

Noting that, despite the structural adjustment programmes carried out by most of these countries, their economic and financial performance for the past two years has continued to be poor, and stressing the need for vigorous support of these programmes and for action to alleviate the impact of the adjustment policies being implemented, especially in the social sphere,

Noting that Benin is still facing a financial crisis, which reached its peak in 1989 as a result of the erosion of the tax base, the collapse of the banking system, the fall in productivity of the revenue services, the persistence of the consequences of the disastrous floods of 1988 and the economic crisis in the region,

Noting the grave difficulties that the Government of the Central African Republic has continued to face since 1982 in achieving the objectives of its development programme owing to the harmful effects of the international economic situation, and recognizing the need to provide it with supplementary resources so as to enable it to achieve those objectives,

Bearing in mind the economic and financial consequences of the earthquakes of March 1987 in Ecuador and their negative impact on that country's balance of payments, and taking into account the fact that all the efforts made by the Government of Ecuador to improve that adverse situation have not produced the desired results, since the effects of the international economic crisis seriously impede the entire economic and social development process,

Noting that Madagascar's economic and social development efforts are being thwarted by the adverse effects of the cyclones and floods that afflict that country periodically, and that the implementation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes requires the mobilization of substantial resources that are beyond the country's real means,

Noting that Vanuatu, an island developing country, continues to experience severe constraints in its economic and social development as a consequence, *inter alia*, of the deterioration in the terms of trade for its export commodities and of a high population growth rate coupled with an absence of skilled manpower,

Noting the particularly difficult problems faced by island developing countries in responding to negative and special economic circumstances, as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General¹¹⁶ called for in General Assembly resolution 43/189 of 20 December 1988,

Taking note of the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries on 14 September 1990,¹⁵ and mindful of the mutual commitments entered into on that occasion, as well as the importance to be attached to the follow-up to the Conference,

Having heard the statements of Member States at its forty-fifth session on the situations currently prevailing in those countries,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and regional, interregional and intergovernmental organizations for

the assistance they have provided or pledged to those countries;

2. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Governments of those countries to overcome their economic and financial difficulties;

3. Reaffirms that all Governments and international organizations should fulfil the commitments undertaken within the framework of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, contained in the annex to its resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the Paris Declaration adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;¹⁵

4. Notes with concern that the assistance made available to those countries has not been adequate to meet their urgent requirements and that additional assistance is needed;

5. Appeals to Member States, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, humanitarian organizations and voluntary agencies to respond generously and urgently to the needs of those countries as identified in the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰⁷ and to continue and increase their assistance in response to the reconstruction, economic recovery and development needs of those countries;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps and to mobilize the resources needed, in collaboration with the organs, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, in accordance with resolution 43/211 on special programmes of economic assistance, to provide assistance for all disasters, natural or otherwise, striking those countries, both in order to meet any reconstruction needs resulting from disasters that have already occurred and in order to implement preventive programmes to reduce the effects of future disasters;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, containing:

(a) The identification of priorities for action by the international community;

(b) An assessment of the assistance actually received;

(c) An assessment of needs still unmet and specific proposals for responding to them effectively.

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45/231. Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 43/24 of 15 November 1988 and 44/10 of 23 October 1989, and decisions 88/31

¹¹⁶ A/43/513 and Corr.1.

A of 1 July 1988¹¹⁷ and 89/64 of 30 June 1989¹¹⁸ of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, and taking note of Governing Council decision 90/31 of 20 June 1990,⁹⁴

Recalling in particular its resolutions 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/210 of 20 December 1988 and 44/182 of 19 December 1989, in which it urged the international community and international organizations to increase their technical, economic and financial co-operation with the Central American countries within the framework of the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America,¹¹⁹

Reiterating the importance of the commitments made by the Central American Presidents in the agreement signed at Guatemala City at the Esquipulas II summit meeting,¹²⁰ the declarations adopted at Alajuela, Costa Rica,¹²¹ and Costa del Sol, El Salvador,¹²² and the agreements reached at Tela, Honduras,¹²³ Montelimar, Nicaragua,¹²⁴ and at the most recent summit meeting held at Antigua, Guatemala, from 15 to 17 June 1990,¹²⁵

Recognizing the importance of the efforts made by the Secretary-General with respect to the situation in Central America and the ongoing involvement of the United Nations in economic co-operation in the region,

Especially concerned about the need to continue responding to the emergency situation in Central America, and alarmed at the seriousness of the economic and social crisis that the region faces,

Bearing in mind the importance of the Special Plan for setting economic and social development priorities and strengthening the capacity to design and implement regional projects in a large number of sectors and the unprecedented technical negotiating effort that has been required on the part of the five Central American countries,

Bearing in mind also the appeal made by the Central American Governments at the thirty-seventh session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, held at Geneva from 28 May to 23 June 1990, for the allocation of financial resources so that implementation of the projects and programmes of the Special Plan may continue,

Considering that the implementation of the Special Plan has made it possible to work out new joint strategies for economic and social development and has

deepened the regional peace and democratization process, as reflected in the Central American Economic Plan of Action,¹²⁵ which emerged from the summit meeting held at Antigua, Guatemala, in June 1990,

Expressing its satisfaction at the performance of the United Nations Development Programme in carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to it for the co-ordination of the Special Plan,

Reaffirming its conviction that peace, development and democracy are inseparable,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America,¹²⁶ which contains information on the status of implementation of the Special Plan;

2. *Decides* to extend the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America for an additional three-year period beginning in 1991;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the new directions in regional development that have emerged from the summit meetings of the Presidents of Central American countries and, in particular, from the meeting held at Antigua, Guatemala, at which the Central American Economic Plan of Action was approved;

4. *Recommends* that, through the existing machinery for the implementation of the Special Plan, due account be taken of the goals and priorities set in the Antigua Declaration¹²⁵ and the Central American Economic Plan of Action;

5. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the Joint Political Declaration and Joint Economic Communiqué of the Dublin Ministerial Conference on Political Dialogue and Economic Co-operation between the member States of the European Community and the countries of Central America and the Contadora Group, held at Dublin on 9 and 10 April 1990,¹²⁷ in which they reaffirmed their commitment to continue to participate in the reactivation and economic and social development of the region;

6. *Also welcomes with satisfaction* the renewal of the San José Agreement (Central American energy co-operation programme) in August 1990 by the Governments of the Central American countries and the Governments of Mexico and Venezuela;

7. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the Declaration of the first international meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the International Conference on Central American Refugees, held in New York on 27 and 28 June 1990;

8. *Calls upon* Member States and observers, inter-governmental organizations, international financial institutions, the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and regional and subregional organs and institutions to participate actively in and adopt immediate measures for the implementation of activities in support of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan, taking into account the difficult social and economic situation faced by the Central American countries, and to support the projects submitted by

¹¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 9 (E/1988/19)*, annex I.

¹¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 1989, Supplement No. 13 (E/1989/32), annex I.

¹¹⁹ A/42/949, annex.

¹²⁰ A/42/521-S/19085, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987*, document S/19085.

¹²¹ A/42/911-S/19447, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-third Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1988*, document S/19447.

¹²² A/44/140-S/20491, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1989*, document S/20491.

¹²³ A/44/451-S/20778; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fourth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1989*, document S/20778.

¹²⁴ A/44/936-S/21235, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1990*, document S/21235.

¹²⁵ See A/44/958, annex.

¹²⁶ A/45/622.

¹²⁷ A/44/944-S/21282, annexes I and II; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1990*, document S/21282.

those countries within the framework of the machinery set up under the Special Plan;

9. *Emphasizes* the urgent need for the international community to increase its technical assistance to the Central American countries and to provide them with adequate additional financial resources on favourable and concessional terms;

10. *Requests* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to consider the request made by the Governments of the Central American countries for appropriate financial assistance for the Special Plan during the fifth programming cycle;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the progress made in implementing the Special Plan;

12. *Decides* to review and appraise the implementation of the Special Plan at its forty-sixth session.

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45/232. Emergency assistance for Liberia

The General Assembly,

Extremely concerned about the untold loss of life and human suffering as a consequence of the conflict in Liberia and that over 750,000 people have become refugees and half the population within the country has been displaced,

Deeply concerned about the massive destruction of the nation's infrastructure,

Conscious of the urgent need for the international community to provide assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia,

Conscious also of the peace and humanitarian efforts at the subregional level,

1. *Appeals* to the international community to render its support by providing all necessary assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia;

2. *Appeals* to all Member States to make voluntary contributions for rehabilitation efforts;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the appropriate authority in Liberia, to coordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to assist that country in its emergency relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts, to mobilize resources for the implementation of the necessary programmes and to keep the international community informed of the needs of the country;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1991, of his efforts and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "Emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia".

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45/233. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/168 of 15 December 1989 regarding international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola,

Mindful of Security Council resolutions 387 (1976) of 31 March 1976, 475 (1980) of 27 June 1980, 628 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and other resolutions of the Council, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the international community to render assistance to Angola,

Aware of the difficult economic situation of Angola, which is a result of the aggression and destabilization that prevailed in the country, as well as the current drought,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹²⁸

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international community for the support and assistance it has already rendered to Angola;

3. *Appeals* to the international community to render the financial, material and technical assistance necessary for the economic rehabilitation of Angola;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize the United Nations system and the international community, with a view to obtaining increased support for the economic rehabilitation of Angola;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Welcomes* the decision of the Government of Angola to organize, in 1991, a round-table conference of donors for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Angola, in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, the African Development Bank, the Government of Portugal and other interested countries;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola".

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45/234. Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Convinced that the full and effective implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration would contribute to the strengthening of

¹²⁸ A/45/551.