

*Having considered* the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session<sup>30</sup> and the reports of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population<sup>31</sup> and on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance,<sup>32</sup>

*Reaffirming* the need to bring about a co-ordinated, effective and efficient strategy for the United Nations and the United Nations system in addressing population issues,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, on a regular basis, reports on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population, on the work of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action<sup>33</sup> and on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance;

2. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to submit to the Population Commission, on a regular basis, reports on the activities of the Fund;

3. *Invites* the Population Commission to review those reports, within its competence, and to transmit its views to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular sessions;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to enhance the coherence and harmonization of populations activities in the United Nations system and increase the effectiveness of the work of organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of population, to take the necessary steps to enable the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to review on a regular basis population activities and programmes within the United Nations system;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, with a view to securing balanced representation in the Population Commission of the various areas of technical and substantive expertise in the fields of population studies and population assistance, to consult with the Governments of the States members of the Commission, in conformity with paragraph 3 of Council resolution 3 (III) and the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council,<sup>34</sup> before representatives are finally nominated by those Governments and confirmed by the Council.

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<sup>30</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>31</sup> E/1987/4.

<sup>32</sup> E/1987/5.

<sup>33</sup> *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.

<sup>34</sup> E/5975/Rev.1 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.10).

## **1987/73. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Somalia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 41/192 of 8 December 1986 on special programmes of economic assistance,

*Deeply concerned* that drought is again threatening life and causing serious loss of livestock and property in Somalia,

*Bearing in mind* that the Government of Somalia estimates that 1.6 million people, including 700,000 children, are affected by the drought and that 800 people have died,

*Noting* that on 29 April 1987 the Government of Somalia appealed for emergency assistance and has taken steps to co-ordinate, together with the United Nations and the donor community, the relief efforts, including the establishment on 30 April 1987 of a drought action committee,

*Aware* of the relief needs as set out in the information report of 5 May 1987 of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

1. *Commends* the strenuous efforts of the Government of Somalia to alleviate the hardship suffered by the victims of the drought;

2. *Requests* Member States, non-governmental organizations and organizations of the United Nations system to participate in the concerted effort to alleviate the adverse effects of the drought on the population of Somalia;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988 on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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## **1987/74. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Referring* to General Assembly resolution 41/196 of 8 December 1986 and earlier resolutions of the General Assembly on international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, by which the Assembly requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify their programmes of assistance in response to the needs of Lebanon,

*Recognizing* that the present situation in Lebanon, owing to the events that have occurred in that country, the paralysis of economic activities and the increase in the expenses of the State coinciding with the alarming fall in national income, requires emergency assistance,