

Recognizing that the programmes and activities of the World Tourism Organization in the field of tourism contribute, in accordance with its statutes,⁶⁴ to global economic and social development and to international understanding, peace and progress,

Noting with interest that the World Tourism Organization is to convene a World Tourism Conference in 1980 which will examine past and present trends in tourism with a view to defining guidelines for its future development, planning and promotion and to enabling States to formulate their tourism development strategies,

1. *Requests* the World Tourism Organization to continue its efforts towards the further development and promotion of tourism, especially in the developing countries, through intensified international co-operation pursuant to article 3 of its statutes;

2. *Urges* States to give due attention and co-operation to the preparatory work of the World Tourism Organization for the World Tourism Conference to be held in 1980, and to ensure appropriate representation at the Conference in order to achieve the results expected therefrom, in particular the promotion and strengthening of tourism in developing countries to enable them to derive a fair and equitable share of the benefits of international tourism;

3. *Reiterates* its invitation, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, to States Members of the United Nations which are not yet members of the World Tourism Organization to consider becoming members of that organization;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, to submit a final report, as called for in its resolution 32/157, to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1979.

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33/123. Assistance to the Comoros

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/42 of 1 December 1976, in which it urgently appealed to the international community to assist the Comoros in an effective and continuous manner so as to enable it to face successfully the critical situation resulting from the economic difficulties experienced by that newly independent country,

Recalling also its resolution 32/92 of 13 December 1977, in which it endorsed the assessment and recommendations of the United Nations mission to the Comoros⁶⁵ and urged Member States and regional and intergovernmental 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,

Recalling further its resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976, in which it urged all Governments, in

particular those of the developed countries, to lend their support, in the context of their assistance programmes, for the implementation of the specific action envisaged in favour of developing island countries, and its resolution 32/185 of 19 December 1977, in which it called upon all organizations in the United Nations system to implement, within their respective spheres of competence, appropriate specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Taking note of the special problems confronting the Comoros as a developing island country and as one of the least developed among the developing countries,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 7 July 1978,⁶⁶ which included a progress report on the special economic assistance programme for the Comoros recommended in the report of the Secretary-General of 3 November 1977,⁶⁷

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/49 of 2 August 1978, in which the Council appealed to the international community to respond generously and to continue to assist the Comoros in carrying out its short-term and long-term development programme,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance for the Comoros;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the response by various Member States and organizations to its appeal and that of the Secretary-General for assistance to finance, in whole or in part, a number of projects identified in the report of the Secretary-General of 3 November 1977;⁶⁷

3. *Notes*, however, that a substantial amount of assistance is still urgently required in order to carry out the projects identified in annex I to the report of the Secretary-General;⁶⁷

4. *Reiterates* its appeal to Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide effective and continuous financial, material and technical assistance to the Comoros to help it overcome its financial and economic difficulties and to permit the implementation of the projects and programmes identified in the report of the Secretary-General;⁶⁷

5. *Calls upon* Member States to give special consideration to the early inclusion of the Comoros in their programmes of development assistance and, in cases where assistance programmes for the Comoros are already in force, to expand them, wherever possible;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies for their consideration the assistance they are rendering to the Comoros, for which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to implement a special economic assistance programme, and to report the

⁶⁴ E/4955, annex.

⁶⁵ See A/32/208/Add.1 and 2.

⁶⁶ A/33/170.

⁶⁷ See A/32/208/Add.1.