

(b) To keep the question of assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Madagascar under constant review;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1986, of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

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17 December 1985*

**40/231. Long-term and effective solution of the problems caused by natural disasters in Bangladesh**

*The General Assembly,*

*Aware* of the grave devastation and substantial loss of life and property caused by the cyclone that struck large areas of Bangladesh on 25 May 1985,

*Having heard* the statement made on 12 November 1985 by the representative of Bangladesh,<sup>165</sup> in which he enumerated the enormous losses suffered by Bangladesh in the cyclone as well as the adverse consequences of recurring natural disasters, particularly cyclones, tidal waves and floods, for the economic development of that country,

*Concerned* about the serious damage to infrastructure caused by such natural disasters, which has a far-reaching impact on the implementation of the national development plan in that country,

*Considering* that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries, and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

*Aware* that the coastal areas of Bangladesh are particularly vulnerable to natural calamity resulting in widespread human and material loss,

*Recognizing* the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the sufferings of disaster victims, and its programmes for a more permanent solution,

*Noting with appreciation* the support and solidarity displayed by the countries of the South Asian region in assisting Bangladesh in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone of 25 May 1985,

*Recognizing* that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

*Aware* that considerable expertise and technical capabilities are available within the organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to strengthen the preparedness and prevention capability of disaster-prone countries through the promotion of a long-term and effective solution of the problems caused by natural disasters,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international community for its interest in and support to Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts following the natural disaster;

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the support provided by him, particularly through the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordi-

nator and other operational agencies of the United Nations system in Bangladesh;

3. *Appeals* to all Member States, specialized agencies, and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international economic and financial institutions, to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its plans and programmes to secure a long-term and effective solution of the problems caused by natural disasters;

4. *Requests* the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to take appropriate measures to provide assistance to Bangladesh for disaster preparedness and prevention programmes, taking into account the existing co-ordinated efforts of Member States;

5. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to assist, in co-operation with other relevant agencies, the Government of Bangladesh in preparing a time-bound plan in this regard;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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**40/232. Assistance to Mozambique**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, in which the Council appealed to all States to provide financial, technical and material assistance to enable Mozambique to carry out its economic development programme, and requested the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize, with immediate effect, such assistance,

*Recalling further* its resolution 39/199 of 17 December 1984 and its earlier resolutions, in which it urged the international community to respond effectively and generously with assistance to Mozambique,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>166</sup> submitted pursuant to its resolution 38/208, to which was annexed the report of the mission to Mozambique,

*Deeply concerned* at the loss of life and the destruction of essential infrastructures such as roads, railways, bridges, petroleum facilities, electricity supply, schools and hospitals, as identified in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>167</sup>

*Further concerned* about the present difficult economic situation of Mozambique, as illustrated in the summary report of the Secretary-General, submitted pursuant to its resolution 39/199,<sup>168</sup>

*Noting with deep concern* that Mozambique has continued to suffer from a prolonged drought causing heavy losses in human lives, food production and livestock and resulting in dislocation of its affected people,

*Also noting with deep concern* the extensive damage caused by the cyclone "Demoina" at the end of January 1984,

*Noting* that Mozambique faces an emergency food situation of an exceptional scale and needs imports of 638,000 tonnes of cereals in 1985/1986 to meet its food requirements, according to government estimates,

<sup>165</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 32nd meeting, paras. 14-16.*

<sup>166</sup> A/39/382.

<sup>167</sup> A/38/201-E/1983/69 and Corr.1 and 2, annex 1, sect. E; A/38/216, sect. XIII; A/39/382.

<sup>168</sup> A/40/441, sect. XI.