

term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,¹¹⁸ and the note by the United Nations Development Programme on the designation of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the mechanism to co-ordinate United Nations efforts to assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.¹¹⁹

I

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of 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;

2. *Expresses its profound 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;

3. *Urges* all Governments, United Nations bodies, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to the requests for assistance made by the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and by the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

4. *Reaffirms* the role of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the focal point and main body for co-ordinating United Nations efforts to assist the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in carrying out their recovery and rehabilitation programme, as well as relations with other participating institutions or organizations, such as the Club du Sahel;

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

6. *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 recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

II

DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE AS THE MECHANISM TO CO-ORDINATE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of and endorses decision 6/11 B of 24 May 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and decision 25/10 of 27 June 1978 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to

designate the United Nations Sahelian Office, in addition to its current responsibilities, as the United Nations mechanism to assist, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme, the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region south of the Sahara and north of the Equator in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should enlarge the organization and functions of the United Nations Sahelian Office, as well as the organization and functions of its regional office at Ouagadougou, to cover the additional responsibilities mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present section, that enterprise to be carried out as a joint venture by the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Invites* the specialized agencies and other programmes and organizations of the United Nations system concerned to co-operate fully with the United Nations Sahelian Office to ensure the full efficiency of the enlarged Office in assisting the 15 countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should review annually a report on the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

*32nd plenary meeting
21 July 1978*

1978/38. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,¹²⁰ the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council¹²¹ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1977/78,¹²² concerning the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, containing the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and all other resolutions adopted by United Nations bodies on this subject, including in particular General Assembly resolution 32/36 of 28 November 1977 and Council resolution 2101 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977,

Reaffirming the responsibility of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to take all effective measures, within their respective spheres of competence, to ensure the full and speedy implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies, particularly in the provision of moral and material assistance, on a priority basis, to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements,

¹¹⁸ DP/326 and Corr.1.

¹¹⁹ DP/L.323.

¹²⁰ A/33/109.

¹²¹ E/1978/104.

¹²² E/1978/43, para. 10.

Deeply conscious of the continuing critical need of the peoples of Zimbabwe and Namibia for concrete assistance from the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations in their struggle for liberation from colonial rule and in their efforts to consolidate their national independence,

Noting with concern that, although progress has been maintained in the extension of assistance to refugees from Zimbabwe and Namibia, the action taken hitherto by the organizations and agencies concerned in the provision of assistance to the peoples of those territories through their national liberation movements is still far from adequate to meet the urgent and growing needs of those peoples,

Noting the closer contacts established and the consultations held between the specialized agencies and United Nations institutions and the Organization of African Unity and the national liberation movements of Zimbabwe and Namibia in the formulation of assistance programmes,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council and endorses the observations and suggestions contained therein;

2. *Reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the struggle of colonial peoples to exercise their right to self-determination and independence entails, as a corollary, the extension by United Nations organizations of all the necessary moral and material assistance to the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have continued to co-operate in varying 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;

4. *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, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity, increased assistance to the peoples of those territories and their national liberation movements in their struggle for liberation;

5. *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 resolutions of United Nations bodies;

6. *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, 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;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations organizations 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 that example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

8. *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 the peoples of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

9. *Urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system, having regard to the recommendations contained in paragraph 4 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 of the colonial territories and their national liberation movements;

10. *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 second regular session of 1978 of the Council;

11. *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;

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

*32nd plenary meeting
21 July 1978*

1978/39. Humanitarian assistance programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the Horn of Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the statement made to the Council by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on 21 July 1978 concerning his humanitarian assistance programmes in the Horn of Africa,¹²³

Taking note of the appeal launched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in his telegram dated 10 April 1978, for urgent assistance to refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa,

Noting with appreciation the assistance thus far provided to the refugees and displaced persons in the region,

¹²³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Plenary Meetings, 32nd meeting.*