

(c) To arrange for a review of the results of the round table of donors scheduled to be held during the first half of 1983, and of the progress made in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for Guinea-Bissau in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

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37/157. Assistance to Nicaragua⁶⁹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 34/8 of 25 October 1979, 35/84 of 5 December 1980 and 36/213 of 17 December 1981 concerning assistance for the reconstruction of Nicaragua,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Nicaragua,⁷⁰

Bearing in mind that the floods of May 1982 caused grave damage to the infrastructure of Nicaragua, reducing its productive capacity and worsening the situation existing before that date, as reflected in the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America entitled "Nicaragua: the May 1982 floods and their repercussions on the economic and social development of the country",⁷¹

Also bearing in mind that Nicaragua suffered, from June to September 1982, an intense drought which seriously affected the agricultural and livestock sectors, the country's most important economic activities,

Considering Economic and Social Council decision 1982/168 of 29 July 1982, in which the Council decided to endorse resolution 419 (PLEN.15) on international assistance to alleviate the economic and social problems faced by Nicaragua as a result of the May 1982 floods,⁷² which was adopted by the Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America at its fifteenth special session, held in New York on 22 and 23 July 1982, and to recommend that the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session also endorse the resolution,

Considering also resolution 982 adopted by the Seventeenth Regional Conference for Latin America of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, held at Managua from 30 August to 10 September 1982, in which the Conference recommended to the World Food Programme and to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations that special measures of assistance to Nicaragua should be adopted,

Considering further that, despite the efforts of the Government and people of Nicaragua, the economic situation of the country has not become normalized, and requires the assistance of the international community,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council decision 1982/168;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to Nicaragua;
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those States and organizations which have provided assistance to Nicaragua;
4. *Renews with urgency its call* to all States and the bodies of the United Nations system to continue and to increase their assistance to Nicaragua;

⁶⁹ See also sect. X.B.4, decision 37/433.

⁷⁰ A/37/135.

⁷¹ E/CEPAL/G.1206-E/CEPAL/MEX/1982/R.2/Rev.1.

⁷² See A/C.2/37/L.9.

5. *Recommends* that Nicaragua should continue to receive treatment that will be appropriate to the special needs of the country;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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37/158. Assistance for the development of Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sierra Leone before the General Assembly on 29 September 1982,⁷³ in which he described the serious economic situation facing Sierra Leone,

Deeply concerned about the weak and underdeveloped state of the economic and social infrastructure of Sierra Leone and the lack of capital resources, which constitute serious obstacles to the economic and social development of the country and to the raising of the living standards of the population,

Also concerned about the weak growth rate experienced by the economy during the five-year period of the first National Development Plan and the decline in real terms of *per capita* gross domestic product during that period,

Noting that the country's mining industry has encountered serious difficulties and that the manufacturing industries are highly dependent on foreign exchange for the import of almost all of the materials consumed,

Further concerned about the critical unemployment problem which prevails in Sierra Leone,

Taking note of the recommendation made by the Committee for Development Planning at its eighteenth session that Sierra Leone should be included in the list of the least developed countries⁷⁴ and of the endorsement of that recommendation by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1982/41 of 27 July 1982,

Bearing in mind its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Sierra Leone in the list of least developed countries,

1. *Strongly recommends* urgent international action to assist the Government of Sierra Leone in its efforts to strengthen the country's infrastructure, to develop more fully the country's natural and human resources and to accelerate economic growth and the social advancement of its people;
2. *Urgently appeals* to all States and international development and financial institutions to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the economic and social development of Sierra Leone;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to organize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Sierra Leone to enable the Government to overcome the severe obstacles which stand in the way of the country's economic and social development;
4. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food

⁷³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings*, 20th meeting, paras. 134-185.

⁷⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 5 (E/1982/15)*, para. 103.

Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund—to expand their programmes of assistance to Sierra Leone, 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 help that country;

5. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as the international development and financial institutions, to give urgent consideration to the establishment of a programme of assistance to Sierra Leone or, where one is already in existence, to the expansion of that programme;

6. *Urges* all States and relevant United Nations bodies—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities—to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Sierra Leone meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicines and essential equipment for hospitals and schools;

7. *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, the African Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of Sierra Leone and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1983;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To dispatch a multi-agency mission to Sierra Leone with a view to holding consultations with the Government on the additional assistance which it needs for the economic and social development of the country and to communicate the report of the mission to the international community, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial arrangements are made for the organization of an effective international programme of assistance to Sierra Leone and for the mobilization of international assistance;

(c) To inform the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1983, of the assistance granted to Sierra Leone;

(d) To keep the situation regarding assistance to Sierra Leone under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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37/159. Assistance to the Gambia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 36/220 of 17 December 1981 in which it, *inter alia*, expressed its deep concern about the extensive destruction of life and property as well as the severe damage to infrastructure which were inflicted on the Gambia as the result of the events of 30 July 1981,

Noting that the Gambia is a least developed country with acute economic and social problems arising from its weak economic infrastructure and that it also suffers from many of the serious problems common to countries of the Sahelian region, notably drought,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Gambia,⁷⁵

Noting that the economy of the Gambia is vulnerable to several factors that are entirely beyond the Government's control, such as the fall in prices and in the volume of its exports,

Noting also that declining revenues and rising costs have caused serious budgetary difficulties for the Government of the Gambia and that budget deficits continue to persist,

Aware of the intention of the Government of the Gambia to organize, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, a round-table conference of donors early in 1983 to discuss the country's development needs and to consider ways and means of helping the Government in its efforts to meet those needs,

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

2. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and draws the attention of the international community to the requirements of assistance for the projects and programmes identified therein;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those States and organizations which have provided assistance to the Gambia;

4. *Renews its urgent appeal* to all Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as international development and financial institutions, to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Gambia;

5. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as international development and financial institutions, to provide financial, technical and material assistance for the implementation of the projects and programmes recommended in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;

6. *Urges* Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and interregional bodies, financial and development institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously to the needs of the Gambia at the round-table conference to be held at Banjul early in 1983;

7. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular 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 and the International Fund for Agricultural Development—to increase their current and future programmes of assistance to the Gambia, 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 help that country;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations

⁷⁵ A/37/138 and Add.1.