

to the General Assembly, at its thirty-seventh session, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

*103rd plenary meeting  
17 December 1981*

### 36/222. Assistance to Botswana

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling Security Council resolutions 403 (1977) of 14 January 1977 and 406 (1977) of 25 May 1977, concerning the complaint by the Government of Botswana regarding acts of aggression committed against its territory by the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 460 (1979) of 21 December 1979, in which all Member States and specialized agencies were called upon to provide urgent assistance to Zimbabwe and the front-line States,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/97 of 13 December 1977, 33/130 of 19 December 1978 and 34/125 of 14 December 1979, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, recognized the special economic hardship confronting Botswana as a result of diverting funds from current and planned development projects to effective arrangements for security against attacks and threats by Southern Rhodesia, and endorsed the assessments and recommendations contained in the notes of the Secretary-General dated 28 March 1977<sup>220</sup> and 26 October 1977<sup>221</sup> and in his reports of 7 July 1978<sup>222</sup> and 28 August 1979,<sup>223</sup>

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 23 June 1981,<sup>224</sup> to which was annexed the report of the mission which he sent to Botswana in response to General Assembly resolution 35/98 of 5 December 1980,

Noting the need of the Government of Botswana to rehabilitate and develop effective road, rail and air communications, both internally and with the rest of the world, in view of the uncertain political situation in the region, Botswana's vulnerability as a land-locked country and its dependence on externally controlled railway systems for the transport of its principal exports and imports,

Noting with appreciation Botswana's desire to establish its own railway system,

Noting also the urgent need to complete speedily the projects that have been identified in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts of Botswana in implementing its development projects;

2. *Endorses fully* the revised programme of assistance contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General and calls the attention of the international community to the outstanding needs for assistance identified therein;

3. *Notes* that, while the response from some Member States and international organizations to the appeals of the Secretary-General has been encouraging, there is an urgent need to maintain the flow of contributions to carry out the remainder of the emergency programme, the implementation of parts of which remains a critical necessity;

4. *Draws the attention* of States and international and intergovernmental organizations particularly to the projects

in the field of transport and communications, as well as to the priority requirements to rehabilitate the border areas most adversely affected by the war, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

5. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States and intergovernmental organizations to provide generous assistance to enable Botswana to carry out the remainder of its planned development projects, as well as those made necessary by the current political and economic situation;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Botswana to enable it to carry out its planned development programme without interruption;

7. *Urges* Member States and organizations which are already implementing or are negotiating assistance programmes for Botswana to expand them, wherever possible;

8. *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 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 Botswana, for which the General Assembly has requested the Secretary-General to implement a special programme of economic assistance, and to report on the results of that assistance and on their decisions to the Secretary-General in time for consideration by the Assembly at its thirty-seventh session;

9. *Appeals* to the international community to contribute to the special account established by the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Botswana;

10. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Botswana;

11. *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 Botswana;

(b) To keep the situation in Botswana under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Botswana;

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

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### 36/223. Assistance to Zimbabwe

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling the statement made before the General Assembly at its eleventh special session, on 26 August 1980, by the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe,<sup>225</sup> in which he outlined

<sup>220</sup> *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1977*, document S/12307.

<sup>221</sup> *Ibid.*, Supplement for October, November and December 1977, document S/12421.

<sup>222</sup> A/33/166 and Corr.1.

<sup>223</sup> A/34/419-S/13506.

<sup>224</sup> A/36/264-S/14491.

<sup>225</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Special Session, Plenary Meetings*, 4th meeting, paras. 2-90.

his Government's economic development priorities and invited the international community to render assistance in dealing with serious economic and social problems in Zimbabwe.

*Recalling* Security Council resolution 460 (1979) of 21 December 1979 and General Assembly resolution 35/100 of 5 December 1980, in which the international community was called upon to provide urgent assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Zimbabwe,

*Taking into account* the economic policy statement of Zimbabwe, "Growth with equity", on the basis of which a three-year plan was prepared, outlining short-term, medium-term and long-term national measures being undertaken to establish an egalitarian socialist society under conditions of growth with equity,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zimbabwe,<sup>226</sup> prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 35/100,

1. *Endorses* the assessments and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zimbabwe;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States and regional and international organizations that have extended economic assistance to Zimbabwe through bilateral and multilateral arrangements;

3. *Emphasizes* that the social and economic reconstruction of Zimbabwe is an ongoing exercise that will continue to require a massive injection of external assistance;

4. *Invites* appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation—to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the urgent and special needs of Zimbabwe and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1982;

5. *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 Zimbabwe;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of international assistance to Zimbabwe;

(c) To keep the situation in Zimbabwe under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Zimbabwe;

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

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### **36/224. Expression of appreciation to the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the incumbent United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator will shortly be relinquishing his duties,

*Recognizing* the role he has played in organizing and guiding the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the performance of its functions,

*Deeply appreciative* of the contribution he has made in creating and further developing that Office and of his unrelenting efforts to alleviate human suffering through the special humanitarian tasks entrusted to him,

1. *Expresses its sincere appreciation* to Mr. Faruk N. Berkol for the dedicated manner in which he has discharged the responsibilities of his office;

2. *Extends* its best wishes to him for his future undertakings and well-being.

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### **36/225. Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to natural disasters and other disaster situations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it established 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, in which it provided, *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* its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976 on financial arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

*Recalling further* the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>227</sup>

*Recalling* the report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries containing the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, in particular the section concerning disaster assistance for the least developed countries,<sup>228</sup>

*Deeply concerned* about the increasing number of natural disasters and other disaster situations, the economic burden borne by disaster-stricken and affected countries, particularly the developing countries, and the disruption thereby caused to their development process,

*Also recalling* its resolution 35/107 of 5 December 1980,

*Further recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/43 of 23 July 1980 regarding international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in natural disasters and other disaster situations,

*Fully cognizant* of the sovereign interests and rights of affected countries and of the primacy of their role in caring for the victims of natural disasters and other disaster situations,

*Anxious* that the international community should respond speedily and effectively to calls for emergency humanitarian assistance,

<sup>227</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

<sup>228</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.L.8), part one, sect. A, para. 59.

<sup>226</sup> A/36/271 and Corr. 1.