

2. *Appeals* to the Governments of all Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to intensify their assistance to the drought-stricken regions of Ethiopia, in view of the increasing severity of the drought;

3. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

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1972 (LIX). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 concerning the creation of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Recalling also Council resolution 1891 (LVIII) of 31 July 1974 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,

Recalling in particular paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, under which limited funds at present included in the regular budget are available to the Co-ordinator for emergency assistance, and General Assembly resolution 3152 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 authorizing the Secretary-General, as an interim measure, to draw on the Working Capital Fund up to 1975 for technical assistance to Governments in preparing to meet natural disasters,

Noting with concern paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,¹⁰⁴ in which he refers to the need for taking a decision on funds available to the Co-ordinator's Office from 1976 onwards for emergency assistance to countries stricken by natural disasters and for technical co-operation to prevent and prepare for disasters,

Aware that the Office of the Co-ordinator, in addition to being strengthened as provided for in General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), should be given the requisite means to discharge more effectively its tasks of emergency assistance and technical co-operation,

Recalling once again the adverse effects of disasters on the development process in the countries affected, especially in developing countries,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and of the activities of the Co-ordinator with respect to natural disasters and other disaster situations;

2. *Requests* that qualitative data necessary for the formulation of an international strategy for the prevention

of disasters should be provided to the international community by bodies competent in this subject;

3. *Recommends* that the General Assembly, at its thirtieth session, consider increasing, within revised limits, the resources available to the Co-ordinator for emergency assistance to countries stricken by natural disasters and for technical co-operation to prevent and prepare for disasters;

4. *Recommends also* that, at its thirtieth session, the General Assembly give urgent consideration to determining the proper source or sources for funding these activities, and suggests, as a possibility, that the existing voluntary trust fund as established under General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX) for the strengthening of the Office of the Co-ordinator could also serve as a framework for voluntary contributions from Governments for these purposes;

5. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and/or members of the specialized agencies to make contributions to the voluntary trust fund mentioned in paragraph 4 above, in order to permit effective, significant and continuing action by the Co-ordinator to help countries stricken by natural disasters.

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1978 (LIX). 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,¹⁰⁵ the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council,¹⁰⁶ and the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1974/75¹⁰⁷ 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 3300 (XXIX) of 13 December 1974 and Council resolution 1892 (LVII) of 1 August 1974,

Taking into account the statements made by the Chairman 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 at the fifty-ninth session of the Council,¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁵ A/10080 and Add.1-3.

¹⁰⁶ E/5709.

¹⁰⁷ E/5675 (part I), paras. 30-50.

¹⁰⁸ See E/AC.24/SR.579 and E/AC.24/SR.580.

¹⁰⁴ A/10079 and Corr.1.