

10. *Requests* the University to continue to intensify its fund-raising efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

11. *Appeals* to all States to contribute to the Endowment Fund of the University and to make operating contributions, including support for its research and training centres and programmes, in order to enable it to expand its world-wide activities, particularly in developing countries, and thus fulfil its mandate in accordance with its charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

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45/221. Strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the increasing vulnerability of countries, in particular developing countries, to natural and other sudden disasters,

Aware of the profound negative impact of such disasters on the economic and social growth of developing countries,

Recognizing the imperative need to ensure a reduction of damage caused by disasters, through the timely adoption of appropriate preventive measures and by means of rapid and effective response when disasters occur,

Reaffirming that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator is the focal point within the United Nations system for matters related to disaster relief and disaster mitigation,

Having noted the constraints and difficulties currently facing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the discharge of its mandate, as set out in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/63 of 26 July 1990 concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this connection, taking into account, *inter alia*, the experience gained by the Office of the Co-ordinator in the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, to make proposals to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991 for the strengthening of the capacity of the Office of the Co-ordinator to fulfil its mandate, which are to be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in the light of an overall analysis of the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to calls for disaster mitigation and emergency relief assistance and of the role played by the Office of the Co-ordinator in this field which should address, *inter alia*, the implementation of General Assembly decision 42/433 of 11 December 1987 and the strengthening of arrangements for the response to complex emergencies;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consider, within the framework of the overall analysis described in paragraph 2 above, the need to adapt further, in the case of the Office of the Co-ordinator, existing United

Nations procedures concerning the procurement, transport and storage of emergency supplies, including the establishment of special warehouses as needed, in order to permit the Office to respond in a timely manner to the special and immediate requirements of countries exposed to sudden disasters;

4. *Recognizes* the importance for the Office of the Co-ordinator to be in a position immediately to provide small emergency grants to countries stricken by disasters to meet their most immediate needs;

5. *Notes*, in that respect, the pressure on existing budgetary provisions for present and future needs during the biennium 1990-1991;

6. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to review the situation at its second regular session of 1991 and authorizes the Office of the Co-ordinator, pending that review, to continue to make grants available to disaster-stricken countries, not to exceed 50,000 United States dollars per disaster, out of the existing reserve of 360,000 dollars allocated for that purpose in the programme budget of the Office for the biennium 1990-1991;

7. *Calls upon* Governments and private and voluntary organizations to make generous cash contributions to the existing contingency relief fund of the Office of the Co-ordinator so as to provide it with the flexibility necessary to address specific needs created by sudden disaster situations;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include information on the implementation of the present resolution in his next biennial report on the Office of the Co-ordinator, which will be submitted to the General Assembly on an exceptional basis at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

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45/222. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the declaration on 22 May 1990 of the merger of the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to form a single sovereign State called the Republic of Yemen,

Recalling its resolution 44/179 of 19 December 1989 and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/65 of 26 July 1990,

Taking into consideration the fact that Yemen, being one of the least developed countries, is unable to sustain reconstruction and development programmes in spite of the efforts made by its Government,

Taking note of the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on 14 September 1990,¹⁵ and the mutual commitments entered into on that occasion,

Noting that the response of the international community to General Assembly resolution 44/179 has not achieved the expected goal in meeting the rehabilita-

tion and reconstruction needs arising from the damages inflicted by the floods of 1982 and 1989,

Noting with deep concern the economic situation in Yemen, which has been exacerbated recently by the serious and adverse effects of the situation between Iraq and Kuwait,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that responded and are continuing to respond generously to the request of the Government of Yemen for assistance to overcome the economic difficulties resulting from the floods;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts, reflected in his report,¹⁰⁶ to make the international community aware of the difficulties faced by Yemen and to mobilize assistance for the country;

3. *Renews the request* made to all States, competent United Nations organizations and programmes and international economic and finance institutions to continue to contribute to the reconstruction and development of Yemen;

4. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system and in close collaboration with the Government authorities, to carry out an evaluation of the requirements of Yemen with a view to drawing up a programme for the reconstruction and development of Yemen, following the damage to the infrastructure of the country;

5. *Expresses the wish* that its future round-table meetings be held within the framework of the intensified follow-up called for by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

6. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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45/223. Special economic assistance to Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/176 of 19 December 1989 and its previous resolutions on assistance in the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Chad and on special economic assistance to that country,

Recalling the round table on assistance to Chad, convened by the United Nations Development Programme at Geneva on 4 and 5 December 1985 in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the International Conference on Assistance to Chad, held in November 1982,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰⁷ dealing with, *inter alia*, the status of assistance

provided for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country and the progress made in organizing and executing the programme of assistance for that country,

Considering that the effects of war and recent natural calamities and disasters are compromising all the reconstruction and development efforts of the Government of Chad,

Noting with satisfaction that the third Round-table Conference of Donors to Chad, convened by the Government of Chad in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, was held at Geneva on 19 and 20 June 1990 and that a development orientation plan was submitted to donors on that occasion by the Government of Chad,

Taking note of the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on 14 September 1990,¹⁵ and mindful of the mutual commitments entered into on that occasion,

Noting that round tables on education, training and employment, technical co-operation, promotion of the private sector, health and social affairs, environment and the struggle against desertification, rural development, food security and water resources and urban development will be convened by the Government of Chad, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, in 1990 and 1991,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that responded and are continuing to respond generously to the appeals of the Government of Chad and of the Secretary-General by furnishing assistance to Chad;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties of Chad and to mobilize assistance for that country;

3. *Renews the request* made to all States, competent United Nations organizations and programmes and international economic and financial institutions to continue to contribute to the rehabilitation and development of Chad;

4. *Expresses the wish* that future round tables on Chad be held within the framework of the intensified follow-up decided on at the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to assess, in close collaboration with the humanitarian agencies concerned, the humanitarian needs, particularly in the areas of health and food, of the displaced populations;

6. *Invites* all States and competent United Nations organizations and programmes to participate actively in the different round tables scheduled to be held in 1990 and 1991 at N'Djamena;

7. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to keep the situation in Chad under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

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¹⁰⁶ A/45/669.

¹⁰⁷ A/45/358.