

Having considered the report of the Population Commission on its twenty-fourth session³⁰ and the reports of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population³¹ and on the monitoring of multilateral population assistance,³²

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 Action³³ 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,³⁴ before representatives are finally nominated by those Governments and confirmed by the Council.

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³⁰ *Ibid.*

³¹ E/1987/4.

³² E/1987/5.

³³ *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.

³⁴ 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,

Appeals to all Member States and the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to mobilize all possible assistance to the Government of Lebanon in its efforts for reconstruction and development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

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1987/75. Prevention and control of AIDS

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered World Health Assembly resolution WHA40.26 of 15 May 1987 on a global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),

Deeply concerned to learn that this disease has assumed pandemic proportions affecting all regions and that it represents a serious threat to the attainment of health for all by the year 2000 and to social and economic development in general,

Considering that the international community should do the utmost to prevent the further spread of AIDS, bearing in mind that information is an essential element in the control of AIDS and that every individual has a responsibility,

Realizing that the world-wide emergency created by AIDS will require urgent vigorous globally directed action in prevention, control and research,

1. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to World Health Assembly resolution WHA40.26, by which the World Health Assembly endorsed the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS prepared by the World Health Organization;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the World Health Organization for taking the lead in mobilizing the international community to combat the disease;

3. *Calls upon* all States to take active measures to prevent and control AIDS in line with the global strategy;

4. *Urges* all appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, as well as bilateral and multilateral agencies and non-governmental and voluntary organizations, to support the world-wide struggle against AIDS in close co-operation with the World Health Organization in its role of directing and co-ordinating the urgent fight against AIDS and in conformity with the global strategy.

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1987/76. Fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization, 1988

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement by the Director-General of the World Health Organization,³⁵

Expressing its appreciation for the important achievements of the World Health Organization in fulfilling its constitutional mandate to direct and co-ordinate international health work,

Noting with satisfaction World Health Assembly resolution WHA40.36 of 15 May 1987 on the fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization,

1. *Notes* that the World Health Organization intends to celebrate its fortieth anniversary during 1988, in accordance with World Health Assembly resolution WHA40.36;

2. *Notes also* that the World Health Organization will use the occasion of its fortieth anniversary as a global opportunity to inform and mobilize all concerned with a view to achieving the goal of health for all by the year 2000 in an atmosphere of good will, consensus and mutual respect;

3. *Invites* the General Assembly to observe, at its forty-third session, the fortieth anniversary of the World Health Organization in a manner befitting its achievements and future role in international health.

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1987/77. Assistance to the Palestinian people

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 41/181 of 8 December 1986,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/49 of 22 July 1986,

Recalling further the Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights, adopted by the International Conference on the Question of Palestine,³⁶

Noting the need to provide economic and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

Noting also that the meeting on assistance to the Palestinian people was held at Geneva on 19 June 1987 in response to General Assembly resolution 41/181,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people;³⁷

³⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 31st meeting (E/1987/SR.31).

³⁶ *Report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, Geneva, 29 August-7 September 1983* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.I.21), chap. I, sect. B.

³⁷ A/42/289-E/1987/86 and Add.1.