

### 38/211. Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the Central African Republic

*The General Assembly.*

Recalling its resolutions 35/87 of 5 December 1980, 36/206 of 17 December 1981 and 37/145 of 17 December 1982, in which it affirmed the urgent need for international action to assist the Government of the Central African Republic in its reconstruction, rehabilitation and development efforts and invited the international community to provide sufficient resources to carry out the programme of assistance to the Central African Republic,

Noting the statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of the Central African Republic on 10 October 1983,<sup>199</sup> in which he described the serious economic and financial problems of the country and observed that the situation had not improved, owing to the insufficiency of financial resources, and that external assistance continued to be essential,

Noting also the statement made by the representative of the Central African Republic on 10 November 1983,<sup>200</sup> according to which the response of the international community to the urgent appeal of the General Assembly had not been adequate to meet the needs of the situation,

Bearing in mind that the Central African Republic is land-locked and is classified as one of the least developed countries,

Recalling the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>201</sup> which called for increased aid to these countries,

Particularly concerned that the Government of the Central African Republic 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,

Taking account of the fact that the economic and social situation in the Central African Republic has been further aggravated by an unprecedented drought and a sharp and considerable decrease in export earnings,

Noting with satisfaction the considerable efforts exerted by the Government and people of the Central African Republic for national reconstruction, rehabilitation and development, despite the limitations confronting them,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>202</sup> to which is annexed the report of the mission dispatched to the Central African Republic in June 1982 to carry out a study of the economic situation and the progress being made in organizing and carrying out the special programme of economic assistance for that country, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 36/206,

Having also examined the summary report of the Secretary-General,<sup>203</sup>

Noting that, according to those reports, the budgetary situation of the Central African Republic continues to make it impossible for the Government to undertake a programme of reconstruction, rehabilitation and development, owing to inadequate external financial assistance,

1. Expresses its gratification to the Secretary-General for the efforts he has made to mobilize resources for carrying out the programme of assistance to the Central African Republic;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the States, the international, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations for their contribution to the programme of assistance to the Central African Republic;

3. Notes with concern, however, that the assistance provided under this heading continues to fall far short of the country's urgent needs;

4. Urgently draws the attention of the international community to table 6 of the annex to the Secretary-General's report,<sup>202</sup> which indicates the projects for which financing is partially assured and those for which no financing has been forthcoming;

5. Reiterates its appeal to all States to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of the Central African Republic;

6. Requests the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, 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 their programmes of assistance to the Central African Republic, 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 and non-governmental organizations—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, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the Kuwaiti Fund and the Abu Dhabi Fund—to give urgent consideration to the establishment of a programme of assistance to the Central African Republic or, where one is already in existence, to the expansion and considerable strengthening of that programme with a view to its implementation as soon as possible;

8. Urges all States and relevant 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 the Central African Republic to cope with the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicines and essential equipment for schools and hospitals, as well as to meet the emergency needs of the population in the drought-stricken areas of the country;

9. 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,

<sup>199</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Plenary Meetings, 26th meeting, paras. 223–270.

<sup>200</sup> *Ibid.*, Second Committee, 34th meeting, paras. 13–17.

<sup>201</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1–14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

<sup>202</sup> A/37/131.

<sup>203</sup> A/38/216, sect. VI.

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 the Central African Republic and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1984;

10. *Again draws the attention* of the international community to the special account opened by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/87, for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to the Central African Republic;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to organize a special emergency assistance programme with regard to food and health, especially medicaments, vaccines, hospital equipment, generating sets for field hospitals, water pumps and food products in order to help the vulnerable populations, whose steadily deteriorating situation is becoming a matter of increasingly serious concern;

(b) To continue also his efforts to mobilize necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to the Central African Republic;

(c) To ensure that the necessary financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to the Central African Republic and the mobilization of that assistance;

(d) To keep the situation in the Central African Republic under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the status of the special programme of economic assistance for the Central African Republic;

(e) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of the Central African Republic and in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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### 38/212. Assistance to the Gambia

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 37/159 of 17 December 1982, in which it, *inter alia*, noted that the Gambia is a least developed country with acute economic and social problems arising from its weak economic infrastructure and that it also suffers from many of the serious problems common to countries of the Sahelian region, notably drought,

*Having heard* the statement made by the representative of the Gambia on 11 November 1983<sup>204</sup> describing her country's serious economic and financial situation and the measures adopted by her Government to deal with these difficulties,

*Having considered* the summary report of the Secretary-General,<sup>205</sup> in which the recent economic situation in the Gambia is described,

*Concerned* that the Gambia continues to encounter serious balance-of-payments and budgetary problems and noting that the lack of domestic resources is the most important constraint on development, since the Govern-

ment lacks the funds to meet the counterpart costs of donor-assisted projects.

*Noting* that external assistance is still required to enable the Government of the Gambia to implement the six projects recommended by the Secretary-General in his report,<sup>206</sup>

*Aware* of the intention of the Government of the Gambia to organize, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, a round-table conference of donors in November 1984 to discuss the country's development needs and to consider ways and means of helping the Government in its efforts to meet those needs,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance for the Gambia;

2. *Expresses its appreciation also* to those States and organizations that have provided assistance to the Gambia;

3. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the need for assistance for the projects and programmes identified by the Secretary-General in his reports;

4. *Renews its urgent appeal* to Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as international development and financial institutions, to give generous assistance to the Gambia, through bilateral or multilateral channels, and to provide financial, technical and material assistance for the implementation of the projects and programmes recommended by the Secretary-General in his reports;

5. *Urges* donors, as appropriate, to provide financial assistance to the Gambia to help meet the local counterpart costs of externally-assisted projects, bearing in mind that the Gambia is classified as a least developed country;

6. *Urges* Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and interregional bodies, financial and development institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously to the needs of the Gambia at the round-table conference to be held in November 1984;

7. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular 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 and the International Fund for Agricultural Development—to increase their current and future programmes of assistance to the Gambia, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing 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 assist that country;

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 special needs of the Gambia and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1984;

<sup>204</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Second Committee, 36th meeting, paras. 5–7.

<sup>205</sup> A/38/216, sect. IX.

<sup>206</sup> See A/37/138, annex, sect. IV; A/37/138/Add.1, annex.