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HUMANITARIAN AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Cameroon\*, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Lebanon\* and Madagascar\*:  
draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction of Madagascar following the  
natural disasters of 1994

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/234 of 14 February 1994 on emergency assistance to Madagascar, in which appeals were made to the international community to assist the Government of Madagascar in bringing to a successful conclusion the recovery efforts made following the cyclones and floods which have struck Madagascar,

Recalling its resolution 1994/36 of 29 July 1994 concerning the measures to be taken following the cyclones and floods that had affected Madagascar,

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\* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 1/ on the implementation of the above resolution,

Noting the efforts made by the Government of Madagascar to strengthen its early-warning and disaster-monitoring systems, to reconstruct and rehabilitate infrastructures damaged by the natural disasters, to develop and restore cultivated areas, and to establish an information system on the availability of basic foodstuffs,

Noting with satisfaction the measures taken by the international community, in particular the agencies of the United Nations system, to supplement the efforts of the Government of Madagascar in the areas of rehabilitation and reconstruction, and of prevention, early warning, and response, coordination and relief management,

Noting with concern that, despite the efforts made, the resources mobilized are inadequate and that Madagascar remains vulnerable to the impact of natural disasters,

Bearing in mind the fact that, apart from the immediate damage, such repeated climatic phenomena have residual effects which weaken the country's economic base, hold up its economic and social progress, and frustrate its development policy,

Considering that the country's sustainable development requires a capacity to overcome the after-effects of natural disasters and that disaster aid and relief should accordingly include a long-term dimension,

1. Urges all States to continue and intensify their participation in the implementation of the programmes for the recovery and reconstruction of the areas and sectors affected by the cyclones and floods;

2. Requests international and regional organizations, the specialized agencies, financial institutions and voluntary institutions to support, within the framework of their respective programmes, the requests for assistance formulated by the Government of Madagascar during the recovery and reconstruction phase;

3. Invites international cooperation to take into account, in the objectives of its assistance operations, the need to reduce the country's vulnerability to natural disasters and to safeguard its development process;

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1/ A/50/292-E/1995/115.

4. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to help the Government of Madagascar to mobilize the resources necessary to overcome the effects of the natural disasters and neutralize their repercussions on the development process;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1996 and to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

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