

3. *Invites* all participating States to show the necessary political will during consideration of the main outstanding questions in order to create conditions conducive to the success of the negotiations for the speedy conclusion of an international agreement on cocoa.

*68th plenary meeting
15 November 1979*

34/54. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,¹⁸ prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/21 of 29 November 1978, with regard to the progress made in the implementation of all the relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator outlining the critical food situation for the year 1979/80,¹⁹

Noting the statement of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme on the assistance being provided by the Programme to the Government of Ethiopia in relation to its relief and rehabilitation programmes in the drought-stricken areas of the country,²⁰

Noting also the statement of the representative of Ethiopia outlining the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia to deal with relief and rehabilitation in the drought-stricken areas of the country,²¹

Noting further the call made in the multi-donor mission's report for urgent assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,²²

Noting with appreciation the determined efforts being made by the Government of Ethiopia through its National Development Campaign to mitigate the effects of the drought and to make the country self-sufficient in food,

Concerned at the gravity of the food situation due to the drought and the devastation of crops by swarms of locusts and other pests,

Noting with appreciation in this regard the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as of the World Food Programme, in particular the assistance given by the Food and Agriculture Organization through its Office for Special Relief Operations and the emergency food aid provided by the World Food Programme as approved by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization,

Recalling that, despite the generous assistance offered to the Government of Ethiopia by the Governments of Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and voluntary agencies, enormous difficulties of rehabilitation and recovery still persist,

¹⁸ A/34/198.

¹⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Second Committee, 30th meeting, paras. 1-13.*

²⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Plenary Meetings, 10th meeting, paras. 1-25.*

²¹ *Ibid.*, paras. 26-30.

²² See A/34/198, para. 5.

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts, particularly the Government's resettlement programme, in their respective areas of competence, and to implement promptly and fully the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/172 of 21 December 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, 1978/2 of 2 May 1978 and 1979/2 of 4 May 1979;

3. *Appeals* to Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and increase their assistance to the Government of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;

4. *Calls upon* all concerned to ensure that the international assistance provided shall be used for the sole purpose of relief and rehabilitation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1980 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of paragraphs 2 and 3 above and of the other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council.

*82nd plenary meeting
29 November 1979*

34/55. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, and its resolution 33/22 of 29 November 1978,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/59 of 3 August 1979,

Reaffirming that it is necessary to ensure a continued sound financial basis for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976,

Reaffirming also the central role of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the mobilization, direction and co-ordination of international disaster relief assistance, in accordance with the mandate established by the General Assembly in its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Recognizing the detrimental effects of natural disasters on the development programmes of developing countries and mindful of the need to take disaster matters into consideration in the preparatory process for the new international development strategy,

Recognizing also that the funds provided in the regular budget of the United Nations for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for emer-

gency disaster relief assistance are now inadequate to respond to requests for assistance from disaster-afflicted developing countries,

Emphasizing once more the need for all involved in relief operations to implement measures to expedite international relief assistance and to remove any obstacles to its delivery,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator²³ and the statement made by the Co-ordinator on 2 November 1979;²⁴

2. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his continued efforts on behalf of those who suffer as a result of disasters;

3. *Calls upon* recipient Governments to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator by informing his Office of the relief contributions offered and received;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to develop further his working arrangements with donors and recipients of relief assistance;

5. *Renews its call* upon Governments and international organizations to provide the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with detailed information on their current and intended relief contributions, in cash and in kind, in order to avoid duplication of effort and to ensure the provision of all necessary assistance to the survivors of disasters;

6. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in his efforts to ensure the rapid and timely delivery of appropriate international relief and to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the survivors of disasters;

7. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-sixth session to give consideration to the inclusion of technical co-operation activities for disaster preparedness and prevention in national and regional programmes;²⁵

8. *Requests* that additional funds be provided in the regular budget for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for the biennium 1980-1981 to permit the Co-ordinator to respond to at least twelve requests for emergency disaster assistance in any one year, with a normal ceiling of \$30,000 per country in the case of any one disaster;

9. *Requests* the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to take into account, in its deliberations, matters concerning disaster relief, preparedness and prevention;

10. *Urges* all Governments to contribute to the trust fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, taking into particular consideration the financial problems of the subaccount for emergency assistance as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General.

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29 November 1979*

²³ A/34/190.

²⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Second Committee, 30th meeting, paras. 1-13.*

²⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40 and Corr.1), chap. XXI, sect. D, decision 79/17.*

34/56. Measures to be taken in connexion with the earthquake in Montenegro, Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep regret the tragic consequences of the severe earthquake which struck the Montenegrin sea-coast of Yugoslavia, causing the loss of many human lives and enormous destruction and leaving more than 100,000 of the inhabitants homeless,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/58 of 3 August 1979,

Noting the energetic and urgent measures taken by the people and Government of Yugoslavia to provide immediate relief for the victims of the earthquake and to restore normal living conditions for the people,

Noting also the long-term needs for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected area and the measures taken in this regard by the Government of Yugoslavia,

Taking note with appreciation of the assistance rendered, in the true spirit of international solidarity, to the people of Montenegro by many nations, the organizations of the United Nations system and various non-governmental organizations, and the role played by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Noting, in particular, the assistance rendered by the United Nations Development Programme and the loan extended by the World Bank for the reconstruction of the stricken area,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy* to the people of Montenegro and to the Government of Yugoslavia in this disaster;

2. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/58, by which all States were invited to consider what further assistance they might be in a position to offer to Montenegro, and appeals to them to assist in the reconstruction of the stricken area;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system to bear in mind the long-term needs for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the area affected by the earthquake when deciding on services to be provided to Member States in the light of funds available.

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29 November 1979*

34/57. Examination of long-term trends in economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 on the examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world, which initiated activities in that field in the United Nations system, and its resolution 32/57 of 8 December 1977, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2090 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,