

Bearing in mind its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Djibouti in the list of the least developed countries,

Having examined the summary report of the Secretary-General,¹⁵⁸

Noting the critical economic situation of Djibouti and the list of urgent and priority projects formulated by the Government that require international assistance,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to organize an international programme of economic assistance for Djibouti;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance already provided or pledged to Djibouti by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other organizations;

3. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the difficult economic situation confronting Djibouti and to the severe structural constraints to its development;

4. *Renews its appeal* to Member States, the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, regional and international organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as international financial institutions, to provide assistance bilaterally and multilaterally, as appropriate, to Djibouti in order to enable it to cope with its difficult economic situation and to implement its development strategies, including the programme of assistance that was presented at the round-table conference of development partners convened by the Government of Djibouti in November 1983;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Djibouti, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

(b) To keep the situation in Djibouti under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and the international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1986, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Djibouti;

(c) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Djibouti and in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

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40/228. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 39/201 of 17 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/5 of 17

May 1984 and 1985/1 of 24 May 1985 on emergency assistance to the drought victims in Ethiopia,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,¹⁵⁹

Noting with appreciation the unprecedented effort made by the Secretary-General to mobilize international humanitarian assistance for the drought victims in Ethiopia,

Noting further with satisfaction the able manner in which the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa has effectively handled its task of co-ordination and the admirable manner in which the organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, have carried out their roles,

Having heard the statement made by the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia on 12 November 1985¹⁶⁰ concerning the current situation in the drought-stricken areas,

Aware that, despite adequate rain, the emergency situation still exists in most parts of the country,

Recognizing that, owing to insufficient agricultural input, full advantage could not be taken of the rain,

Convinced that long-term solutions are imperative in dealing with the root causes of the tragic human drama that has recently unfolded in the disaster-stricken areas,

1. *Commends* the international community for its compassion, solidarity and generous response to the tragic situation in Ethiopia;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals that have provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia;

3. *Commends further* the relentless efforts made by the Secretary-General through the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa, in particular those of the Assistant Secretary-General for Emergency Operations in Ethiopia, in mobilizing and co-ordinating emergency humanitarian assistance for the drought victims in Ethiopia;

4. *Appreciates fully* the unprecedented role played by the organizations and programmes of the United Nations system — in particular, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and the International Labour Organisation — which they have carried out in a concerted and efficient manner to save the lives of millions of people in Ethiopia;

5. *Urges* all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, and non-governmental organizations to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its efforts to provide for the emergency needs of the drought victims and to deal with the problem of medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize international assistance for relief and rehabilitation, including assistance to the victims of drought who want either to return to their villages of origin or to settle in areas less prone to drought, and to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1986, on the response of the international community to these efforts.

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¹⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, sect. VI.

¹⁵⁹ A/40/431.

¹⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Second Committee, 31st meeting, paras. 23-33.*