

Further concerned by the adverse effects which the international economic situation has caused to the frail economy of Sao Tome and Principe,

Noting that Sao Tome and Principe has not been included in the list of the most seriously affected countries,

Recalling its resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

Recalling further recommendation 99 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹³³ particularly paragraph 4 thereof, in which the Conference recommended that measures of assistance should be undertaken by the appropriate organs of the United Nations system in favour of the newly independent States of Africa,

1. *Urgently appeals* to Member States and the international institutions concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to assist the Government of Sao Tome and Principe in an effective and continuous manner so as to enable it to establish the necessary social and economic infrastructures essential for the well-being of the people;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize the financial, technical and economic assistance of the international community, in particular the developed countries and the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, with a view to meeting the short-term and long-term development needs of this newly independent country;

3. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning to give favourable consideration at its thirteenth session, as a matter of priority, to the question of the inclusion of Sao Tome and Principe in the list of the least developed countries and to submit its conclusions to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

4. *Invites* in the meantime Member States, particularly the developed countries, and the organizations of the United Nations system to grant Sao Tome and Principe the same benefits as those enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries in the light of prevailing conditions in Sao Tome and Principe;

5. *Strongly recommends* that Sao Tome and Principe should be included in the list of the most seriously affected countries;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep this matter under review and to report to the General

Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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31/188. Assistance to Angola

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the widespread destruction and damage caused to the social and economic infrastructure during the course of the struggle for independence in Angola and in defence of its national sovereignty,

Taking note of the inadequate base of socio-economic development in the rural areas inherited from the colonial period,

Considering the urgent problem of absorbing and resettling the large numbers of returning refugees into the permanent fabric of society,

Further concerned by the adverse effects which the international economic situation continues to impose on the weakened economy of Angola,

Recalling its resolution 3421 (XXX) of 8 December 1975 on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, in which it urged the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to extend assistance to the newly independent and emerging States,

Recalling further recommendation 99 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹³⁴ particularly paragraph 4 thereof, in which the Conference recommended that measures of assistance should be undertaken by the appropriate organs of the United Nations system in favour of the newly independent States of Africa,

Welcoming the efforts of the Government and the people of Angola aimed at national reconstruction,

Taking note of the statement made by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Angola before the General Assembly on 1 December 1976¹³⁵ proposing the establishment of an international fund for the national reconstruction of Angola,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to mobilize an international programme for financial, technical and material assistance with a view to channelling the proceeds into an international reconstruction fund for Angola to meet its long-term and short-term development needs;

2. *Urgently appeals* to all Member States and to the international economic and financial institutions concerned to respond generously to the needs of Angola and to provide assistance on a bilateral and/or multi-lateral basis;

3. *Requests* the Committee for Development Planning at its thirteenth session, as a matter of priority, to consider the question of the inclusion of Angola in the list of the least developed countries and to submit its conclusions to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session;

¹³³ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Fourth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.II.D.10), part one, sect. A.

¹³⁴ *Ibid.*

¹³⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-first Session, Plenary Meetings*, 84th meeting, paras. 145-221.

4. *Invites*, in the meantime, Member States and the organizations of the United Nations system to grant Angola benefits comparable to those enjoyed by the least developed among the developing countries in the light of prevailing conditions in Angola;

5. *Strongly recommends* that Angola should be included in the list of the most seriously affected coun-

tries and be considered by the United Nations Special Fund for urgent assistance;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep this matter under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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