

2. *Urges* all States to participate generously through bilateral or multilateral channels in projects and programmes for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Vanuatu;

3. *Requests* international organizations, in particular the appropriate organs and bodies of the United Nations system, regional organizations and voluntary agencies, to continue and increase their assistance in response to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development needs of Vanuatu;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 41/192 of 8 December 1986, to take the necessary steps, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to mobilize the financial, technical and material assistance needed for implementing the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development programme of Vanuatu;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to keep the question of assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Vanuatu under constant review and to apprise the General Assembly at its forty-second session of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 1987/16. Assistance to El Salvador

*The Economic and Social Council,*

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

*Having heard* the oral report made before the First (Economic) Committee of the Council, on 4 May 1987, by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Assistance to El Salvador,

*Concerned* at the fact that the serious effects of the earthquake, which 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,

*Affirming* the need for the international community to adopt appropriate 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 his efforts to provide immediate assistance to El Salvador;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* for the work done by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Assistance to El Salvador and for the activities undertaken in connection with assistance to El Salvador;

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 to be provided in 1987 are not sufficient to meet the urgent needs facing the Government of El Salvador, so that additional assistance will be 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 organs and organizations of the United Nations system to provide voluntary contributions as a matter of urgency, directly or through the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, in order to alleviate 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-second session

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#### 1987/17. Assistance to Ecuador

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Stressing* the need for the international community to take measures to provide effective assistance for the reconstruction and development of Member States that have suffered natural disasters, in accordance with the spirit and the letter of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, *inter alia*, resolutions 36/225 of 17 December 1981 and 38/202 of 20 December 1983,

*Deeply concerned* at the devastation caused by the earthquakes of 5 and 6 March 1987 in Ecuador, which resulted in widespread loss of life, as well as of goods and services,

*Noting* the report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean on the natural disaster of March 1987 in Ecuador and its effects on economic and social development,<sup>18</sup> in which it was stated that the country would not be in a position to meet reconstruction needs by itself,

*Noting with satisfaction* the efforts of the people and Government of Ecuador to alleviate the adverse effects of the disaster on the well-being, health and economy of the population affected and to meet the reconstruction requirements of the regions and services destroyed,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the efforts made to provide prompt assistance to Ecuador;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to States and organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental, non-governmental and voluntary organizations for their timely assistance;

3. *Calls upon* all States to participate fully in the projects and programmes for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the areas affected by the earthquake;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to adopt, in accordance with the evaluation of the disaster made by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, such measures as he deems appropriate to increase the necessary financial, technical and material assistance for programmes for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the areas affected by the earthquakes;

5. *Requests* the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system and the competent intergovernmental, regional and voluntary organizations to maintain

<sup>18</sup> LC/G.1465.

and increase their participation in the reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a report on the programmes carried out and the assistance provided in implementation of the present resolution.

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**1987/18. Monitoring and review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the importance attached by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace to monitoring and review and appraisal, as outlined in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>19</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 40/108 of 13 December 1985, in which the Assembly recommended, *inter alia*, the further development of the integrated reporting system for monitoring and review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women, and nothing Assembly resolution 41/111 of 4 December 1986,

*Stressing* the importance of the submission of regular and relevant reports to the Commission on the Status of Women by all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system, including the regional commission and the specialized agencies, to provide statistical information and analysis on the situation of women at the national, regional and international levels,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the reporting system for periodic review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women,<sup>20</sup> which identifies past and present problems and suggests remedial measures,

*Recognizing* that effective monitoring and review and appraisal should be conducted at the sectoral, national, regional and international levels to achieve optimal results,

*Mindful* of the need to avoid duplication of reporting obligations, especially given the burden that coexisting reporting systems place on Member States, especially those with limited resources, and the financial stringencies facing the United Nations system,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in further developing and implementing the reporting system for monitoring and review and appraisal of progress in the advancement of women, to take into account the following guidelines:

(a) Questionnaires and data-gathering instruments should be as simple, clearly focused and practical as possible, and, to the extent possible, existing reporting systems should be relied on;

(b) A clear and relevant set of statistical and other measurable indicators, such as the level of participation of women in decision-making, in the paid labour force and in the informal sector, comparative earnings of

women and men, literacy, training and education and life expectancy, should be identified to facilitate the collection, comparison and analysis of data and the identification of shortfalls in information requirements;

(c) United Nations focal points should be strengthened and regular inter-agency meetings should be held to promote co-ordination among organizations of the United Nations system in review and appraisal;

(d) Reporting at the global level should address the priority themes identified by the Commission on the Status of Women in its future programme of work, and the reports should be made available to the Commission for its consideration of those themes;

(e) The reports submitted by States to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women are of direct relevance to the Commission's task of monitoring and appraising the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women;

2. *Affirms* the appropriateness of a two-year cycle of system-wide monitoring of progress made in implementing the Forward-looking Strategies and a five-year cycle of longer-term review and appraisal to continue the cycle established by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace;

3. *Invites* Member States to co-operate fully with the Commission on the Status of Women in its monitoring and review and appraisal activities and, in particular, to take into account the needs of the United Nations in this regard when developing national machinery and reporting systems;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the executive secretaries of the regional commissions, and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to develop and implement, as an integral part of their programmes, a simple, concise and direct system of reporting to the Commission on the impact of their programmes and activities on women and the effectiveness of those programmes and activities in bringing the interests and needs of women into the mainstream of their organizations, and to ensure that such reports are submitted in a timely manner to permit them to be taken into account in the United Nations programming and budgeting process;

5. *Authorizes* the Commission on the Status of Women, in consultation with the Statistical Commission, the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and other appropriate bodies, to establish formal arrangements for the collection and distribution of the information required for the Commission on the Status of Women to carry out its monitoring and review and appraisal functions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report, through the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-second session, to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1988 on the implementation of the present resolution, with particular regard to paragraph 1.

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**1987/19. Improvement of the status of women within the United Nations system**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Bearing in mind* paragraph 356 of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of

<sup>19</sup> Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A, paras. 317-321

<sup>20</sup> E/CN.6/1986/2 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1