

RESOLUTIONS

FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1985

1985/1. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1984/5 of 17 May 1984 and General Assembly resolution 39/201 of 17 December 1984 concerning emergency assistance to the drought victims in Ethiopia,

Noting with appreciation the statement made by the Director of the Office for Emergency Operations in Africa,¹

Having heard the statement made by the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia on the situation in the drought-stricken areas,¹

Aware of the presence of rain in Ethiopia after many years of prolonged drought,

Recognizing the necessity of sufficient agricultural inputs to take advantage of the good rains,

Disturbed by the lack of sufficient inputs which would help to expedite the rehabilitation of the drought victims and make them self-supporting,

Convinced that long-term solutions are imperative in order to avoid the recurrence of a tragic human drama such as the one that recently unfolded in the disaster-stricken areas,

1. *Commends* the generous response of the international community to the tragic situation in Ethiopia;

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

3. *Urges* all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, 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;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize resources for relief and rehabilitation, including assistance for the victims of drought who either wish to return to their villages of origin or are willing to settle in areas less prone to drought, and to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the response of the international community to those efforts.

*21st plenary meeting
24 May 1985*

1985/2. University for Peace

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/111 of 14 December 1979, by which the Assembly approved the idea of establishing a University for Peace,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 35/55 of 5

December 1980, by which the Assembly approved the establishment of the University for Peace,

Aware of the positive response of the international community to the establishment of that institution,

Considering that it is important to follow up the development of the University for Peace in its initial stage,

Recognizing the important work carried out by the University for Peace during the first stage of its institutional life,

1. *Decides* to request the University for Peace to submit a report to the Secretary-General on the various aspects of its development, its existing activities and its future plans, including programmes of post-graduate studies;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1986 the report submitted by the University for Peace in pursuance of paragraph 1 above;

3. *Decides* to consider this question at its first regular session of 1986.

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1985/3. Population structure

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the recommendations of the World Population Conference, in particular those contained in the World Population Plan of Action, especially paragraphs 63, 64 and 66 thereof,² where emphasis is laid on the need to take fully into account the implications of changing proportions of youth, working-age groups and the aged, which affect a growing number of developed and developing countries,

Recalling also the recommendations of the International Conference on Population, in particular recommendations 57 and 58,³ in which the Conference called for an intensification of efforts in the execution of specific programmes related to youth and requested that further efforts should be made to analyse the issue of aging, particularly its implications for overall development,

Noting the findings of the studies undertaken in preparation for the World Assembly on Aging,

Affirming the need to implement the Specific Programme of Measures and Activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,⁴

Affirming also the need to implement the International Plan of Action on Aging,⁵

² *Report of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, 19-30 August 1974* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.75.XIII.3), chap. I.

³ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

⁴ A/36/215, annex, sect. IV, decision 1 (I).

⁵ *Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

¹ See E/1985/SR.16.

Bearing in mind the deliberations of the Population Commission at its twenty-third session on the implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population,⁶

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984, by which the Assembly reaffirmed the need to pay attention to specific problems of population structure,

1. *Urges* all Governments, when formulating their social and economic policies, plans and programmes, to take fully into account the existing and anticipated demographic structures of their populations, paying particular attention to their relation to the following:

(a) The number of students and the need for teachers and schools, in connection with ongoing and future technological change;

(b) The changing organization and role of the family, particularly families made up of young people;

(c) The formation of new household and housing needs;

(d) The changing patterns of consumption and savings;

(e) The needs of youth for productive employment opportunities;

(f) The needs of the elderly for social and economic security, and their potential contribution to development;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in supporting the activities of Governments in these efforts, to consider fully the relevant aspects of changing age structures and in this respect:

(a) To continue the work of assessing current and future population structures in both developed and developing countries, paying particular attention to the increase in the proportions of youth and the aged in those populations;

(b) To continue and strengthen efforts to study the implications of changing population structure for social and economic development, for family and household structure, and for social services, medical care and other related fields;

(c) To continue and strengthen efforts to monitor and analyse policies to address specific requirements arising from changing population structure, especially for youth and the aged;

(d) To report to the Population Commission, on a timely basis, the findings of studies on these issues, as well as estimates and projections on the youth and the aged populations, and to make that information available to Governments, non-governmental organizations and others concerned.

22nd plenary meeting
28 May 1985

1985/4. Implications of the recommendations of the International Conference on Population

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984,

Having examined at its first regular session of 1985 the implications of the recommendations for the further implementation of the World Population Plan of Action made by the International Conference on Population,⁷ in order to

⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1985. Supplement No. 5 (E/1985/25)*, chap. III, sect. B.

⁷ *Report of the International Conference on Population, 1984, Mexico City, 6-14 August 1984* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.XIII.8 and corrigenda), chap. I, sect. B.

provide overall policy guidelines within the United Nations system on population questions.

Recognizing the important role of international co-operation in the implementation of the recommendations,

Having considered the recommendations on the role of international co-operation, in particular recommendation 83,⁸ in which the Conference referred to the leading role of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in population matters and urged that the Fund should be strengthened further, so as to ensure the more effective delivery of population assistance, taking into account the growing need in this field,

Having also considered recommendation 88⁸ on the review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action and the monitoring of population trends and policies and of multilateral population programmes of the United Nations system,

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Population Commission as the principal intergovernmental body to arrange for studies and advise the Council on:

(a) The size and structure of populations and the changes therein;

(b) The interplay of demographic factors and economic and social factors,

(c) Policies designed to influence the size and structure of populations and the changes therein;

(d) Any other demographic questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice;

2. *Welcomes* the information provided by the representative of the Secretary-General on the plans for carrying out the task entrusted to him in paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 39/228;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in carrying out this task, to take into account the views expressed by the Population Commission on the need for:

(a) Assessing the performance, achievements and effectiveness of the work of the United Nations system relating to research on demographic developments, formulation of population policies and provision of financial support and technical assistance for population activities;

(b) Consistency in policy guidelines of different organizations within the United Nations system, taking into account the distinctive role of each body;

(c) Improved communication, co-operation and coordination in population matters between the different organizations;

(d) Delivering population assistance to countries which request it, with efficiency and effectiveness;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, in carrying out this task, to avail himself of the advice of members of the Population Commission, the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and, as appropriate, related non-governmental organizations and experts in population and other relevant matters;

5. *Recommends*, in view of the growing commitment of the developing countries, increased efforts by the international community to mobilize resources, as called for in recommendations 79⁸ and 82⁸ of the International Conference on Population, for meeting the increasing need of the developing countries for assistance for population activities;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Population Commission and, as appropriate, the Governing Council of

⁸ *Ibid.*, sect. B, para. 37.