

ment acting as preparatory body for the Interregional Consultation, as well as by specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and non-governmental organizations,

Welcoming the positive response to and support by Member States for the Interregional Consultation and the formulation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,²¹

Convinced that more extensive regional and interregional co-operation among Governments and non-governmental and voluntary organizations is important in strengthening national efforts to promote social progress and enhance social welfare,

Mindful of the importance of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,

Persuaded of the importance of taking measures to ensure system-wide co-ordination within the United Nations in order to develop a comprehensive and integrated approach to the issues of developmental social welfare, including better integrated and mutually supportive economic and social development policies,

Noting with appreciation the decision of the Secretary-General to consolidate all social policy and social development activities at the United Nations Office at Vienna,

Having reviewed the report of the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,¹⁴³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes;

2. *Endorses* the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future contained in the report and adopted by consensus at the Interregional Consultation;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to make continuous efforts to implement the principles and recommendations contained in the Guiding Principles adopted by the Interregional Consultation in accordance with their national structures, needs and objectives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of, and follow-up action to, the Guiding Principles as well as to maintain the momentum generated by the Interregional Consultation, taking into account the central role of the Commission for Social Development in the review of issues related to the implementation of the Guiding Principles;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations concerning international co-operation with regard to developmental social welfare, using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point, bearing in mind the responsibility of the specialized agencies;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen, within existing resources, the United Nations Office at Vienna as a nucleus for all issues and reports relating to social policy and social development, including its research capabilities;

7. *Invites* the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to give appropriate consideration to the Guiding Principles in the formulation of the respective regional work programmes and in the planning of regional

intergovernmental conferences on social welfare and social development;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give particular attention to increasing the effectiveness of technical co-operation activities to assist Governments, particularly of the developing countries and of the least-developed countries, in formulating appropriate policies and effective programmes in the social welfare field, as indicated in the report of the Interregional Consultation, paying particular attention to the objectives and priorities of national developmental programmes;

9. *Reaffirms* the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission for Social Development shall review, at its thirty-first session, the results of the Interregional Consultation;

10. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to take the necessary measures including, as appropriate, further interregional consultations to ensure, on a periodical basis, the reviewing and updating of the developmental social welfare policies and programmes in view of the rapidly changing socio-economic situation and conditions;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the progress achieved in implementing and following up the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future.

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42/126. Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/137 of 4 December 1986 on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti, as well as all its previous resolutions on this question,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti,¹⁴⁴

Deeply concerned about the plight of the refugees and displaced persons in the country, which has been aggravated by the devastating effects of the prolonged drought,

Aware of the heavy economic and social burden placed on the Government and people of Djibouti as a result of the presence of refugees and of the consequent impact on the development and infrastructure of the country,

Appreciating the determined and sustained efforts made by the Government of Djibouti, despite its modest economic resources and limited means, to cope with the growing needs of the refugees,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the Government of Djibouti, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to implement appropriate and lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti,

Appreciating the assistance provided by Member States, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti and appreciates the efforts of the United Nations High Commis-

¹⁴³ E/CONF.80/10.

¹⁴⁴ A. 42/497.

sioner for Refugees to keep their situation under constant review;

2. *Welcomes* the steps taken by the Government of Djibouti, in close co-operation with the High Commissioner, to implement adequate and lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to Member States, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies for their assistance to the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti;

4. *Urges* the High Commissioner to intensify his efforts to mobilize, on an emergency basis, the necessary resources to implement lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti;

5. *Calls upon* all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to support the determined and constant efforts made by the Government of Djibouti to cope with the urgent needs of the refugees and to implement lasting solutions in respect of their situation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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42/127. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/180 of 15 December 1980, 36/153 of 16 December 1981, 37/174 of 17 December 1982, 38/88 of 16 December 1983, 39/104 of 14 November 1984, 40/132 of 13 December 1985 and 41/138 of 4 December 1986 on the question of assistance to refugees in Somalia,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to refugees in Somalia,¹⁴⁵

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁴⁶ on the refugee situation in Somalia and the comprehensive programme of assistance required to enable Somalia to cope with the situation,

Deeply concerned about the heavy burden that has been placed on the fragile economy of Somalia by the continuing presence of large numbers of refugees,

Aware of the additional burden imposed by the continued influx of refugees and the consequent urgent need for additional international assistance,

Concerned about the continuing and serious shortfalls in the provision of food assistance, which have resulted in severe ration restrictions, malnutrition and extreme hardship in refugee camps in Somalia,

Conscious of the pressure that the refugee presence continues to impose on the public services, in particular education, health, transport and communications, and water supplies,

Noting with concern the deleterious effect of the refugee presence on the environment, which has resulted in wide-

spread deforestation, soil erosion and the threat of destruction to an already fragile ecological balance,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for their reports;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Somalia for the measures it is taking to provide material and humanitarian assistance to refugees, in spite of its own limited resources and fragile economy;

3. *Appeals* to Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to render maximum and timely material, financial and technical assistance to enable the Government of Somalia to carry out the projects and activities described in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Endorses* for urgent and favourable consideration the list of projects contained in the report of the Secretary-General¹⁴⁷ as the basis for a comprehensive programme of action;

5. *Recommends* for urgent and favourable consideration by the Government of Somalia, as well as by the United Nations system and the international donor community, the suggestions proposed in paragraphs 67 to 69 of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁴⁶ which would facilitate the implementation of the programme of action recommended in the report;

6. *Calls upon* the High Commissioner to ensure, as appropriate, that the care, maintenance and rehabilitation needs of the refugees are adequately covered;

7. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme to assume the leading role, as required by the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa,¹⁰⁵ in the conceptualization, implementation and monitoring of refugee-related projects, and to be involved in the mobilization of the financial and technical means required, in close co-operation with the High Commissioner and the World Bank;

8. *Requests* the pertinent organizations of the United Nations system, namely the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Food Programme, to prepare, in consultation with the Government of Somalia, detailed project documentation for the implementation of those projects and activities identified in the report of the Secretary-General as priority endeavours for a comprehensive programme of action;

9. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to consult with the Government of Somalia on how best the international community can assist Somalia in protecting and rehabilitating its damaged environment;

10. *Recognizes* the important role that non-governmental organizations are playing with regard to programmes for the care, maintenance and rehabilitation of refugees, particularly in activities related to small-scale development projects, and in the fields of health and agriculture;

11. *Calls upon* the international community to support the activities of non-governmental organizations, both lo-

¹⁴⁵ A/42/498 and Add.1.

¹⁴⁶ A/42/645.

¹⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, paras. 55-66.