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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly, for their information, the text of the attached telegram which he has received from the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

Telegram dated 20 November 1970 from the Executive Secretary
of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to the
Secretary-General

I have just returned from Dacca where I witnessed Pakistan cyclone tragedy. I had cabled sympathy to Governments of Pakistan and Philippines and informed them about possibility obtaining emergency aid from Secretary-General United Nations under operative paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2435 (XXIII), as amended by resolution 2608 (XXIV), and 2614 (XXIV), and received grateful reply. Recent tragedy due Pakistan cyclone and Philippine typhoon has caused great concern to third Session Typhoon Committee now meeting in Bangkok which passed following resolution:

"RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR
THE MITIGATION OF TYPHOON DAMAGE

"The Typhoon Committee,

Considering the uncounted millions of human lives that have fallen victims to the natural calamity called typhoon or hurricane or cyclone,

Further considering the millions bereaved of their loved ones or who have suffered from this scourge in all ages in human history,

Knowing that this suffering will continue undiminished until man himself will choose to reduce it,

Believing that man's present scientific and technological capability that has conquered space could well conquer this environmental scourge, if dedicatedly applied towards this end,

Further believing that man, after all, is expending much of his resources and energies to less humanitarian activities,

Noting General Assembly resolutions 1721 (XVI) and 1802 (XVII) as well as the work being undertaken in response to them,

1. Appeals to the United Nations General Assembly to consider setting up as a matter of urgency, appropriate mechanism and seeking contributions for the specific purpose of mobilizing capable scientists, technologists and pertinent resources from any or all nations towards obtaining basic data, construction of protective measures and discovering ways and means of mitigating the harmful effects of these storms and of modifying typhoons or hurricanes or cyclones to remove or minimize their destructive potential, while retaining their beneficial effects;

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2. Also appeals to nations to make all possible efforts, including direction of men and resources, in support of this endeavour."

I and Sebastian, attending Typhoon Committee session as representative of WMO, would be grateful if this resolution may kindly be brought to attention of General Assembly. Best respects

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