

(e) The ongoing examination of adjustment programmes and their supportive arrangements, including a comprehensive review of conditionality in the International Monetary Fund;

10. *Stresses* that increased flexibility should be applied by the parties concerned in the development of innovative approaches to reduce the debt burden of developing countries, including, as appropriate, the identification of possible regulatory impediments, and that measures such as the introduction of various forms of new financial instruments and of formulas that do not add to the stock of debt, including those devised by banks and debtors to take advantage of discounts prevailing in the secondary market, should be further pursued, and emphasizes that banks should be encouraged to co-operate flexibly with debtor countries according to individual circumstances to achieve this end;

11. *Calls upon* the international community to continue its efforts, in the context of official debt restructuring exercises, to take appropriate and realistic measures to reduce the burden of official debt, adapted to the specific needs and circumstances of individual countries, *inter alia*, so as to allow an adequate planning horizon and long-term adjustment; consideration should be given to unforeseen changes in a country's external payments;

12. *Urges* the international community to give serious consideration to mutually agreed ways and means of assisting debtor developing countries faced with large and bunched debts to the multilateral financial institutions, taking into account the need for increased capital flows on terms adapted to their payment situation and the specific economic circumstances of individual countries;

13. *Calls upon* the international community to intensify its efforts to provide the necessary resource flows to African countries, including increasing official development assistance in support of their reform efforts, and to continue its efforts to grant adequate terms of rescheduling and other effective debt relief measures, as appropriate, to alleviate the debt burden;

14. *Stresses* that urgent specific actions in respect of the indebtedness of the least developed and poorest developing countries are required, as contained in the relevant provisions of the Final Act adopted by the the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its seventh session, including substantial increases of concessional finance, essentially in grant form;

15. *Recognizes* that the problems of external indebtedness of some other countries with serious debt-servicing problems also give rise to concern, and invites all those involved to take into account, as appropriate, the above in addressing these problems;

16. *Stresses* the importance of the expansion of world trade and the promotion of a climate conducive to the strengthening of an open and liberalized trading system, including, in particular, the improvement of market access for developing countries' exports, and, in this context, stresses the importance of ensuring effective observance of standstill and rollback commitments and the importance of promoting improved commodity markets;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the agenda for the next session of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to propose that due priority be given to the consideration of the issue of the external debt crisis and development in the Committee's discussions of the international economic situation;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult with the relevant bodies and eminent personalities to prepare a comprehensive report on the international debt situation,

reviewing also ways and means of advancing the efforts towards finding a durable, equitable and mutually agreed solution to the debt problems of developing countries in the light of the relevant provisions of the Final Act adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its seventh session and of the present resolution, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

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42/199. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/146 of 20 December 1978, 34/135 of 14 December 1979, 35/85 of 5 December 1980, 36/205 of 17 December 1981, 37/163 of 17 December 1982, 38/220 of 20 December 1983, 39/197 of 17 December 1984, 40/229 of 17 December 1985 and 41/196 of 8 December 1986,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/15 of 29 April 1980, 1985/56 of 25 July 1985 and 1986/46 of 22 July 1986, and decisions 1983/112 of 17 May 1983 and 1984/174 of 26 July 1984,

Noting with deep concern the grave deterioration of the economic situation in Lebanon,

Welcoming the determined efforts of the Government of Lebanon in undertaking its reconstruction and rehabilitation programme,

Reaffirming the urgent need for further international action to assist the Government of Lebanon in its continuing efforts for reconstruction and development,

Considering that filling the vacant post of United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon would facilitate the normal operations of international assistance to Lebanon,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General⁹³ and of the statement made on 15 October 1987 by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services,⁹⁴

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report and for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance to Lebanon;

2. *Commends* the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services for his co-ordination of system-wide assistance for Lebanon;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue and intensify his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in view of the critical economic conditions prevailing in Lebanon, to consider the urgent need to appoint a United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon so that the functions of the Co-ordinator may be resumed in Lebanon;

5. *Requests* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the needs of

⁹³ A/42/553 and Corr.1.

⁹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Second Committee, 15th meeting, and corrigendum.*

Lebanon, and to take the necessary steps to ensure that their offices at Beirut are adequately staffed at the senior level;

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

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42/200. Special economic assistance to Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/198 of 8 December 1986 and its previous resolutions on assistance in the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Chad, emergency humanitarian assistance to Chad and special economic assistance to that country,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on special economic assistance to Chad,⁹⁵ relating, *inter alia*, to the economic and financial situation of Chad, the status of assistance provided for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country and the progress made in organizing and executing the programme of assistance for that country,

Considering that the war and the drought are compromising all the reconstruction and development efforts of the Government of Chad,

Concerned at the recent invasion of locusts, which has aggravated the already precarious food and health situation in Chad, in particular that of the people displaced as a result of the war and the drought,

Taking note of the numerous appeals launched by the Government of Chad and governmental and non-governmental organizations regarding the seriousness of the food and health situation in Chad,

Taking note also of the appeal made by the Government of Chad for a round table on the rehabilitation and reconstruction needs of the northern region, which has suffered the most from the effects of the war,

Recognizing the need for emergency humanitarian assistance to Chad,

Also recognizing the need for assistance in the reconstruction and development of Chad,

Recalling the round table on assistance to Chad convened by the United Nations Development Programme at Geneva on 4 and 5 December 1985, in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the International Conference on Assistance to Chad, held in November 1982,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and governmental and non-governmental organizations that responded and are continuing to respond generously to the appeals of the Government of Chad and of the Secretary-General by furnishing assistance to Chad;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties of Chad and to mobilize assistance for that country;

3. *Renews the request* made to States, competent United Nations organizations and programmes and international economic and financial institutions to continue:

(a) To provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to the people of Chad, who have suffered as a result of the

war, the effects of the drought and the invasion of locusts and predators;

(b) To contribute to the reconstruction of Chad;

4. *Again invites* States and agencies to take part in the sectoral meetings scheduled at the round table on assistance to Chad and to honour the commitments they made;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to implement the interim development plan submitted at Geneva,⁹⁶

(b) To continue to assess, in close collaboration with the humanitarian agencies concerned, the humanitarian needs, particularly in the areas of food and health, of the people displaced by the war and the drought;

(c) To mobilize special humanitarian assistance for persons who have suffered as a result of the war, the drought and the invasion of locusts and predators and for the resettlement of displaced persons;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to organize, in collaboration with the competent United Nations organizations and programmes and the Government of Chad, a round table to formulate an emergency assistance programme for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the northern region and for the resettlement of persons displaced by the war;

7. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to keep the situation in Chad under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

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42/201. Special assistance to front-line States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/199 of 8 December 1986,

Having considered the initiatives of the Secretary-General on special assistance to front-line States and other bordering States,⁹⁷ namely the establishment of a focal point at United Nations Headquarters, the formation of an informal inter-agency consultative group and the setting in motion of a contingency planning process,

Deeply concerned at the continuing deteriorating situation in southern Africa, which has aggravated the economic problems confronting the front-line States and other bordering States, arising from the *apartheid* policies of the Pretoria régime,

Conscious of the responsibility of the international community to address the problems of the region,

Commending the concerted and determined efforts of the countries of the region to cope with the prevailing adverse conditions by strengthening their economic co-operation and lessening their dependence on South Africa, particularly in the areas of transportation, communications and related sectors,

Reaffirming the importance of close co-operation between the United Nations and the front-line States,

Mindful of Security Council resolutions 568 (1985) of 21 June 1985, 571 (1985) of 20 September 1985 and 581 (1986) of 13 February 1986, by which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the international community to render assistance to the front-line States,

⁹⁵ *Ibid.*, sect. II.C.4.

⁹⁷ See A/42/422 and Add.1-4.

⁹⁵ See A/42/442, sect. II.C.