

the attention of the international community to the need to contribute to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

20. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue to expand their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, their assistance to the liberation movements recognized by that organization;

21. *Reaffirms* its willingness to co-operate with the Organization of African Unity and its organs in the implementation of resolutions and decisions of mutual concern;

22. *Calls upon* the competent organs, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue to ensure that their personnel and recruitment policies provide for the just and equitable representation of Africa at all levels at their respective headquarters and in their regional and field operations;

23. *Urges* all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations to provide material and economic assistance to help African countries of asylum cope with the heavy burden imposed on their limited resources and weak infrastructures by the presence of large numbers of refugees;

24. *Invites* Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously and effectively to the implementation of the Declaration and Programme of Action of the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;<sup>33</sup>

25. *Calls upon* United Nations organs — in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the United Nations Council for Namibia — to continue to associate closely the Organization of African Unity with all their work concerning Africa;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that adequate facilities continue to be made available to facilitate continued liaison and consultations on matters of common interest as well as for the provision of technical assistance to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, as required;

27. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to arrange the date and venue for the next meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of that organization and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system;

28. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

87th plenary meeting  
21 November 1985

#### 40/21. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)<sup>34</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and having received the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>35</sup>

*Aware* of the interest of the international community in the peaceful and definitive settlement by the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of all their differences, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

*Taking note* of the interest repeatedly expressed by both parties in normalizing their relations,

*Convinced* that such purpose would be facilitated by a global negotiation between both Governments that will allow them to rebuild mutual confidence on a solid basis and to resolve the pending problems, including all aspects on the future of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas),

1. *Requests* the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to initiate negotiations with a view to finding the means to resolve peacefully and definitively the pending problems between both countries, including all aspects on the future of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his renewed mission of good offices in order to assist the parties in complying with the request made in paragraph 1 above, and to take the necessary measures to that end;

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

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-first session the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)".

95th plenary meeting  
27 November 1985

#### 40/40. Critical economic situation in Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 39/29 of 3 December 1984, and the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa annexed thereto,

*Noting* the Declaration on the Economic Situation in Africa and Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery 1986-1990, annexed thereto, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 18 to 20 July 1985,<sup>29</sup>

*Noting further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/80 of 26 July 1985,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the critical economic situation in Africa,<sup>36</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* to the international community and the United Nations system for their positive response to the emergency situation in Africa and recognizing the need to continue to extend that support to fulfil unmet emergency needs,

*Commending* the Secretary-General for his continuing efforts in ensuring that the emergency assistance by the United Nations system and the international community is delivered to affected countries in a concerted manner,

<sup>33</sup> A/39/402, annex.

<sup>34</sup> See also sect. I, footnote 7, and sect. X.B.6, decision 40/410.

<sup>35</sup> A/40/891.

<sup>36</sup> A/40/372-E/1985/104 and Add.1 and 2.

*Gravely concerned* that, even if the current emergency situation is alleviated, the structural economic problems will continue to cripple African economies and might precipitate recurrent crises,

*Alarmed* by the forecasts that indicate for Africa stagnant or negative growth rates, declining per capita food production, escalating debt burden and the serious effects of drought and desertification,

*Recognizing fully* the need to focus attention and efforts on the rehabilitation and medium-term and long-term development problems of the African countries,

1. *Takes note* of the Declaration on the Economic Situation in Africa and Africa's Priority Programme for Economic Recovery 1986-1990, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first session;

2. *Decides* to convene a special session of the General Assembly at the ministerial level to consider in depth the critical economic situation in Africa, to be held in New York from 27 to 31 May 1986;

3. *Decides also* that the special session of the General Assembly on the critical economic situation in Africa should focus, in a comprehensive and integrated manner, on the rehabilitation and medium-term and long-term development problems and challenges facing African countries, with a view to promoting and adopting action-oriented and concerted measures;

4. *Decides further* to establish a Preparatory Committee of the Whole for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa that would undertake the necessary preparations to ensure the success of the session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to facilitate the work of the Preparatory Committee;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to submit to the Preparatory Committee and to the General Assembly at its special session reports containing action-oriented proposals to deal with the critical economic situation in Africa, particularly the major developmental areas identified in the Declaration on the Critical Economic Situation in Africa annexed to Assembly resolution 39/29, taking fully into account the priorities set by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-first session;

7. *Commends* the international community for its valuable support and positive response to the emergency situation in Africa, and appeals to it to continue these efforts and to give its support for the full implementation of resolution 39/29 and the Declaration annexed thereto;

8. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his valuable efforts in ensuring the co-ordinated response of the United Nations system and the international community to the emergency situation in Africa;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in implementing resolution 39/29 and the Declaration annexed thereto, to continue to monitor the emergency situation, to assess the needs and responses, to maintain the system's capacity to respond to the continuing emergency in the affected countries, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

98th plenary meeting  
2 December 1985

<sup>37</sup> Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Plenary Meetings, 36th meeting.

#### 40/56. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960,

*Having held*, in the year of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations, a special plenary meeting in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,<sup>37</sup>

*Recalling* the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in which the peoples of the world proclaimed their determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Recalling also* the relevant provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,<sup>38</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, containing the programme of action for the full implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and 35/118 of 11 December 1980, the annex to which contains the Plan of Action for the Full Implementation of the Declaration,

*Considering* that the process of national liberation is irresistible and irreversible, and recalling that the Declaration solemnly proclaimed the necessity speedily and unconditionally to put an end to colonialism in all its forms and manifestations,

*Recognizing* the significant and commendable role played by the United Nations, since its very inception, in the field of decolonization and noting the emergence, during this period, of about one hundred States into sovereign existence,

*Noting with satisfaction*, in particular, that during the past twenty-five years a large number of former colonial Territories have achieved independence, mainly through the courageous liberation struggle carried out by the peoples of those countries, led by their national liberation movements, and that many former Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories have exercised their right to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Declaration,

*Noting also with satisfaction* the important contribution made by the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in furthering the aims and objectives of the Declaration with a view to the liberation of peoples from colonial rule,

*Noting further with satisfaction* the active and important role being played by former colonial Territories, as States Members of the United Nations and members of the other organizations of the United Nations system in the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter, the preservation of international peace and security, decolonization and the promotion of human progress, as well as the profound impact thereof on contemporary international relations,

<sup>38</sup> Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.