

lic and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 August 1981;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, of the assistance granted to the Central African Republic;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation in the Central African Republic under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/88. Special economic assistance to Benin

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered*, under the item entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance", the request of 13 October 1980 of the Government of Benin,<sup>176</sup>

*Recalling* the provisions of Security Council resolutions 404 (1977) of 8 February 1977, 405 (1977) of 14 April 1977 and 419 (1977) of 24 November 1977, and in particular paragraph 5 of resolution 419 (1977) in which the Council appealed to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to assist Benin to repair the damage caused by the act of aggression,

*Recalling* the report of the Secretary-General of 29 September 1978 on assistance to Benin,<sup>177</sup>

*Noting* that, in paragraph 8 of its resolution 419 (1977), the Security Council decided to remain seized of the question,

*Having heard* the statement made by the representative of Benin before the Second Committee on 4 November 1980, on the serious economic problems of that country,<sup>178</sup>

*Taking note* of the special situation of Benin, which is among the least developed countries,

1. *Appeals* to Member States, regional and inter-regional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide effective and continuous financial, material and technical assistance to Benin so as to help that country overcome its financial and economic difficulties;

2. *Requests* the competent organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Benin, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist that country;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To take steps to re-evaluate the specific economic problems encountered by Benin and, in consultation with the Government, to establish an international programme of assistance to meet the specific economic and development needs of the country;

(b) To mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Benin;

(c) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to organize an international programme of assistance to Benin to mobilize that assistance;

(d) To report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981 on the progress achieved in the mobilization of assistance to Benin and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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### 35/89. Assistance to Djibouti<sup>179</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 34/124 of 14 December 1979, in which it called upon the international community to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance to enable it to cope with its special economic hardship,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 32/93 of 13 December 1977 and 33/132 of 19 December 1978, in which it, *inter alia*, expressed its deep concern at the situation prevailing in Djibouti and strongly appealed to Member States and to the international institutions concerned to give effective and sustained assistance to that country and requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General of 12 September 1980,<sup>180</sup> to which was annexed the report of the mission which he sent to Djibouti in response to General Assembly resolution 34/124,

*Noting with concern* that the prolonged drought has caused a heavy loss of livestock, depriving a large number of people of their livelihood, and that the influx of refugees, together with the drought, has put serious strains on the fragile economic, social and administrative infrastructure of the country,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Djibouti;

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>180</sup>

3. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance already provided or pledged to Djibouti by Member States and organizations of the United Nations system;

4. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the critical economic situation confronting Djibouti, to the assistance immediately needed for the victims of the drought and to the list of urgent short-term and long-term projects submitted by the Government of Djibouti for financial assistance as described in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

5. *Renews its appeal* to Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international economic and financial institutions to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally,

<sup>176</sup> A/35/538-S/14219.

<sup>177</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-third Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1978, document S/12873.*

<sup>178</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 37th meeting, paras. 48-59.*

<sup>179</sup> See also sect. X.B.3, decision 35/423.

<sup>180</sup> A/35/415.

whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Djibouti to cope with its special economic hardship;

6. *Calls upon* the international community to contribute generously to the special account which was established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Djibouti;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health 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 special needs of Djibouti and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 August 1981;

8. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report periodically to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Djibouti;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

(b) To keep the situation in Djibouti under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1981, of the current status of the special economic assistance programme for Djibouti;

(c) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Djibouti and the progress made in organizing and implementing the assistance programme for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

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### 35/90. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda<sup>179</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Having heard* the statement made by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator before the Second Committee on 3 November 1980,<sup>181</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the reports of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti,<sup>182</sup> Somalia,<sup>183</sup> the Sudan<sup>184</sup> and Uganda,<sup>185</sup> to which were annexed the relevant reports of the multi-agency mission sent to study the humanitarian needs of the drought-affected victims in those countries,

*Noting with concern* the grave effects in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda of successive years of drought and the resulting shortage of food-stuffs, live-stock, fodder and water,

*Bearing in mind* that it is in conformity with the principle of international solidarity enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations to render assistance to Member States which are the victims of major natural disasters,

*Aware* of the adverse effects of the drought on the economic and social development of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

*Aware also* of the regional nature of the existing drought situation in the countries of the Horn of Africa,

*Recalling* the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council concerning assistance in cases of natural disaster, in particular Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Recognizing* the very high costs involved and the great problems of distribution to the remote areas of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Governments of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda for the loss of human and animal lives caused by the drought;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations made by the multi-agency mission in the reports annexed to the relevant reports of the Secretary-General;<sup>186</sup>

3. *Commends* the Secretary-General for his speedy and positive response to the urgent situation of the drought-stricken countries of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda, and for his action in dispatching a multi-agency mission to those countries to ascertain their immediate needs for assistance to the affected populations;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, to ensure the speediest and most effective relief aid for the victims of drought and other natural disasters in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda;

5. *Appeals* to Member States and to international governmental and non-governmental organizations to make generous contributions towards helping the affected populations in the form of financial, material and technical assistance, as described in the reports of the multi-agency mission;

6. *Recommends* that Governments of the drought-stricken countries of the region should consider the establishment of an intergovernmental body with the responsibility for co-ordinating and supporting the countries' efforts to combat the effects of drought and other natural disasters and to deal with the problem of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system, to assign, as early as possible, the responsibility for assisting those countries in the region to the appropriate body, within the system, which will be funded from voluntary contributions, will be responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in support of the recovery and rehabilitation efforts of the countries concerned and will also provide direct assistance to the Governments of those countries in co-ordinating inputs from donor sources and in strengthening their national and regional

<sup>181</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Second Committee, 36th meeting, paras. 6-17.*

<sup>182</sup> A/35/559.

<sup>183</sup> A/35/560.

<sup>184</sup> A/35/561.

<sup>185</sup> A/35/562.

<sup>186</sup> A/35/559-A/35/562.