

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.

2084th plenary meeting  
3 August 1977

### **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.

5. *Urges also* Member States, particularly developed countries and those in a position to do so, to consider giving urgent financial and technical support to the current efforts in the evacuation of international relief materials from the port of Douala to the land-locked and drought-affected countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations programmes and bodies, with a view to the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

*2084th plenary meeting  
3 August 1977*

#### **2104 (LXIII). Agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3503 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, Council resolution 2006 (LX) of 13 May 1976 and Council decision 241 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

*Having considered* the text of the draft agreement prepared by the Council Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies and the Preparatory Commission for the International Fund for Agricultural Development for the purpose of bringing the Fund into relationship with the United Nations,<sup>105</sup>

*Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should approve at its thirty-second session the text of the draft agreement set out in the annex to the present resolution.

*2048th plenary meeting  
3 August 1977*

#### ANNEX

##### **Draft relationship agreement between the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development**

#### PREAMBLE

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 57 and 63 of the Charter of the United Nations and of section 1 of article 8 of the Agreement Establishing the International Fund for Agricultural

Development (hereinafter called the "Agreement"), the United Nations and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (hereinafter called the "Fund") agree as follows:

#### *Article I*

##### RECOGNITION

The United Nations recognizes the Fund as a specialized agency, operating in accordance with the Agreement concluded among its member States with the objective of mobilizing additional resources to be made available on concessional terms for agricultural development in developing member States.

#### *Article II*

##### RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION

1. Representatives of the United Nations shall be:
  - (a) Entitled to attend, and to participate without vote in, meetings of the Governing Council of the Fund;
  - (b) Invited to participate without vote in broad policy-making meetings of other organs and committees of the Fund.
2. Representatives of the Fund shall be:
  - (a) Entitled to attend meetings of the General Assembly of the United Nations for purposes of consultation;
  - (b) Entitled to attend, and to participate without vote in, meetings of the Main Committees and other organs of the General Assembly, in particular the World Food Council, as well as meetings of the Economic and Social Council and of the Trusteeship Council and of their respective subsidiary bodies dealing with matters in which the Fund has an interest.
3. Sufficient advance notice of these meetings and their agendas shall be given so that, in consultation, arrangements can be made for adequate representation.
4. Written statements presented by either organization to the other shall be distributed by the secretariat of the latter to the members of the appropriate bodies in accordance with their rules of procedure.

#### *Article III*

##### PROPOSAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Subject to such preliminary consultation as may be necessary, the Fund shall include in the provisional agenda of the appropriate organ of the Fund items proposed by the United Nations. Similarly, the Economic and Social Council and the World Food Council and their subsidiary bodies, as appropriate, shall include in their provisional agendas items proposed by the Fund.

#### *Article IV*

##### CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION

1. In view of the co-ordinating role and global responsibilities of the United Nations in promoting economic and social development and the need for positive and effective co-operation between the United Nations and the Fund, the Fund agrees to co-operate closely with the United Nations in making co-ordination of the policies and activities of the United Nations and those of the organs and agencies within the United Nations system fully effective. The Fund agrees further to participate in the work of the United Nations aimed at enhancing such co-operation and co-ordination, in particular through membership in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, and, as appropriate, in the work of such other United Nations bodies as have been established or may be established for that purpose.

<sup>105</sup> E/6028, annex III.