

crease their assistance to the people of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;

4. *Calls upon* all concerned to ensure that the international assistance provided be used for the sole purpose of relief and rehabilitation;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of paragraphs 2 to 4 above and of other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council.

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32/56. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, establishing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which provides, *inter alia*, for measures to be taken in support of the activities of the Office, and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities of the Office,

Recalling also section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Reaffirming its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976 in which, *inter alia*, it recognized the need for the maintenance of the activities of the core programme of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and provided for measures for securing a sound financial basis for the Office as well as for a review by the Economic and Social Council in 1978 of alternative sources of funding for the technical co-operation activities of the Office,

Bearing in mind that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as a permanent body within the United Nations system, is responsible, *inter alia*, for co-ordinating international disaster relief assistance,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;²⁰

2. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

3. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 2102 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 on measures to expedite international relief;

4. *Invites* Governments of disaster-prone countries to undertake measures of planning and preparedness for the provision of relief to victims of natural disasters and to co-ordinate their efforts with those of, and co-operate with, the international community, and requests the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief

Co-ordinator to assist those countries in this work to the extent possible;

5. *Urges* resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and appropriate specialized agencies, to co-operate with and assist Governments that wish to include in their country programmes projects to reduce the impact of disasters and lessen their long-term socio-economic effects;

6. *Reaffirms* that the Secretary-General should continue to have the capacity to contribute emergency relief assistance to countries as a first response to disaster situations;

7. *Decides* to examine at its thirty-third session the question of future financial arrangements for ensuring a sound financial basis for the core programme of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with a view to including in the draft programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 proposals for a further transfer of appropriate costs from voluntary funding to the United Nations regular budget;

8. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to take the present resolution into consideration when formulating its recommendations on the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983.

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32/57. Examination of long-term trends in economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recognizing that the United Nations activities initiated by General Assembly resolution 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, entitled "Examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world", to be continued and expanded on the basis of Economic and Social Council resolution 2090 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977, should contribute to the establishment of the new international economic order and, in this context, to the process of international economic negotiations relating, *inter alia*, to trade, primary commodities, food problems, industrialization, monetary problems and other issues of primordial importance for economic and social development on a global scale,

Bearing in mind that the regional studies involved should be so designed as to reach practical conclusions regarding the expansion of economic co-operation on both a regional and an international scale,

Bearing also in mind the need to study long-term prospects for the social and economic development of the various regions of the world and on global scale, *inter alia*, in order to utilize, as appropriate, the results achieved in the work on the new international development strategy,

²⁰ A/32/64 and Corr.1.

Noting that studies and projections of long-term trends and their implications for development policies will be considered by the Committee for Development Planning at its fourteenth session,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on long-term trends in the economic development of the various regions of the world and their mutual relationship and studies of the regional commissions annexed thereto,²¹ prepared in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 3508 (XXX);

2. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 2090 (LXIII), in particular paragraph 4 thereof, which contains the recommendation to start, on the basis of the regional studies under way, preparations for the elaboration of an over-all socio-economic perspective of the development of the world economy up to the year 2000, with special emphasis on the years up to 1990 and on the problems of developing countries;

3. *Reaffirms* the necessity to take into account, as appropriate, regional and global long-term prospects for economic and social development during the preparatory process for, and in the elaboration of, the new international development strategy;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, the progress report referred to in Council resolution 2090 (LXIII);

5. *Decides* to consider the status of the examination of long-term economic trends at its thirty-fourth session as a separate agenda item;

6. *Invites* all States, as well as the concerned organizations, organs and bodies within the United Nations system, to reply to requests for information which may be made in the course of the implementation of the present resolution.

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32/92. Assistance to the Comoros

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/42 of 1 December 1976 relating to assistance to the Comoros, in which it requested the Secretary-General to mobilize financial, technical and economic assistance from the international community, particularly from the developed countries and the appropriate organizations within the United Nations system, with a view to meeting the short-term and long-term development needs of this newly independent country,

Recalling its resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which it recommended specific action by the developed countries in favour of developing island countries,

Having regard to the particularly exceptional circumstances in which the Comoros acceded to independence on 6 July 1975,

Taking note of the island character of this developing country and of the serious economic situation with which it had to deal immediately after its accession to independence,

²¹ E/5937 and Corr.1, E/5937/Add.1 and Corr.1 and 2, E/5937/Add.2-4 and Add.4/Corr.1.

Having regard to Economic and Social Council decision 252 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977, in which the Council took note, *inter alia*, of the view of the Committee for Development Planning²² concerning the inclusion of the Comoros in the list of the least developed countries;²³

Having regard to the very substantial sacrifices made by the Government and people of the Comoros in reorganizing and improving the administration in both the social and economic fields,

Noting the statement of the representative of the Secretary-General, which emphasized the urgency of providing increased assistance adapted to the real needs of the young republic of the Comoros,²⁴

Having studied the report of the Secretary-General²⁵ transmitting the report of the United Nations Mission to the Comoros which reviews the extremely critical economic situation in the Comoros and contains, *inter alia*, a list and the cost of urgent projects formulated by the Government of the Comoros that require international assistance,

1. *Endorses* the assessment and recommendations of the United Nations Mission to the Comoros;²⁶

2. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the critical budgetary situation confronting the Comoros;

3. *Calls the attention* of the international community to the list of urgent projects submitted by the Government of the Comoros for financing,²⁷ as described in the report transmitted by the Secretary-General;

4. *Urges* Member States and regional and inter-governmental organizations to respond generously and to continue to provide the Comoros with the economic, financial and material assistance necessary to meet the cost of the projects and other measures referred to in the report of the Mission;

5. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization—to grant increased assistance to the Comoros and to cooperate with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance to that country;

6. *Decides* to include the Comoros in the list of the least developed countries;

7. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* regarding the measures taken by the Secretary-General to organize an effective programme of international assistance to the Comoros;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance already provided or pledged to the Comoros by Member States,

²² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5939 and Corr.1), para. 83.*

²³ See resolutions 2768 (XXVI) and 3487 (XXX).

²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Second Committee, 41st meeting, paras. 9-12.*

²⁵ A/32/208 and Add.1 and 2.

²⁶ See A/32/208/Add.1 and 2.

²⁷ A/32/208/Add.1, annex I.