

degrees with the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, and urges all the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to accelerate the full and speedy implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

5. *Expresses its concern* that the assistance extended so far by the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to the colonial peoples, particularly those of Zimbabwe and Namibia, and to their national liberation movements, is still far from adequate in relation to the actual needs of the peoples concerned;

6. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in the light of the intensification of the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and Namibia, to do everything possible as a matter of urgency to render increased assistance to the peoples of those territories and their national liberation movements in their struggle for liberation, and in particular, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, to work out and implement as expeditiously as possible, concrete programmes of assistance within their fields of competence, with the active collaboration of the national liberation movements concerned;

7. *Urges further* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the other relevant United Nations resolutions;

8. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, and bearing in mind the provisions of the Maputo Declaration, to continue to take all necessary measures to withhold any financial, economic, technical or other assistance to the Government of South Africa and the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, to discontinue all support to them until they restore to the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia their inalienable right to self-determination and independence, and to refrain from taking any action which might imply recognition of, or support for, the illegal domination of the territories by those régimes;

9. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

10. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other

organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies and, in that connexion, should accord priority to the question of providing assistance on an emergency basis to peoples in the colonial territories and to their national liberation movements;

11. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the recommendations contained in paragraph 6 above, to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions, in particular specific programmes of assistance to the peoples in the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

12. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the sixty-third session of the Council;

13. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on this matter with the Chairman of the Special Committee and to report thereon to the Council;

14. *Decides* to keep this question under continuous review.

*2084th plenary meeting  
3 August 1977*

### **2102 (LXIII). Measures to expedite international relief**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations, which established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and which, *inter alia*, recognized the need to ensure prompt, effective, and efficient responses in times of natural and other disaster situations that would bring to bear the resources of the United Nations system, prospective donor countries, and voluntary agencies,

*Recalling further* paragraph 1 (a) of Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI), which authorized the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, on behalf of the Secretary-General, to establish and maintain the closest co-operation with all organizations concerned and to make all feasible advance arrangements with them for the purpose of ensuring the most effective assistance,

*Recalling* in particular paragraph 8 of the same resolution, which invited recipient Governments, *inter alia*, to appoint a single national disaster relief co-ordinator

to facilitate the receipt of international aid in times of emergency and to consider appropriate legislative or other measures to facilitate the receipt of aid, including overflight and landing rights,

*Aware* that obstacles and impediments to the speedy delivery of international relief assistance continue to come to the attention of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and of the League of Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies and other relief agencies,

*Noting with satisfaction* the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator<sup>102</sup> and the oral statement made by the Co-ordinator to the Council at its sixty-third session,<sup>103</sup>

*Noting* in particular annex II of the report of the Secretary-General, containing a survey, prepared jointly by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the League of Red Cross, Red Crescent and Red Lion and Sun Societies, of obstacles and impediments to the delivery of international relief and the movement of relief personnel, based on the accumulated experience of a number of Governments and inter-governmental and voluntary agencies concerned with relief activities,

*Noting further* the recommendations made in that annex regarding measures for surmounting such obstacles and impediments, and the suggestions for further measures to expedite relief and the movement of relief personnel,

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

2. *Requests* the Co-ordinator to continue these efforts and, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and appropriate intergovernmental organizations and voluntary agencies, and particularly the International Red Cross, to pay special attention to the promotion of measures designed to remove obstacles and to expedite international relief assistance, and to report on the progress made in this regard to the Council at its sixty-fifth session;

3. *Calls* upon Governments, intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to give due consideration to the implementation of the recommendations contained in annex II of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, with a view to the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures for the purpose of removing obstacles and expediting international relief assistance to the victims of disasters;

4. *Transmits* the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations

Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to the General Assembly at its thirty-second session.

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### **2103 (LXIII). Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly General Assembly resolutions 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975 and 31/180 of 21 December 1976 and Council resolution 1918 (LVIII) of 5 May 1975,

*Considering* that the nature and scope of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region make it necessary for the international community to continue and to strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery efforts and economic development of those countries,

*Noting with appreciation* the role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and to mobilize the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,<sup>104</sup>

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General, which gives an account of the efforts made to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the method of work adopted by the United Nations Sahelian Office and for the results achieved;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme drawn up by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

4. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably and on a continuing basis, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests made by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries;

<sup>102</sup> A/32/64 and Corr.1.

<sup>103</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.613.

<sup>104</sup> DP/252 and Corr.1.