

2. *Expresses its deep concern* about the results connected with the continued activity of the Irazú volcano and accordingly deems it urgent that all possible assistance should be given to that country;

3. *Takes note* of the aid which it has been possible to give Costa Rica, within the narrow budgetary limitations of the United Nations, through technical assistance, the Special Fund, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and in particular commends the Secretary-General of the United Nations for setting up a voluntary emergency trust fund for that purpose;

4. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations which have not yet done so to join those which have contributed to that fund or to consider what further assistance they can offer to Costa Rica;

5. *Invites also* the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations to show their solidarity with the people of Costa Rica by contributing to the above-mentioned assistance fund;

6. *Recommends* that the Technical Assistance Committee, the Technical Assistance Board and the Executive Chairman of the Board should take account of the special needs of Costa Rica when considering their programmes for the biennium 1965-1966 and do as much as possible to meet them, without prejudice to the general level of the programmes envisaged for other countries;

7. *Requests* the Managing Director and the Governing Council of the Special Fund to give sympathetic consideration to requests which may be submitted by Costa Rica in connexion with the work of reconstruction and which can be adequately handled by the Special Fund.

*1335th plenary meeting,
28 July 1964.*

1049 (XXXVII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting that, as a result of natural disasters that have occurred during recent years in developing countries, the United Nations has received numerous appeals for assistance,

Recalling the various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, especially General Assembly resolutions 1882 (XVIII) of 14 October 1963 and 1888 (XVIII) of 1 November 1963 and Council resolutions 930 (XXXV) of 3 April 1963, 970 (XXXVI) of 29 July 1963 and 1014 (XXXVII) of 28 July 1964 calling *inter alia* on the Secretary-General to provide assistance to the stricken countries,

Recognizing that, while limited resources are available for such assistance to certain specialized agencies and operating programmes, the Secretary-General has no funds at his disposal to offer assistance in case of natural disaster,

Recalling its request, at its thirty-sixth session,¹¹⁹ that the Secretary-General should take the lead in establishing in conjunction with the specialized agencies and the League of Red Cross Societies, appropriate arrangements for assistance in rapid and concerted relief and construction in cases of natural disaster, and noting with approval the arrangements for inter-agency co-ordination in this field set out in the twenty-eighth¹²⁰ and twenty-ninth¹²¹ reports of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Taking note of the letter to the Secretary-General from the Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies,¹²²

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study in consultation with the international organizations concerned:

(a) The types of assistance which it might be appropriate for the United Nations to provide;

(b) The order of magnitude of the resources that the Secretary-General might require for this purpose;

(c) Alternative methods of providing such resources, including the establishment of a United Nations fund for assistance in cases of natural disaster, financed through voluntary contributions;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit his report for consideration by the General Assembly at its nineteenth session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to consider possible improvements in the arrangements for co-ordinating international assistance and to report to the Council at its thirty-ninth session.

*1351st plenary meeting,
15 August 1964.*

1028 (XXXVII). Town Twinning : means of international co-operation

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that experience in recent years has shown the great value of town-twinning practised without any discrimination and especially between States Members of the United Nations,

Considering that many town-twinning arrangements under the auspices of the United Towns Organization and other similar organizations promote the realization of the lofty ideals enshrined in the United Nations Charter, the constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the resolutions of the great international conferences,

Considering that the first African Conference of World-Wide Inter-community Co-operation, meeting at Dakar on 1, 2 and 3 April 1964 and attended by 148 participants from 41 countries, laid special emphasis on "town-

¹¹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/3816), page 39.*

¹²⁰ *Ibid.*, agenda item 4, document E/3765.

¹²¹ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-seventh Session*, agenda item 6, document E/3886.

¹²² *Ibid.*, agenda item 6, document E/3948.