

2. *Decides* to convene the eighth session of the Conference at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 8 to 25 February 1992, to be preceded by a two-day meeting of senior officials at Cartagena de Indias on 6 and 7 February 1992.

*74th plenary meeting
3 May 1991*

45/262. Emergency assistance to Costa Rica and Panama

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987 on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

Deeply concerned about the large number of afflicted persons and the destruction caused by the recent earthquake which, on 22 April 1991, struck Costa Rica and Panama,

Aware of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of the region to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of the earthquake,

Aware also of the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Welcoming the prompt response of the Governments, organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and of the international and regional agencies, the non-governmental organizations and private individuals that are providing emergency relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the peoples and the Governments of Costa Rica and Panama, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to trigger broad multilateral co-operation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Governments and peoples of Costa Rica and Panama;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to all the States, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. *Urges* all States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected area;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps taken to co-ordinate and mobilize the relief and rehabilitation efforts;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Governments of Costa Rica and Panama, and the international financial institutions and the bodies and agencies of the United Nations system to assist those countries in mobilizing the additional financial resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term plans and programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

*74th plenary meeting
3 May 1991*

45/263. Assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating cyclone

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the colossal loss of human life and the unprecedented destruction of property and infrastructure caused by the cyclone and tidal waves that struck Bangladesh on 29 April 1991,

Considering that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

Aware that the coastal areas of Bangladesh are particularly vulnerable to natural calamity resulting in widespread human and material loss,

Recognizing the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the suffering of disaster victims,

Recognizing also that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

Noting the appeal to the international community by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to come forward in aid of those affected by the disastrous cyclone,

1. *Expresses its solidarity* with the Government and people of Bangladesh during the tragic aftermath of the disaster;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as international financial institutions, and to non-governmental organizations to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the calamity;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all possible assistance to Bangladesh to mitigate the suffering of the victims and to prevent further consequences of the disaster, particularly through the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as well as other relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system.

*75th plenary meeting
13 May 1991*

45/264. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/177 of 19 December 1990, on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields, and other relevant resolutions,

1. *Adopts* the text contained in the annex to the present resolution, including the basic principles and guidelines, goals and measures, as well as issues to be addressed in the future, for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;