

Recalling its resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, by which it granted observer status to the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Recalling its resolutions 35/36 of 14 November 1980, 36/23 of 9 November 1981 and 37/4 of 22 October 1982,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Approves* the conclusions reached and the recommendations made at the first annual meeting between the representatives of the secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Geneva on 15 July 1983;<sup>10</sup>

3. *Requests* the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to continue co-operation in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights and the establishment of a new international economic order;

4. *Encourages* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue to expand their co-operation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference, *inter alia* by negotiating co-operation agreements, and invites them to designate focal points concerning co-operation in priority areas of interest to the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take steps to strengthen the co-ordination of the activities of the United Nations system in this field with a view to intensifying co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the state of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

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### 38/5. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,<sup>11</sup>

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and the practical measures taken for their implementation, in particular resolution 37/15 of 16 November 1982,

*Taking note* of the resolutions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Organization of African Unity on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity.

*Taking note also* of the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its nineteenth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 6 to 12 June 1983,<sup>12</sup>

*Considering* the important message of the current Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, delivered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia to the General Assembly on 11 October 1983,<sup>13</sup> particularly with regard to matters of concern to the two organizations.

*Noting with satisfaction* the continued co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in areas of common interest.

*Deeply conscious* of the special needs of the newly independent African States, particularly with regard to the consolidation of their national independence, their endeavours towards social and economic betterment and the adverse impact on their economies of the current international economic situation.

*Gravely concerned* about the adverse effect on African economies of the current international economic situation.

*Recalling* in this connection the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its second extraordinary session, held at Lagos on 28 and 29 April 1980,<sup>14</sup>

*Recognizing* the need for closer co-operation between the Organization of African Unity and all specialized organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in realizing the goals and objectives set forth in the Lagos Plan of Action,

*Deeply concerned* at the gravity of the situation of the refugees in Africa and their increasing needs for international assistance as well as at the heavy social, economic and security burden imposed on African countries of asylum,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of 25 October 1983 on the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa as well as the progress of preparations for the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa,<sup>15</sup>

*Gravely concerned also* at the need for special economic and emergency assistance programmes for a number of African States affected by serious economic problems, in particular problems of displaced persons, resulting from natural or other disasters, to enable them to pursue effective economic development.

*Gravely concerned further* at the deteriorating situation in southern Africa arising from the continued domination of the peoples of the area by the minority racist régime of South Africa and conscious of the need to provide increased assistance to the peoples of the region and to their liberation movements in their struggle against colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid*,

*Conscious* of its responsibilities to provide economic, material and humanitarian assistance to independent States in southern Africa to help them to cope with the situation caused by the acts of aggression committed against their territories by the *apartheid* régime of South Africa.

<sup>10</sup> *Ibid.*, sect. III.D.

<sup>11</sup> A/38/307 and Add.1.

<sup>12</sup> A/38/312, annex.

<sup>13</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 27th meeting, paras. 49-110.

<sup>14</sup> A/S-11/4, annex 1.

<sup>15</sup> A/38/526.

*Recognizing* the importance of taking effective steps to provide the widest possible dissemination of information relating to the liberation struggle of the peoples of southern Africa,

*Recognizing* the important role which the various information units and departments of the United Nations system can play in disseminating information to bring about a greater awareness of the social and economic problems and needs of African States and their regional and sub-regional institutions,

*Aware* of the need for continuous liaison, exchange of information at the secretariat level and technical co-operation on such matters as training and research between the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Addis Ababa from 21 to 23 April 1983,<sup>16</sup> in the context of the co-operation programme,

*Noting with satisfaction* the useful decisions and proposals which emerged from the conclusions of the Addis Ababa meeting for enhancing co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and commends his efforts to strengthen such co-operation;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the increasing participation of the Organization of African Unity in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and its constructive contribution to that work;

3. *Commends* the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote multilateral co-operation among African States and to find solutions to African problems of vital importance to the international community and notes with satisfaction the increased collaboration of various United Nations agencies in support of those efforts;

4. *Reiterates* the determination of the United Nations, in co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, to intensify its efforts to eliminate colonialism, racial discrimination and *apartheid* in southern Africa;

5. *Reaffirms* its willingness to co-operate fully with the Organization of African Unity and its organs in the implementation of the relevant resolutions and decisions of that organization;

6. *Approves* the relevant decisions, recommendations, proposals and arrangements contained in the conclusions of the meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Addis Ababa from 21 to 23 April 1983;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the relevant decisions, recommendations and proposals contained in the conclusions of the Addis Ababa meeting;

8. *Calls upon* the competent organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to give urgent consideration to the various recommendations and proposals contained in the conclusions of the Addis Ababa meeting, with the objective of enhancing co-operation between the United Nations system and the Organization of African Unity;

9. *Calls upon* the competent organs, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that their personnel and recruitment policies provide for the just and equitable representation of Africa at all levels at their respective headquarters and in their regional and field operations and give due consideration to the various suggestions and proposals in the relevant paragraphs of the conclusions and recommendations of the Addis Ababa meeting;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to arrange the date and venue in Africa for the next meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of that organization and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, taking into account paragraphs 65 to 67 of the report of the Secretary-General, which relate to the agenda and modalities of the meeting and to suggestions made at the Addis Ababa meeting;

11. *Recognizes* the importance of continued close association by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, where appropriate, with the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote social and economic development and to advance intra-African co-operation in that vital field;

12. *Reaffirms* the determination of the United Nations to work closely with the Organization of African Unity towards the establishment of the new international economic order in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and, in that regard, to take full account of the Lagos Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Monrovia Strategy for the Economic Development of Africa in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;<sup>17</sup>

13. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts, on behalf of the international community, to organize and mobilize special programmes of economic assistance for African States experiencing grave economic difficulties, in particular for newly independent African States, the front-line States and other independent States of southern Africa, to help them to cope with the situation caused by the acts of aggression committed against their territories by the *apartheid* régime of South Africa;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* to the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and other concerned international financial institutions for their assistance, in response to resolutions of the General Assembly, in the organization of round-table and donor conferences in favour of the least developed countries of Africa, as well as those requiring special programmes of economic assistance;

15. *Calls upon* all Member States, regional and international organizations and organizations of the United Nations system to participate actively in the implementation of those special programmes of economic assistance;

16. *Calls upon* the international community to provide generous assistance to all the African States, particularly those that are affected by natural calamities such as drought and flood, and expresses its appreciation to the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund for the assistance they have so far rendered to the African States that have suffered those calamities;

<sup>16</sup> A/38/307.

<sup>17</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex.

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the Organization of African Unity informed periodically of the response of the international community to those special programmes of economic assistance and to co-ordinate efforts with all similar programmes initiated by that organization;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure that adequate facilities continue to be made available for the provision of technical assistance to the General Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity, as required;

19. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take the necessary measures to strengthen co-operation at the political, economic, cultural and administrative levels between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, particularly with regard to the provision of assistance to the victims of colonialism and *apartheid* in southern Africa, and in this connection draws once again the attention of the international community to the need to contribute to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and *Apartheid* established by the Organization of African Unity;

20. *Calls upon* all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system to increase their assistance to the African States affected by serious economic problems, in particular problems of displaced persons, resulting from natural or other disasters, by mobilizing special programmes of economic and emergency assistance;

21. *Urges* all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations to continue their support of African refugee programmes and to provide material and economic assistance to help host countries to cope with the heavy burden imposed on their limited resources and weak infrastructures;

22. *Invites* Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, and non-governmental organizations to participate actively in the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa, scheduled to be held in July 1984, and to contribute generously to ensure its success;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to the need to give increasingly wide publicity to all matters relating to the social and economic development of Africa;

24. *Calls upon* United Nations bodies—in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and the United Nations Council for Namibia—to continue to associate closely the Organization of African Unity with all their work concerning Africa;

25. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to continue and to expand their co-operation with the Organization of African Unity and, through it, their assistance to the liberation movements recognized by that organization;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of co-operation between the Organization of African

Unity and the organizations concerned within the United Nations system.

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### 38/6. Co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on the promotion of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States, in particular resolutions 36/24 of 9 November 1981 and 37/17 of 16 November 1982,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States,<sup>18</sup>

*Having heard* the statement of the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States on co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States<sup>19</sup> and having noted the emphasis placed therein on follow-up projects, actions and procedures on the recommendations adopted at the meeting between representatives of the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States and its specialized organizations and the secretariats of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, held at Tunis from 28 June to 1 July 1983,<sup>20</sup> as well as on various sectoral activities related to development priorities in the Arab region,

*Recalling* the relevant articles of the Charter of the United Nations which encourage activities through regional arrangements for the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Noting with appreciation* the desire of the League of Arab States to consolidate and develop the existing ties with the United Nations in all areas relating to the maintenance of international peace and security, and to co-operate in every possible way with the United Nations in the implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East,

*Noting* that the convening of the Tunis meeting in compliance with General Assembly resolution 37/17 afforded both sides an opportunity to review, in a comprehensive manner, the state of co-operation that has developed during more than three decades between their respective agencies and organizations,

*Aware* of the vital importance for the countries members of the League of Arab States of achieving a just, comprehensive and durable solution to the Middle East conflict and the question of Palestine, the core of the conflict,

*Realizing* that the strengthening of international peace and security is directly related, *inter alia*, to disarmament, decolonization, self-determination and the eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination,

*Convinced* that the strengthening and furtherance of co-operation between the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system and the League of Arab States contribute to the work of the United Nations system and to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Noting* that the Tunis meeting defined the framework of co-operation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States in certain priority sectors, without deter-

<sup>18</sup> A/38/299 and Corr.1.

<sup>19</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Plenary Meetings, 39th meeting, paras. 131-147.*

<sup>20</sup> See A/38/299 and Corr.1, sect. V.