

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to the front-line States;
2. *Strongly urges* the international community to continue to provide in a timely and effective manner the financial, material and technical assistance necessary to enhance the individual and collective capacity of the front-line States and other bordering States to withstand the effects of economic measures taken by South Africa, or by the international community against South Africa, in accordance with their national and regional plans and strategies;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue mobilizing organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system so that they may respond to such requests for assistance as might be forthcoming from individual States or the appropriate subregional organization, and further urges all States to respond favourably to such requests;
4. *Appeals* to all States and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support the national and collective emergency programmes prepared by the front-line States and other bordering States to overcome the critical problems arising from the situation in South Africa;
5. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance being rendered to the front-line States by donor countries and intergovernmental organizations;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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42/202. Special assistance to Maldives for disaster relief and the strengthening of its coastal defences

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned by the damage caused to the archipelago of Maldives by unexpected tidal waves in April, June and September 1987,

Acutely aware of the threats posed by such tidal action to the low-lying islands of Maldives and to their inhabitants,

Mindful of the need to commence urgent protective measures to minimize the hazards of such tragic events,

Noting that Maldives is one of the least developed countries, with severely limited natural endowments and a narrow-based economic backbone,

Recognizing the efforts of the Government and the people of Maldives to improve and accelerate the socio-economic development of their country,

Taking note of the emergency relief operations undertaken by the Government of Maldives to assist those affected in the episodes of April, June and September 1987, and of its determination to strengthen its defences against such disasters in the future,

Convinced that long-term solutions are imperative,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to those States and organizations which rendered support and assistance to the Government of Maldives in its relief and subsequent rehabilitation work;
2. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the fact that additional resources are required to carry out the envisaged plan for preventive action, and that the assistance already provided or pledged falls short of the requirements;

3. *Requests* agencies and organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the formulation and implementation of a planned programme of action;

4. *Strongly appeals* to the international community to contribute generously to that goal;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/192 of 8 December 1986, to mobilize international support and assistance in favour of the efforts of the Government of Maldives to implement the plan of action;

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

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42/203. Assistance to El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolutions 41/2 of 14 October 1986, concerning emergency assistance to El Salvador, and 41/194 of 8 December 1986, in which it appealed to all States and appropriate organizations of the United Nations system to contribute to the reconstruction and development of El Salvador,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/16 of 26 May 1987, in which the Council urged Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and governmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute generously to the reconstruction of El Salvador,

Having considered the summary report of the Secretary-General on international humanitarian assistance activities for El Salvador,⁹⁸

Concerned that the serious effects of the earthquake that occurred on 10 October 1986 have not been overcome despite the efforts of the Government and people of El Salvador and the international assistance received,

Concerned also that the efforts made by the Government of El Salvador have been restricted and hindered by the existence of serious economic and financial problems that have increased as a result of a substantial fall in agricultural export production and unfavourable conditions in international markets,

Convinced of the outstanding importance of international assistance and co-operation in the processes of national reconstruction following the damage caused by natural disasters,

Reiterating the continuing need for the international community to adopt suitable measures for effective assistance and co-operation to promote the rehabilitation, recovery and development of Member States that have suffered natural disasters,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for the efforts and measures undertaken to provide international assistance to El Salvador;

2. *Also expresses its gratitude* to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Relief Activities in El Salvador and his team for the work done and activities conducted in connection with assistance to El Salvador;

⁹⁸ See A/42/442, sect. V.B.

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the States and organizations that have contributed to the reconstruction of El Salvador;

4. *Notes with concern* that the contributions from bilateral and multilateral donors provided during 1987 were not sufficient to meet the urgent needs facing the Government of El Salvador, so that additional assistance is required;

5. *Urges Governments, organizations of the United Nations system and governmental and non-governmental organizations* to continue to contribute generously to the reconstruction of El Salvador, especially through grants and low-interest, long-term loans, in view of the country's needs and limited resources;

6. *Requests* all Governments and concerned organs and organizations to provide voluntary contributions as a matter of urgency, directly or through the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, in order to alleviate adequately the consequences of the earthquake in El Salvador;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take any measures that he may deem necessary to promote the implementation of the present resolution so as to accelerate the process of reconstruction in El Salvador, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

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42/204. Special economic assistance to Central America

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/1 of 7 October 1987 entitled "The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives", in particular paragraph 6, in which it urged the international community to increase technical, economic and financial assistance to the Central American countries and requested the Secretary-General to promote a special plan of co-operation for Central America,

Bearing in mind the need to contribute effectively to peace, co-operation, respect for human rights, the implementation of genuine democratic and pluralist processes and economic and social development, which are indispensable for ensuring the well-being of the peoples of the Central American region,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central America,⁹⁹ in particular with regard to the need to implement an emergency plan for the reconstruction and large-scale economic development of the region, which in turn will facilitate the resolution of the political and security crisis facing the region,

Recalling the terms of the recent agreement on "Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America",¹⁰⁰ signed at Guatemala City on 7 August 1987 by the Central American Presidents, which stressed the need to adopt agreements that would accelerate development in order to create more egalitarian societies that are free of poverty,

Convinced of the urgent need to improve the standard of living of the Central American peoples,

Emphasizing the importance of appropriating additional resources for development and of the full use of human resources, as recognized in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,²⁷ and recognizing the economic co-operation efforts being made to this end by the European Economic Community and others with the countries of the region,

Commending the concerted efforts being made by the countries of the Central American region to deal with adverse economic and social conditions through economic and social integration and co-operation,

Convinced that peace and development are inseparable,

1. *Supports* the implementation of mechanisms essential to achieving the economic and social objectives agreed to by the Governments of Central America in the Document of Objectives of 9 September 1983, sponsored by the Contadora Group;¹⁰¹

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, to send a technical mission to the Central American countries for the purpose of determining, in consultation with each of the Governments of the region, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and such integration bodies as the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, the Latin American Economic System and the Action Committee for the Support of Economic and Social Development in Central America, the economic and social priorities of the countries of the region;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of the priorities identified, to formulate, in close consultation with the Governments of the region and the appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system, a special plan of co-operation for Central America to be submitted, in view of the immediate needs, no later than 30 April 1988 for consideration by the General Assembly during its current session;

4. *Urges* the international community to increase technical, economic and financial assistance to the Central American countries, as a way of bolstering their efforts to achieve peace and development;

5. *Appeals* to the organs and organizations of the United Nations system to co-operate in implementing the special plan of co-operation for Central America and to continue and expand their assistance programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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⁹⁹ A/42/127-S/18686. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1987*, document S/18686.

¹⁰⁰ A/42/521-S/19085, annex. For the printed text, see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987*, document S/19085, annex.

¹⁰¹ *Official Records of the Security Council, Thirty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1983*, document S/16041, annex.