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SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Note by the Secretariat

By decision 1986/165 of 22 July 1986, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution reproduced below.

Special economic assistance programmes

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the special economic assistance programmes, 1/

Affirming the validity of the concept of special economic assistance programmes and the need to enhance their efficiency,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Endorses the recommendation made by the Secretary-General that special economic assistance programmes should be limited to countries genuinely in need of such assistance and to special circumstances falling outside the competence of the regular programmes of the United Nations system and should be of limited duration;

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3. Also endorses the recommendation that the special economic assistance programme for a country should terminate after the review mission and that any continuing responsibilities should then be transferred to the regular programmes of the system;

4. Recommends that efforts to transfer the implementation of the special economic assistance programmes to other United Nations bodies should be continued, if practicable;

5. Affirms that special economic assistance programmes should be drawn up in consultation with the recipient Governments concerned and recommends that the programmes should, as far as possible, be established and reviewed through the field offices of the United Nations system.
