

International Conference on Assistance to Chad from fully honouring their commitments,

Noting with concern that the resumption of fighting is aggravating the situation of dire need in Chad resulting from the systematic destruction of the economic and social infrastructure during seventeen years of war and from the effects of natural disasters,

Considering that Chad is included in the list of the least developed countries and is therefore entitled to the benefits provided for in the relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recognizing the need for the provision by the international community of emergency humanitarian assistance, particularly in the areas of food and health, to the population of Chad,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and organizations that responded to the appeals of the Government of Chad and of the Secretary-General by furnishing assistance to Chad;

2. *Also expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for his efforts to mobilize assistance to Chad;

3. *Again appeals* to the international community to provide, as a matter of urgency, the necessary assistance to the people of Chad, who have suffered from the war;

4. *Renews the request* made to States, appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations and international financial institutions to contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Chad through bilateral or multilateral channels;

5. *Takes note* of the desire of Chad to organize, as soon as circumstances permit, a conference of donors and contributors of funds to consider a general programme of reconstruction and development and to finance detailed projects in the areas of priority;

6. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to give all the necessary assistance to Chad for the preparation and organization of the conference, in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the International Conference on Assistance to Chad held in November 1982;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To monitor, in close collaboration with the humanitarian agencies concerned, the humanitarian needs, particularly in the areas of food and health, of the people affected by the war and the drought;

(b) To mobilize the humanitarian assistance of the international community for persons who have suffered as a result of the war in Chad;

(c) To pursue his efforts to organize the programme of financial assistance to Chad;

(d) To apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the situation and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/215. Assistance to Lesotho

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976, in which the Council, *inter alia*, expressed concern at the serious situation created by South Africa's closure of certain border posts between South

Africa and Lesotho aimed at coercing Lesotho into accord- ing recognition to the bantustan of the Transkei,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 535 (1983) of 29 June 1983, in which the Council endorsed the report of the mission dispatched to Lesotho in response to resolu- tion 527 (1982) of 15 December 1982,²¹⁰

Commending the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei, in compliance with United Nations decisions, particularly General Assembly resolution 31/6 A of 26 October 1976,

Also commending the Government of Lesotho for its steadfast opposition to *apartheid* and its generosity to the South African refugees,

Fully aware that the decision of the Government of Lesotho not to recognize the Transkei and its acceptance of refugees from South Africa have imposed special eco- nomic burdens upon its people,

Strongly endorsing the appeals made in Security Council resolutions 402 (1976) of 22 December 1976, 407 (1977) of 25 May 1977 and 535 (1983) of 29 June 1983, in Gen- eral Assembly resolutions 32/98 of 13 December 1977, 33/128 of 19 December 1978, 34/130 of 14 December 1979, 35/96 of 5 December 1980, 36/219 of 17 December 1981 and 37/160 of 17 December 1982, and by the Secre- tary-General, calling upon all States, regional and inter- governmental organizations and the appropriate organiza- tions of the United Nations system to contribute generously to the international programme of assistance to enable Lesotho to carry out its economic development and enhance its capacity to implement fully the resolutions of the United Nations,

Having examined the summary report of the Secretary- General,²¹¹ prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 37/160, in which the economic situation was reviewed, as well as the progress in the implementation of the special programme of economic assistance for Lesotho,

Noting the priority which the Government of Lesotho accords to raising levels of food production through increased productivity, thus lessening the country's depen- dency on South Africa for food imports,

Aware that the high prices paid by Lesotho for its imports of petroleum products as a result of the oil embargo on South Africa have become a serious imped- iment to the development of the country,

Recognizing, in connection with such embargoes, the obligation of the international community to help coun- tries such as Lesotho that act in support of the Charter of the United Nations and in compliance with General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977 and 33/197 of 29 January 1979 concerning the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and, in this regard, noting Lesotho's geopolitical situation, which necessitates the urgent development of air and telecommunication links with neighbouring countries in Africa and the rest of the world,

Taking account of Lesotho's need for a national network of roads, both for its planned social and economic devel- opment and to lessen its dependence on the South African network, to reach various regions of the country affected by the imposition of travel restrictions by South Africa,

Taking note of Lesotho's special problems associated with the employment of large numbers of its able-bodied men in South Africa,

Taking note also of the priority which the Government of Lesotho has accorded to the problem of absorbing into

²¹⁰ S/15600.

²¹¹ A/38/216, sect. XI.

the economy the young generation, as well as migrant workers returning from South Africa,

Welcoming the action taken by the Government of Lesotho to make more effective use of women in the development process by promoting their participation in the economic, social and cultural life of the country,

Taking account also of Lesotho's position as a least developed, most seriously affected and land-locked country,

Recalling its resolution 32/98, in which it, *inter alia*, recognized that the continuing influx of refugees from South Africa imposed an additional burden on Lesotho,

1. *Expresses its concern* at the difficulties that confront the Government of Lesotho as a result of its decision not to recognize the so-called independent Transkei, and of its rejection of *apartheid* and acceptance of refugees from *apartheid* oppression;

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment of the situation contained in the report of the mission to Lesotho, dispatched in response to Security Council resolution 527 (1982),²¹⁰ and in the summary report of the Secretary-General;²¹¹

3. *Takes note* of the requirements of Lesotho, as described in the reports of the mission to Lesotho and of the Secretary-General, to carry out the remainder of its development programme, to implement projects necessitated by the present political situation in the region and to lessen its dependence on South Africa;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international programme of economic assistance for Lesotho;

5. *Notes with appreciation* the response made thus far by the international community to the special programme of economic assistance for Lesotho, which has enabled it to proceed with the implementation of parts of the recommended programme;

6. *Reiterates its appeal* to Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Lesotho for the implementation of several projects and programmes that are still unfunded, as identified in the reports of the mission to Lesotho and of the Secretary-General;

7. *Calls upon* Member States and the appropriate agencies, organizations and financial institutions to provide assistance to Lesotho so as to enable it to achieve a greater degree of self-sufficiency in food production;

8. *Also calls upon* Member States to give all possible assistance to Lesotho to ensure an adequate and regular supply of oil to meet its national requirements;

9. *Further calls upon* Member States to assist Lesotho in developing its internal road and air systems and its air communications with the rest of the world;

10. *Commends* the efforts of the Government of Lesotho to integrate women more fully into development efforts and requests the Secretary-General to consult with the Government on the type and amount of assistance it will require to achieve this objective;

11. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the meeting of donors held in Lesotho in November 1979, as well as the agricultural sector conference held in Lesotho in October 1980, and urges Member States and the appropriate agencies and organizations to provide assistance to Lesotho in accordance with the outcome of those meetings;

12. *Also draws the attention* of the international community to the special account which was established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General, in accordance with Security Council resolution 407 (1977), for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Lesotho;

13. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, 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 bring further to the attention of their governing bodies the special needs of Lesotho and to report to the Secretary-General by 15 August 1984 on the steps they have taken;

14. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance to Lesotho and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist that country;

15. *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 Lesotho;

(b) To consult with the Government of Lesotho on the question of migrant workers returning from South Africa and to report on the type of assistance which the Government requires in order to establish labour-intensive projects to deal with their absorption into the economy;

(c) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Lesotho and the mobilization of assistance;

(d) To keep the situation in Lesotho 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 1984, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Lesotho;

(e) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Lesotho and 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-ninth session.

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38/216. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda²¹²

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/90 and 35/91 of 5 December 1980, 36/221 of 17 December 1981 and 37/147 of 17 December 1982 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/46 of 28 July 1983,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,²¹³

Deeply concerned at the intensity and the permanent and expanding nature of the drought in the subregion.

²¹² See also resolution 38/213 above and sect. VI, resolutions 38/88–38/91.

²¹³ A/38/214.