

Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Bank to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of Uganda and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1983;

11. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his humanitarian assistance programmes in Uganda;

12. *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 Uganda;

(b) To keep the situation in Uganda under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and the international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1983, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Uganda;

(c) To report on the progress made in the economic situation in Uganda and in organizing international assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

*109th plenary meeting  
17 December 1982*

### **37/163. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 33/146 of 20 December 1978, 34/135 of 14 December 1979, 35/85 of 5 December 1980 and 36/205 of 17 December 1981 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/15 of 29 April 1980,

*Deeply concerned* about the heavy and tragic loss of life and the mass destruction of property as well as the extensive damage to the economic and social structures of Lebanon,

*Taking into consideration* the will and the determination of the Government of Lebanon to undertake a large-scale reconstruction and rehabilitation programme in the immediate future,

*Affirming* the urgent need for substantial international action to assist the Government of Lebanon in its efforts for reconstruction and development,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>80</sup> and of the statement made by the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon,<sup>81</sup>

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his report;

2. *Welcomes* the appeal of the Secretary-General for international assistance to Lebanon and urges all Governments to contribute substantially to this end;

3. *Commends* the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon and his staff for their valuable and relentless efforts in the discharge of their duties under the most adverse circumstances;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* for the humanitarian and emergency relief assistance provided by the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Health Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other benevolent agencies, and for their prompt and effective response;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his intensive efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts;

6. *Calls upon* the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify programmes of assistance in response to the needs of Lebanon;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1983 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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### **37/164. Assistance to Tonga**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 34/132 of 14 December 1979, in which it drew the attention of the international community to the special problems confronting Tonga as a developing island country with a small population and appealed to Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Tonga to enable it to establish the social and economic infrastructure that is essential for the well-being of its people,

*Recalling also* its resolution 31/156 of 21 December 1976 and 32/185 of 19 December 1977 in which, respectively, 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 urged all organizations of the United Nations system to implement, within their respective spheres of competence, appropriate specific action in favour of developing island countries,

*Concerned* at the severe constraints on the economic development of Tonga, particularly those arising from its geographical isolation and dispersion, small size, heavy dependence on a limited range of economic activities, and from its economy's susceptibility to factors beyond national control,

*Distressed* at the devastation, economic loss and suffering wrought by hurricane "Isaac" in March 1982,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>82</sup> prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 34/132, to which was annexed the report of the mission to Tonga which was organized by the Secretary-General and which consulted with the Government of Tonga on its most urgent needs,

<sup>80</sup> A/37/508 and Add.1.

<sup>81</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Second Committee, 7th meeting, paras. 36-49.*

<sup>82</sup> A/37/583.

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

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>82</sup>

3. *Also expresses its appreciation* to those States, United Nations organizations and other organizations which have provided assistance to Tonga for the purpose of development and for hurricane relief;

4. *Renews its appeal* to all States, the appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and international organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as international financial institutions, to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Tonga to enable it to overcome its serious development constraints and to establish the social and economic infrastructure that is essential for the well-being of its people;

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

6. *Invites* the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of Tonga and to report their decisions to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1983;

7. *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 Tonga;

(b) To continue to ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to mobilize resources and to continue the organization of international assistance to Tonga;

(c) To study and apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1983, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Tonga;

(d) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Tonga and in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country so that the matter may be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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**37/165. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, 3054 (XXVIII)

of 17 October 1973, 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/159 of 19 December 1977, 33/133 of 19 December 1978, 34/16 of 9 November 1979, 35/69 and 35/86 of 5 December 1980 and 36/203 of 17 December 1981,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975, 2103 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977, 1978/37 of 21 July 1978, 1979/51 of 2 August 1979, 1980/51 of 23 July 1980, 1981/55 of 22 July 1981 and 1982/49 of 28 July 1982,

*Taking note* of decision 82/27 of 18 June 1982 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme<sup>83</sup> concerning the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

*Noting with satisfaction* the decisive role played by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, and in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

*Considering* that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region call for the continuation and further strengthening of actions of solidarity by the international community in support of the recovery efforts and the economic development of those countries,

*Bearing in mind* the critical food situation which obtains this year again in some countries of the Sahel, particularly in Cape Verde, Chad, Mali and Mauritania,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,<sup>84</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

3. *Strongly urges* all Governments to make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, including voluntary contributions through the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, as well as other, including bilateral, channels, so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

4. *Requests* all Governments, organs, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to give special attention to the critical food situation which obtains in Cape Verde, Chad, Mali and Mauritania;

5. *Commends* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the results achieved through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel in the implementation of their medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme;

<sup>83</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 6 (E/1982/16/Rev.1), annex I.*

<sup>84</sup> A/37/209 and Add.1.