

Commissions the President of the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to request the Government of Chile to release immediately Mr. Clodomiro Almeyda, the President of the third session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

2278th plenary meeting
6 November 1974

3216 (XXIX). Fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964 and Trade and Development Board decision 113 (XIV) of 13 September 1974,⁹

Bearing in mind the invitation of the Government of Kenya to hold the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Nairobi,

1. *Accepts with appreciation* the invitation of the Government of Kenya;

2. *Decides* that the fourth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development will be held at Nairobi in May/June 1976 for a period not exceeding four weeks.

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3217 (XXIX). United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions relating to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly resolution 3064 (XXVIII) of 9 November 1973, and the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council on the same subject,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;¹⁰

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the increasing effectiveness of the Institute in the discharge of its responsibilities;

3. *Invites* the Institute to organize its work in the sphere of economic and social research and training within its field of competence, taking full account of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order;¹¹

4. *Expresses the hope* that the Institute will have greater and wider financial support.

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3241 (XXIX). Economic co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3177 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 on economic co-operation among developing countries,

Reaffirming the provisions of paragraph 4 of that resolution concerning the role of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in promoting economic co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing that collective self-reliance and growing co-operation among developing countries will further strengthen their role in the new international economic order,

Noting the Action Programme for economic co-operation among non-aligned and other developing countries, adopted by the Conference of Foreign Ministers of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Georgetown from 8 to 12 August 1972, and reaffirmed at the Fourth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries,¹² held at Algiers from 5 to 9 September 1973,

Mindful also of the determination of the non-aligned and other developing countries to provide, by self-reliance and joint efforts and through mutual solidarity and assistance, the necessary conditions for their independent and accelerated economic and political development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹³

2. *Endorses* Trade and Development Board decision 121 (XIV) of 13 September 1974 on trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration among developing countries;¹⁴

3. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to provide continuing support for the promotion of economic co-operation among developing countries in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 3177 (XXVIII);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the contribution made by the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system in promoting economic co-operation among developing countries.

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3242 (XXIX). Economic and social assistance for Honduras

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America held its ninth extraordinary session at United Nations Headquarters on 21 and 22 October 1974 for the purpose of considering the short-term, medium-term and long-term international co-operation which, within the framework of the United Nations, could be given to Honduras for the reconstruction of the country following the disaster which struck it between 18 and 20 September 1974,

Bearing in mind the report on the magnitude of the economic and social impact of the destruction suffered by Honduras, prepared by the secretariat of the Eco-

¹² A/9330 and Corr.1, p. 85.

¹³ A/9760.

¹⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/9615/Rev.1), annex I.*

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 14 (A/9614).

¹¹ Resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI).

conomic Commission for Latin America in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme,¹⁵

Also bearing in mind the report on the ninth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America,¹⁶

Recognizing the urgency and importance of implementing the measures which the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America unanimously recommended in resolution 343 (AC.67) of 22 October 1974, entitled "International co-operation to deal with the natural disaster which occurred in Honduras during the period 18 to 20 September 1974",

1. *Conveys* to the people and Government of Honduras its feeling of solidarity in the face of the tragedy they have suffered;

2. *Endorses* resolution 343 (AC.67), adopted by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its ninth extraordinary session;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the international organizations of the United Nations system to ensure the dedicated and prompt execution of the recommendations contained in resolution 343 (AC.67).

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3243 (XXIX). Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it created the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and established its primary functions of co-ordinating disaster relief, especially through its role as an information clearing-house, and of assisting in disaster prevention and preparedness,

Endorsing Economic and Social Council resolution 1891 (LVII) of 31 July 1974, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to investigate the feasibility of measures to strengthen the disaster prevention, pre-disaster planning and co-ordinating roles of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and to submit his findings to the Council at its fifty-ninth session, and in which the Council recommended that the General Assembly, at its twenty-ninth session, should reconsider the proposals of the Secretary-General for additional staff resources,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,¹⁷ and of the statement made to the Second Committee by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on the activities of his Office,¹⁸

Noting in particular the statements in the Secretary-General's report that, while some progress has been made in the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in establishing its assigned func-

tion of mobilizing and co-ordinating relief, the lack of staff and facilities, combined with the frequency, duration and simultaneity of disaster situations, has seriously impaired the effectiveness of the Office in discharging these and other responsibilities,

Concerned that lack of adequate co-ordination on a world-wide basis results, in some cases, in lapses in meeting priority needs and, in others, in costly duplication and in the supply of unneeded assistance,

Convinced that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator is in a unique position, given adequate staff and facilities, to provide a world-wide system of mobilizing and co-ordinating disaster relief, including the collection and dissemination of information on disaster assessment, priority needs and donor assistance,

Convinced further that this capability should be strengthened, as a matter of priority and urgency and without prejudice to the disaster prevention and disaster preparedness roles assigned to the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Convinced that disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning should form an integral part of the international development policy of Governments and of international organizations,

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to provide sufficient staff, equipment and facilities to strengthen the capacity of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to provide an efficient and effective world-wide service of mobilizing and co-ordinating disaster relief, including particularly the collection and dissemination of information on disaster assessment, priority needs and donor assistance;

2. *Decides* that the additional costs of providing this strengthened capability should be met by voluntary contributions during the first year, commencing as soon as possible, and during the biennium 1976-1977, at which time the method of financing for succeeding periods shall be subject to review in the light of experience, with the understanding that the additional resources made available under the terms of the present resolution should be concentrated on strengthening the co-ordinating capability of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, but without prejudice to any improvements that can be made in the roles of that Office in disaster prevention and in pre-disaster planning within the resources otherwise available to it;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures, drawing upon the aforementioned voluntary funds, to prepare a plan and budget for this increased capability, and to proceed with its immediate implementation;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, as called for in Economic and Social Council resolution 1891 (LVII), to continue to investigate the feasibility of measures to strengthen the United Nations machinery with regard to disaster prevention and pre-disaster planning;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session and to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

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¹⁵ E/CEPAL/AC.67/2 and Corr.1 and 2.

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 9A (E/5608/Add.1).*

¹⁷ A/9637.

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 1620th meeting, paras. 1-7.*