

the earthquake which struck the north-west region of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 20 June 1990,

Aware of the efforts of the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of the earthquake,

Noting that enormous efforts will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Recognizing the importance of international co-operation for the mitigation of the devastation caused by the earthquake,

Recognizing also that the magnitude of the disaster and its long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the people and Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, demonstration of international solidarity to ensure broad multilateral co-operation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and to undertake the process of rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Noting with appreciation the prompt response of Governments, international agencies, non-governmental organizations and individuals in providing emergency relief assistance to the victims of the earthquake,

1. *Expresses* its solidarity with and support for the Government and people of the Islamic Republic of Iran in this tragic situation;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief assistance;

3. *Welcomes* the appointment of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Emergency in Northern Iran, expresses appreciation for the efforts of the Secretary-General to strengthen co-ordination within the United Nations system for providing emergency assistance to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and requests him to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session the report of the Special Representative;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments, the specialized agencies and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations, to extend generous assistance to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction in the affected areas.

*94th plenary meeting
28 June 1990*

44/243. Question of Namibia

A

DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967, by which it decided to establish a United Nations Council for South West Africa¹ as the legal Administering Authority for the Territory until independence,

¹ By its resolution 2372 (XXII) of 12 June 1968, the General Assembly proclaimed that South West Africa should thenceforth be known as "Namibia". By the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the United Nations Council for South West Africa should be called "United Nations Council for Namibia".

Recalling also its resolution S-18/1 of 23 April 1990, by which it admitted the Republic of Namibia to membership in the United Nations,

Taking note of the declaration of the United Nations Council for Namibia adopted at its special plenary meetings, held at Windhoek from 9 to 11 April 1990,² by which the Council decided to recommend to the General Assembly its own dissolution as a result of Namibia's attainment of freedom and independence,

Taking note also of the decision taken by the United Nations Council for Namibia at its special plenary meetings immediately to arrange, with the agreement of the Government of the Republic of Namibia, to co-ordinate the smooth transfer of the relevant programmes and activities of the Council to the Government of Namibia,

Taking note further of the decision of the United Nations Council for Namibia requesting the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia and the United Nations Institute for Namibia to organize in Namibia a seminar on programme planning for the national reconstruction and development of Namibia,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Council for Namibia, as the legal Administering Authority for the Territory until independence, for the fulfilment of the important responsibilities entrusted to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 2248 (S-V) and for its unremitting efforts to ensure the attainment by the Namibian people of self-determination and national independence;

2. *Decides* that the United Nations Council for Namibia, having fulfilled the important mandate entrusted to it by General Assembly resolution 2248 (S-V) relating to the Territory, is hereby dissolved;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary resources in order to complete the implementation of the programme activities approved by the United Nations Council for Namibia for 1990, as set forth in annex I to the present resolutions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General immediately to arrange, in consultation with the Government of Namibia, to co-ordinate the transfer to the Government of Namibia of the programmes, activities and assets of the United Nations Council for Namibia, including archival collections consisting of, *inter alia*, major resolutions and decisions of the United Nations on the question of Namibia and other relevant documents and official correspondence, as well as, in particular, those relating to the implementation of Decree No. 1 for the Protection of the Natural Resources of Namibia³ and to the accession to international conventions and representation of Namibia in specialized agencies of the United Nations and intergovernmental organizations;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in recognition of the unique and direct responsibility that the United Nations had assumed over Namibia prior to independence, to ensure the continued role of the United Nations in the reconstruction and development of the newly independent State of Namibia by providing the

² A/44/940-S/21270, annex.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/35/24), vol. I, annex II.*

necessary resources and staff within the Secretariat for the delivery of such programmes of assistance;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to provide assistance as may be requested by the Government of Namibia in the preparation of a comprehensive national census in order to determine accurate demographic and other relevant socio-economic statistics on Namibia;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to consider as a matter of priority the redeployment within the United Nations Secretariat and other organizations of the United Nations system of the staff of the Office of the United Nations Commissioner for Namibia.

*96th plenary meeting
11 September 1990*

B

UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR NAMIBIA

The General Assembly,

Having examined the parts of the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia relating to the United Nations Fund for Namibia,⁴

Recalling its resolution 2679 (XXV) of 9 December 1970, by which it established the United Nations Fund for Namibia,

Recalling also its resolution 3112 (XXVIII) of 12 December 1973, by which it appointed the United Nations Council for Namibia trustee of the United Nations Fund for Namibia,

Recalling further its resolution 31/153 of 20 December 1976, by which it decided to launch the Nationhood Programme for Namibia, a comprehensive assistance programme within the United Nations system, covering both the period of the struggle for independence and the initial years of independence of Namibia,

Noting that the current programmes under the General Account, the United Nations Institute for Namibia Account and the Nationhood Programme Account of the United Nations Fund for Namibia should be completed,

1. *Takes note* of the relevant parts of the report of the United Nations Council for Namibia;

2. *Takes note also* of the declaration of the United Nations Council for Namibia adopted at its special plenary meetings held at Windhoek from 9 to 11 April 1990,² by which the Council recognized that some of its current programmes and activities remain incomplete;

3. *Decides* that the United Nations Fund for Namibia shall continue to operate in order to ensure the orderly completion of all programmes and activities currently financed from it and as set forth in annex II to the present resolutions and that a report in this respect shall be made to the General Assembly at an appropriate time;

4. *Decides also* that the United Nations Fund for Namibia shall operate under the custody of the Secretary-General;

5. *Decides further* to establish the United Nations Trust Committee for the United Nations Fund for

Namibia, the composition and guidelines of which shall follow the pattern of the Committee on the United Nations Fund for Namibia, to serve as the trustee of the Fund until its dissolution;

6. *Requests* the Committee, with the agreement of the Government of Namibia, to take the necessary measures to ensure the completion of ongoing programmes and activities currently financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia;

7. *Decides* that the United Nations Institute for Namibia, having fulfilled its mandate to provide substantive support in its areas of competence in the struggle for freedom of the Namibians and the establishment of an independent Namibia and in view of the critical financial difficulties which it is experiencing, shall cease its operations on 30 September 1990;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations Trust Committee for the United Nations Fund for Namibia, and in co-operation with the Governments of Namibia and Zambia, to implement the closure of the United Nations Institute for Namibia as provided for in paragraph 7 above, and to liquidate its assets and discharge its liabilities and, having regard to the needs of Namibia and the successor institution to the Institute, to make available any residual net assets for utilization by such successor institution;

9. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Government of Zambia for accommodating the United Nations Institute for Namibia prior to Namibia's independence and extending services, courtesies and privileges to facilitate the Institute's operations in Zambia;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Governments concerned, to co-ordinate the transfer to Namibia of the United Nations Vocational Training Centre for Namibia at Cuacra, Angola, and to determine the future status of the Namibia Secondary Technical School at Loudima, the Congo, and expresses its deep appreciation to the Governments of Angola and the Congo for the courtesies and hospitality that they have extended to these institutions;

11. *Expresses its appreciation* to all States, specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system, and to governmental and non-governmental organizations that have made contributions to the United Nations Fund for Namibia, as well as to all individuals who have done so;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appeal to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals for voluntary contributions to the United Nations Fund for Namibia;

13. *Invites* Governments to appeal once more to their national organizations and institutions for voluntary contributions to the United Nations Fund for Namibia;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations Development Programme for its contribution to the financing and administration of the Nationhood Programme for Namibia and the financing of the United Nations Institute for Namibia, and calls upon it to continue its contribution to the United Nations Fund for Namibia;

⁴ *Ibid.*, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 24 (A/44/24), part four, chaps. III and IV, sect. B.

15. *Decides* that Namibians currently benefiting from assistance through the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa and through the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa shall continue to be eligible for such assistance until they complete their programmes;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to credit as soon as possible to the United Nations Fund for Namibia the sum of 1.5 million United States dollars already appropriated for 1990 under the regular budget;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary resources for the performance of the activities financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia.

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ANNEX I

Programme activities approved by the United Nations Council for Namibia for 1990 to be carried out following the dissolution of the Council

The United Nations Council for Namibia approved the programme activities enumerated below for 1990:

1. Preparation of reports on the political, military and social situation in Namibia, and on the activities of foreign economic interests in the Territory, for the period from 1 April 1989 until independence;
2. Preparation of a report on contacts between Member States and South Africa to cover the period from 1 April 1989 until independence;
3. Preparation of a report on the activities of the Council for the period from 1 September 1989 until independence;
4. Organization of a seminar on programme planning for the national reconstruction and development of Namibia and preparation of its final report;
5. Preparation of draft chapters on Namibia for inclusion in the *Yearbook of the United Nations* for the years 1986 to 1990;
6. Preparation of a draft study of Article 81 of the Charter of the United Nations for inclusion in Supplement No. 7 of the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs*;
7. Compilation of archival materials relating to United Nations action on Namibia and deemed to be of use or interest to Namibia, including major resolutions and decisions of the United Nations on the question of Namibia and other relevant documents and official correspondence;
8. Drafting of a historical account of the responsibilities and programmes undertaken by the Council since its inception.

ANNEX II

Programmes and activities financed from the United Nations Fund for Namibia

A. NATIONHOOD PROGRAMME ACCOUNT

1. The Nationhood Programme Account of the Fund finances sixteen training and education projects for Namibians in various fields of study. Two of these projects provide funding for the United Nations Vocational Training Centre for Namibia at Cuacra, Angola, which is to be relocated to Namibia in late 1990 or early 1991.

B. GENERAL ACCOUNT

2. The individual scholarship programme of the General Account provides sponsorship for one hundred eighty-five Namibian students, the majority of whom are studying at university level in the United States of America.

3. The General Account also supports six training projects similar to those of the Nationhood Programme and one project that makes a major contribution to the operating expenses of the Namibia Secondary Technical School at Loudima, the Congo.

4. The General Account provides social and medical assistance for expatriate Namibians in need, generally students, and covers the return travel expenses of scholarship holders who have completed their degrees.

C. INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA ACCOUNT

5. The Institute for Namibia Account of the Fund provided most of the funding for the budget of the United Nations Institute for Namibia at Lusaka. The Institute shall cease its operations on 30 September 1990.

44/244. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on *Apartheid* and its Destructive Consequences in Southern Africa,⁵ adopted by consensus on 14 December 1989 at the sixteenth special session of the General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the Declaration called upon the South African régime, *inter alia*, to undertake certain measures in order to create a climate suitable for negotiations in South Africa,

Recalling that the Declaration called upon the international community not to relax existing measures aimed at encouraging the South African régime to eradicate *apartheid* until there is clear evidence of profound and irreversible changes, bearing in mind the objectives of the Declaration,

Noting that the States Members of the United Nations and the members of the international community have generally adhered to the programme of action contained in the Declaration⁶ and expressing its concern over any departures that have occurred from the international consensus reflected in the Declaration,

Taking careful note of the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the Declaration⁷ and welcoming his contributions,

Taking note of the report of the Monitoring Group of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Southern Africa of the Organization of African Unity,⁸

Taking note also of other statements and reports from Member States and regional groups on this issue,

Noting that while some significant measures in the right direction have been undertaken by the South African régime, such as the unbanning of the African National Congress of South Africa, the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania and other political organizations and the release of some political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, and the régime's declared commitment to abolish the *apartheid* system, continued efforts are needed to establish a climate fully conducive to negotiations and free political activity,

Welcoming the ongoing talks between the African National Congress of South Africa and the South African régime aimed at eliminating obstacles to the commencement of negotiations towards a peaceful settlement in South Africa, and the results achieved

⁵ Resolution S-16/1, annex.

⁶ *Ibid.*, sect. C.

⁷ A/44/960 and Add.1-3.

⁸ A/44/963.

⁹ A/45/268, annex.