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[without reference to a Main Committee (A/49/L.70 and Add.1)]

49/21. <u>Special economic assistance to individual</u> <u>countries or regions</u>

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Emergency assistance to Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles)

The General Assembly,

<u>Recalling</u> its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 48/188 of 21 December 1993 and 49/22 A of 2 December 1994,

<u>Deeply distressed</u> by the large number of afflicted persons and the destruction wrought by Hurricane Luis, which on 4 and 5 September 1995 devastated Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles),

<u>Conscious</u> of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis and the people of Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles) to save lives and alleviate the sufferings of the victims of Hurricane Luis,

Noting the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

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<u>Conscious</u> of the prompt response being made by Governments, the bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, international and regional agencies, non-governmental organizations and private individuals to provide relief,

<u>Recognizing</u> that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis and the people of Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles), a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure broad multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and to initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. <u>Expresses its solidarity and support</u> to the Governments and peoples of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis and the people of Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles);

2. <u>Expresses its appreciation</u> to all States of the international community, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. <u>Urges</u> all States of the international community, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries;

4. <u>Requests</u> the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the international financial institutions and bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to assist the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat and Saint Kitts and Nevis and the people of Sint Maarten (Netherlands Antilles) in identifying their medium-term and long-term needs and in mobilizing resources, as well as to help with the task of reconstruction of the affected countries undertaken by their respective Governments;

5. <u>Also requests</u> the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraph 4 above and on progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries.

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