

3313 (XXIX) of 14 December 1974, 3439 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, and 31/117 and 31/118 of 16 December 1976,

Recalling also its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University¹⁴ and the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁵

Noting decision 5.2.2 of 29 September 1977 adopted by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at its one-hundred-and-third session, in which the Board, *inter alia*, recognized that the United Nations University required and deserved a far more significant measure of financial support and renewed its appeal to member States to contribute generously to the Endowment Fund of the United Nations University and/or to provide for specific project support,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that the programme activities of the United Nations University are now under way in all the three priority programme areas—world hunger, human and social development, and use and management of natural resources—and expresses the hope that the University will continue its efforts to produce tangible results as early as possible and thus respond to the expectations of Member States;

2. *Invites* the United Nations University to make renewed efforts to reflect in the formulation of its programmes the urgent concerns of Member States and to follow closely the important activities and conferences of relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations system in order to develop co-operative and co-ordinated relationships with them;

3. *Urges* the United Nations University to continue to intensify its efforts to obtain financial support from all possible sources;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States to make substantial contributions to the Endowment Fund of the United Nations University and/or to give financial and other support to specific programmes of the University;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Rector of the United Nations University, the Council of the University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to explore more effective means of raising funds and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session on the progress achieved in this regard.

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32/55. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,¹⁶

prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 31/172 of 21 December 1976 on the progress made in the implementation of all relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator¹⁷ outlining substantial grain-import requirements for the year 1977 as well as the urgent need for transport vehicles and associated equipment for the distribution of relief grain,

Noting the statement of the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme¹⁸ on assistance being provided by the Programme to the Government of Ethiopia in relation to its relief and rehabilitation programmes in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting also the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia¹⁹ outlining the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia to deal with emergency relief and rehabilitation in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting with deep concern that a major crop failure as well as a critical shortage of transport vehicles have caused a serious crisis of food shortages in the drought-prone areas,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975 and 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, in which the Council, *inter alia*, called upon the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to respond to the requests of the Government of Ethiopia with regard to the immediate, medium-term and long-term needs of the drought-stricken areas, and appealed to the Governments of all Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to continue giving their fullest support and assistance in the Government's effort towards rehabilitation and recovery,

Further noting that, despite the generous assistance offered to the Government of Ethiopia by the Governments of Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and voluntary agencies, enormous difficulties of rehabilitation and recovery still persist,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/172 of 21 December 1976 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI), 1876 (LVII), 1971 (LIX) and 1986 (LX);

3. *Appeals* to Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and in-

¹⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Second Committee, 42nd meeting, paras. 10-16.*

¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Plenary Meetings, 2054th meeting, paras. 8-12.*

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, paras. 13-18.

¹⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 31 (A/32/31 and Corr.1).*

¹⁵ A/32/271.

¹⁶ A/32/198.

crease their assistance to the people of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;

4. *Calls upon* all concerned to ensure that the international assistance provided be used for the sole purpose of relief and rehabilitation;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fourth session on the implementation of paragraphs 2 to 4 above and of other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council.

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32/56. Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, establishing the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, which provides, *inter alia*, for measures to be taken in support of the activities of the Office, and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities of the Office,

Recalling also section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

Reaffirming its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976 in which, *inter alia*, it recognized the need for the maintenance of the activities of the core programme of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and provided for measures for securing a sound financial basis for the Office as well as for a review by the Economic and Social Council in 1978 of alternative sources of funding for the technical co-operation activities of the Office,

Bearing in mind that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, as a permanent body within the United Nations system, is responsible, *inter alia*, for co-ordinating international disaster relief assistance,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;²⁰

2. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

3. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 2102 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 on measures to expedite international relief;

4. *Invites* Governments of disaster-prone countries to undertake measures of planning and preparedness for the provision of relief to victims of natural disasters and to co-ordinate their efforts with those of, and co-operate with, the international community, and requests the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief

Co-ordinator to assist those countries in this work to the extent possible;

5. *Urges* resident representatives of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and appropriate specialized agencies, to co-operate with and assist Governments that wish to include in their country programmes projects to reduce the impact of disasters and lessen their long-term socio-economic effects;

6. *Reaffirms* that the Secretary-General should continue to have the capacity to contribute emergency relief assistance to countries as a first response to disaster situations;

7. *Decides* to examine at its thirty-third session the question of future financial arrangements for ensuring a sound financial basis for the core programme of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with a view to including in the draft programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981 proposals for a further transfer of appropriate costs from voluntary funding to the United Nations regular budget;

8. *Requests* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to take the present resolution into consideration when formulating its recommendations on the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983.

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32/57. Examination of long-term trends in economic development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recognizing that the United Nations activities initiated by General Assembly resolution 3508 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, entitled "Examination of long-term trends in the economic development of the regions of the world", to be continued and expanded on the basis of Economic and Social Council resolution 2090 (LXIII) of 25 July 1977, should contribute to the establishment of the new international economic order and, in this context, to the process of international economic negotiations relating, *inter alia*, to trade, primary commodities, food problems, industrialization, monetary problems and other issues of primordial importance for economic and social development on a global scale,

Bearing in mind that the regional studies involved should be so designed as to reach practical conclusions regarding the expansion of economic co-operation on both a regional and an international scale,

Bearing also in mind the need to study long-term prospects for the social and economic development of the various regions of the world and on global scale, *inter alia*, in order to utilize, as appropriate, the results achieved in the work on the new international development strategy,

²⁰ A/32/64 and Corr.1.