

(b) To keep the situation in Guinea-Bissau under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and the financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1986, of the status of the special programme of economic assistance for Guinea-Bissau;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 40/226. Assistance to Cape Verde

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions on assistance to Cape Verde, in particular its resolution 39/189 of 17 December 1984, in which the international community was requested to provide an appropriate level of resources for the implementation of the programme of assistance for Cape Verde as envisaged in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>156</sup>

Recalling United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolutions 142 (VI) and 138 (VI) of 2 July 1983<sup>38</sup> on the progress made in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>42</sup> and on activities in the field of island developing countries,

Noting that Cape Verde is one of the least developed countries and a small archipelagic State, with a fragile and open economy, aggravated by endemic and severe drought,

Reiterating that increased substantial, continuous and predictable assistance from the international community is needed for the effective completion of the First National Development Plan (1982-1985), which is still being implemented,

Gravely concerned at the critical food situation in Cape Verde resulting from the failure of seasonal rains, the continuing recurrence of drought and the spreading desertification,

Recognizing the strenuous efforts deployed by the Government and people of Cape Verde in the process of the economic and social development of their country despite existing constraints,

1. Takes note of the summary report of the Secretary-General;<sup>157</sup>

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the efforts deployed in mobilizing resources for the implementation of the programme of assistance for Cape Verde;

3. Expresses its gratitude to States and to international, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations for their contribution to the programme of assistance for Cape Verde;

4. Reaffirms the need for all Governments and international organizations to implement their commitments undertaken within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, particularly those undertaken at the round-table conference of Cape Verde's partners in development, held at Praia in June 1982;

5. Urges Governments and international, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to extend and intensify substantially their

assistance for the early implementation of the programme of assistance for Cape Verde;

6. Invites the international community, in particular donor countries, to take appropriate and urgent measures to support the effective completion of the First National Development Plan (1982-1985) of Cape Verde;

7. Calls upon the international community to continue to contribute generously to all appeals for food and fodder assistance made by the Government of Cape Verde, or on its behalf by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to help it cope with the critical situation in the country;

8. Once again draws the attention of the international community to the special account established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/99 of 13 December 1977, for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Cape Verde;

9. Invites the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization:

(a) To maintain and expand their programmes of assistance for Cape Verde;

(b) To co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing and carrying out the special programme of economic assistance for Cape Verde;

(c) To bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for urgent consideration, the special needs of Cape Verde;

(d) To report the measures they have taken and the resources they have made available, as well as the decisions of their governing bodies regarding assistance to Cape Verde, to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1986;

10. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for implementing the programme of development assistance for Cape Verde;

(b) To arrange for a review of the economic situation in Cape Verde, in consultation with the Government of Cape Verde, to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1986, and to make a substantive report on the implementation of the special programme of economic assistance for Cape Verde to be considered by the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

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#### 40/227. Assistance to Djibouti

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 39/200 of 17 December 1984 and its previous resolutions on assistance to Djibouti, in which it drew the attention of the international community to the critical economic situation confronting Djibouti and to the country's urgent need for assistance,

Deeply concerned at the lingering adverse effects of the drought on the economic and social development of Djibouti,

<sup>156</sup> A/33/167 and Corr.1; A/34/372 and Corr.1; A/35/332 and Corr.1; A/36/265; A/37/124; A/38/216, sect. V; A/39/389.

<sup>157</sup> A/40/441, sect. III.

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

*Having examined* the summary report of the Secretary-General,<sup>158</sup>

*Noting* the critical economic situation of Djibouti and the list of urgent and priority projects formulated by the Government that require international assistance,

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

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

3. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the difficult economic situation confronting Djibouti and to the severe structural constraints to its development;

4. *Renews its appeal* to Member States, the appropriate organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and international organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as international financial institutions, to provide assistance bilaterally and multilaterally, as appropriate, to Djibouti in order to enable it to cope with its difficult economic situation and to implement its development strategies, including the programme of assistance that was presented at the round-table conference of development partners convened by the Government of Djibouti in November 1983;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Djibouti, 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;

6. *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, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and the international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1986, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Djibouti;

(c) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Djibouti 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 forty-first session.

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#### **40/228. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 39/201 of 17 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/5 of 17

May 1984 and 1985/1 of 24 May 1985 on emergency assistance to the drought victims in Ethiopia,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,<sup>159</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the unprecedented effort made by the Secretary-General to mobilize international humanitarian assistance for the drought victims in Ethiopia,

*Noting further with satisfaction* the able manner in which the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa has effectively handled its task of co-ordination and the admirable manner in which the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, have carried out their roles,

*Having heard* the statement made by the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia on 12 November 1985<sup>160</sup> concerning the current situation in the drought-stricken areas,

*Aware* that, despite adequate rain, the emergency situation still exists in most parts of the country,

*Recognizing* that, owing to insufficient agricultural input, full advantage could not be taken of the rain,

*Convinced* that long-term solutions are imperative in dealing with the root causes of the tragic human drama that has recently unfolded in the disaster-stricken areas,

1. *Commends* the international community for its compassion, solidarity and generous response to the tragic situation in Ethiopia;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals that have provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia;

3. *Commends further* the relentless efforts made by the Secretary-General through the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, in particular those of the Assistant Secretary-General for Emergency Operations in Ethiopia, in mobilizing and co-ordinating emergency humanitarian assistance for the drought victims in Ethiopia;

4. *Appreciates fully* the unprecedented role played by the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system — in particular, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the International Labour Organisation — which they have carried out in a concerted and efficient manner to save the lives of millions of people in Ethiopia;

5. *Urges* all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its efforts to provide for the emergency needs of the drought victims and to deal with the problem of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize international assistance for relief and rehabilitation, including assistance to the victims of drought who want either to return to their villages of origin or to settle in areas less prone to drought, and to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1986, on the response of the international community to these efforts.

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<sup>158</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. VI.  
<sup>159</sup> A/40/431.

<sup>160</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, paras. 23-33.*