched to Liberia in March 1982 to consult with the Government on the additional assistance needed for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the country,

Noting from the report the serious economic and financial problems that confront Liberia, which arise primarily from the weak and underdeveloped state of the economic and social infrastructure,

Noting also that the budgetary situation in Liberia, according to the report, makes it impossible for the Government to embark on a development programme without sufficient external financial aid,

Particularly concerned that the Government of Liberia is unable to provide the population with adequate health, educational and other essential social and public services because of an acute shortage of financial and material resources, especially so in the wake of the recent national disaster arising from the landslide and floods which caused the loss of lives,

Taking note of the recommended programme of assistance to Liberia, drawn up by the inter-agency mission in consultation with the Government,⁵⁰

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

Noting that the Government of Liberia, with the assistance of the United Nations Secretariat, has prepared and submitted to the Committee for Development Planning, for

⁴⁸ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 30th meeting, paras. 33-36.

⁴⁹ A/37/123.

⁵⁰ See A/37/123, annex.

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.

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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.*