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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, 1/

Recalling its previous resolutions on the enhancement of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and the practical measures taken for their implementation,

Recalling also, in particular, its resolution S-13/2 of 1 June 1986 containing the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its forty-sixth ordinary session and by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of that Organization at its twenty-third ordinary session, which were held at Addis Ababa from 20 to 25 July 1987 and from 27 to 29 July 1987, respectively,

Considering the important statement made by the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity before the General Assembly on 6 October 1987, 2/

Mindful of the need for continued and closer co-operation between the United Nations and its specialized agencies and the Organization of African Unity,

1/ A/42/419 and Add.1.

2/ See A/42/PV.26.

Gravely concerned at the deteriorating situation in southern Africa arising from the continued domination and oppression of the peoples of South Africa and Namibia by the minority racist régime of South Africa and conscious of the need to provide increased assistance to the peoples of the region and to their liberation movements in their struggle against colonialism, racial discrimination and the policies of apartheid,

Conscious of its responsibilities to provide economic, material and humanitarian assistance to independent States in southern Africa to assist them cope with the situation resulting from the acts of aggression and destabilization committed by the apartheid régime of South Africa,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the situation of the refugees in Africa and the urgent need for increased international assistance to help African countries hosting refugees,

Recognizing the important role played by the United Nations information system in disseminating information to bring about a greater awareness of the grave situation prevailing in southern Africa as well as the social and economic problems and the needs of African States and their regional and subregional institutions,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and commends his efforts to strengthen such co-operation;

2. Notes with appreciation the increasing and continued participation of the Organization of African Unity in the work of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and its constructive contribution to that work;

3. Commends the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote multilateral co-operation among African States and to find solutions to African problems of vital importance to the international community;

4. Reaffirms that the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development is the joint responsibility of the international community and commends the efforts undertaken by African countries in spite of the effects of the adverse international economic environment;

5. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to ensure closer co-operation and co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity in the implementation and monitoring of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

6. Requests all Member States, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and all other relevant organs of the United Nations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to activate and increase their programme of assistance to African subregional organizations for drought and desertification control such as the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Intergovernmental Authority for Drought and Development;

7. Reiterates its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts, on behalf of the international community, to organize and mobilize special programmes of economic assistance for the front-line States and other independent States of southern Africa to help them to withstand the effects of the acts of aggression and destabilization committed by the apartheid régime of South Africa;

8. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations Development Programme, the office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research for the assistance so far rendered to the African States in dealing with the emergency situation as well as with the critical economic problems that exist on the African continent;

9. Reiterates the determination of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to eliminate colonialism, racial discrimination and apartheid in southern Africa;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and apartheid in southern Africa;

11. Urges the international community to contribute generously to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and apartheid established by the Organization of African Unity and to the Action for Resisting Invasion, Colonialism and Apartheid Fund established by the Movement of Non-aligned Countries;

12. Calls upon the competent organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies to guarantee the just and equitable representation of Africa at all levels at their respective headquarters and in their regional and field operations;

13. Urges all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to provide material and economic assistance to help African countries hosting refugees to enable them to withstand the heavy burden imposed on their limited resources and weak infrastructures by the presence in their countries of large numbers of refugees;

14. Calls upon the United Nations organs - in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against Apartheid and the United Nations Council for Namibia - to continue to associate closely the Organization of African Unity with all their activities concerning Africa;

15. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to reactivate the machinery for co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African unity through the convening of regular meetings between the representatives of the two organizations;

16. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.
