

6. *Notes with satisfaction* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>48</sup> on the implementation of resolution 43/131 and the suggestions which he makes concerning means of facilitating humanitarian assistance operations, in particular the possibility of establishing, on a temporary basis, where needed, and by means of concerted action by affected Governments and the Governments and intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, relief corridors for the distribution of emergency medical and food aid;

7. *Urges* States in proximity to areas of natural disasters and similar emergency situations, particularly in the case of regions that are difficult to reach, to participate closely with the affected countries in international efforts with a view to facilitating, to the extent possible, the transit of humanitarian assistance;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue, within existing resources, the necessary consultations with Governments and intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations with a view to determining means of facilitating the delivery of appropriate humanitarian assistance to the victims of natural disasters or similar emergency situations, including the establishment of relief corridors, on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General and on the terms set out in paragraph 6 of the present resolution, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

9. *Invites* the Secretary-General to study, within existing resources, the possibility of preparing, on the basis of information furnished by Governments and the relevant governmental and non-governmental international organizations and taking into account the work already done in this area by the United Nations, in particular by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, an indicative list of persons and bodies with expert knowledge of the delivery and management of emergency humanitarian assistance whom the United Nations could call upon, with the consent of the States concerned, to make an accurate and speedy assessment of the needs and a realistic determination of the best means of delivering the aid;

10. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-seventh session.

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#### 45/101. New international humanitarian order

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 36/136 of 14 December 1981, 37/201 of 18 December 1982, 38/125 of 16 December 1983, 40/126 of 13 December 1985, 42/120 and 42/121 of 7 December 1987 and 43/129 of 8 December 1988 relating to the promotion of a new international humanitarian order,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>49</sup> and the comments made by various Governments regarding the humanitarian order and the work done in this regard by the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues,

*Noting* the actions being taken by the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system with regard to the humanitarian issues, examined by the Independent Commission, that fall within their respective mandates,

*Recognizing with concern* the continuing need further to strengthen international responses to growing humanitarian challenges and to adjust actions of governmental and non-governmental organizations to new realities in a fast-changing world,

*Bearing in mind* the importance of creative humanitarian action at the international as well as the regional and national levels to alleviate human suffering and to promote durable solutions to humanitarian problems,

*Convinced* of the need for active follow-up to the recommendations and suggestions made by the Independent Commission, and noting the role being played in this regard by the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues set up for the purpose,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his continuing active support to the efforts to promote a new international humanitarian order;

2. *Encourages* Governments as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to provide their comments and expertise to the Secretary-General regarding the humanitarian order and the report of the Independent Commission on International Humanitarian Issues;

3. *Invites* the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to continue and further strengthen its essential role in following up the work of the Independent Commission;

4. *Invites* Governments to make available to the Secretary-General, on a voluntary basis, information and expertise on humanitarian issues of concern to them in order to identify opportunities for future action;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to remain in contact with Governments as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations and the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues and to report on the progress made by them to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

6. *Decides* to review at its forty-seventh session the question of a new international humanitarian order.

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#### 45/102. Promotion of international co-operation in the humanitarian field

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 42/121 of 7 December 1987 and 43/130 of 8 December 1988,

*Noting* that one of the purposes of the United Nations, set forth in its Charter, is to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of a humanitarian character,

*Recalling also* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,<sup>5</sup> which proclaims, *inter alia*, that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable

<sup>48</sup> A/45/587.

<sup>49</sup> A/45/524.