

OTHER DECISION

The role of modern science and technology in the development of nations

(Agenda item 11 d)

At its 1836th meeting, on 28 July 1972, the Council took note of the second progress report of the Secretary-General⁶⁵ on the implementation of the study called for in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 2658 (XXV) of 7 December 1970, and noted that the Secretary-General's study would be circulated to Member States and specialized agencies and submitted to the Council at its fifty-fifth session and to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session.

⁶⁵ E/5166.

SOCIAL, HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

1704 (LIII). Measures to be taken following the natural disaster in the Philippines

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that areas of the Philippines have recently suffered from the effects of a cyclone and floods, which have caused considerable loss of human life and property and severe damage to the country's economy,

Bearing in mind that assistance to Members of the United Nations which have suffered major natural disasters is in keeping with the concept of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses* to the people and Government of the Philippines its heartfelt condolences for the loss of life and devastation sustained as a result of the recent natural disaster;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the measures already taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to secure the speediest and most effective emergency relief assistance to the disaster areas in the Philippines and requests him to actively pursue his efforts towards that end, in accordance with the mandate given to him under General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ask the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of that Programme, the specialized agencies, more especially the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and also the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the World Food Programme to devote the largest possible volume of resources, within their respective programmes, to meeting, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, assistance requests from the Government of the Philippines relating to reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

4. *Conveys* its desire to the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that they should consider favourably such requests for assistance within the purview of that Programme as may be submitted by the Government of the Philippines in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term programmes of rehabilitation.

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25 July 1972*

1705 (LIII). Assistance to southern Sudanese refugees returning from abroad

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at the 1835th plenary meeting of the Council,

Recalling its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972, whereby, *inter alia*, it took cognizance of the need for assistance in the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Sudanese refugees and displaced persons in southern Sudan,