

the United Nations system to increase their assistance to Zambia as a matter of priority,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973, appealing to all States for immediate technical, financial and material assistance to Zambia to enable it to enhance its capacity to implement fully the mandatory sanctions policy and requesting the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize with immediate effect all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to enable Zambia to carry out its policy of economic independence from the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia,

Appreciating the assistance received until now from certain Member States and the United Nations system,

Noting with satisfaction the measures taken so far by the Secretary-General to organize an effective programme of international assistance to Zambia,

Having heard the statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General and that of the representative of Zambia,³

Noting that:

(a) The real cost to Zambia includes not only the direct cost of applying sanctions and the cost of the contingency measures necessitated by them, but also heavy recurrent expenditure, and the diversion of limited financial and human resources from the country's national development,

(b) The direct cost to Zambia of applying sanctions is estimated at approximately US\$650 million over the past ten years, of which approximately \$450 million has been incurred during the period 1973-1976,

(c) The Government of Zambia has already undertaken a number of longer-term development projects designed to counter the adverse effects of sanctions,

(d) The Government of Zambia wishes to continue the programme of co-operation between Zambia and the United Nations until the end of 1977,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Articles 49 and 50 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that Zambia is confronted with special economic problems arising from the implementation of the measures decided upon in Security Council resolution 253 (1968), and especially in the context of the increasing momentum and pressure of political developments in southern Africa,

1. *Strongly endorses* the appeal of the Security Council to the international community to provide financial, technical and material assistance to Zambia;

2. *Calls upon* all Member States to continue to provide Zambia with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Zambia to bear the great cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

3. *Requests* the United Nations and all its organizations and specialized agencies to make every effort to assist Zambia;

4. *Requests* the United Nations Special Fund to give special consideration to the needs of Zambia;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the programme of co-operation between Zambia and the United Nations until the end of 1977;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review, to hold consultations, as appropriate, with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, regional and international financial institutions, and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

2029th plenary meeting
3 August 1976

2020 (LXI). Assistance to Mozambique

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Security Council resolutions on the question of Southern Rhodesia, in particular resolution 232 (1966) of 16 September 1966, declaring that the situation in Southern Rhodesia constituted a threat to international peace and security, and resolution 253 (1968) of 29 May 1968, imposing mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia,

Commending the decision of the Government of Mozambique to implement mandatory sanctions against Southern Rhodesia in accordance with Security Council resolution 253 (1968),

Appreciating the very substantial sacrifices made by the Government and the people of Mozambique as a consequence of the closure of the border with Southern Rhodesia,

Recalling Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976, appealing to all States to provide immediate technical, financial and material assistance to Mozambique and requesting the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system, to organize with immediate effect all forms of financial, technical and material assistance to enable Mozambique to carry out its policy of economic independence from the racist régime of Southern Rhodesia and enhance its capacity to implement fully the United Nations mandatory sanctions,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1987 (LX) of 11 May 1976, strongly endorsing the appeal of the Security Council to the international community to provide immediate financial, technical and material assistance to Mozambique,

Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique,⁴

³ See E/SR.2028 and E/5867.

⁴ E/5872/Rev.1.

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the measures taken by the Secretary-General to organize an effective programme of international assistance to Mozambique;

2. *Expresses appreciation* for the assistance so far provided to Mozambique by Member States and the United Nations system;

3. *Takes careful note* of the fact that the assistance received to date falls short of the amount required by Mozambique to deal with the special economic problems arising from the implementation of the measures decided upon in Security Council resolution 253 (1968);

4. *Calls upon* all Member States to respond generously to the appeal of the Security Council and to provide assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Mozambique to bear the great cost arising from the implementation of sanctions and to carry out its normal development programme;

5. *Requests* the United Nations and all its organizations and specialized agencies to continue their efforts to assist Mozambique;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Special Fund to give special and favourable consideration to the needs of Mozambique;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the continuation of an effective programme of financial, material and technical assistance for Mozambique during 1977, and to continue close co-operation with the Government of Mozambique in the mobilization of the necessary resources;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of resources, and to co-ordinate the international programme of assistance to Mozambique;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the review mentioned in his report⁵ to be given the widest circulation as soon as it is completed;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation under constant review, to hold regular consultative meetings with representatives of Governments of all interested Member States, regional organizations, intergovernmental agencies, regional and international financial institutions, and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-third session.

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3 August 1976*

2043 (LXI). Strengthening of the regional commissions for regional and interregional co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its many resolutions, as well as those of the General Assembly, on the decentralization of economic and social activities and the strengthening of the

regional commissions, including General Assembly resolutions 1709 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 and 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 and Council resolutions 793 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 1442 (XLVII) of 31 July 1969, 1756 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, 1896 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and 1952 (LIX) of 23 July 1975,

Noting that slow but steady progress has been made in the decentralization of operational activities through the arrangements made between the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Secretary-General for the regional commissions to be executing agencies for sub-regional, regional and inter-regional projects under the conditions indicated in Council resolutions 1896 (LVII) and 1952 (LIX),

Noting with appreciation the reports, and the comments thereon, of the Joint Inspection Unit on the regional structures of the United Nations system⁶ and on the decentralization of United Nations economic, social and related activities and the strengthening of the regional commissions⁷ and the report of the Secretary-General on regional structures of the United Nations system,⁸

Noting further the preliminary proposals under discussion in the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Restructuring of the Economic and Social Sectors of the United Nations System in its consideration in particular of structures for regional and interregional co-operation,

Noting that the regional commissions have been adapting their work programmes and activities, in particular, to conform to the decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth and seventh special sessions and to the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

Recognizing, without prejudice to the special needs and conditions of each region, that the regional commissions, with their experience in promoting regional and sub-regional co-operation, are the appropriate institutions within the United Nations to act as centres for the formulation, co-ordination and implementation of programmes for the promotion of interregional co-operation also, especially with respect to the programme of economic co-operation among developing countries in their respective regions,

Appreciating that, as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the meetings of the executive secretaries of the regional commissions,⁹ efforts are being made to co-ordinate the activities of the commissions in this field, as well as those of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and of such United Nations bodies as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme, and those of all the specialized agencies;

⁶ E/5727 and Add.1 and 2.

⁷ E/5607 and Corr.1 and E/5607/Add.1 and 2.

⁸ E/5801.

⁹ E/5835 and Corr.1 and E/5835/Add.1.

⁵ *Ibid.*, para. 25.