

8. *Conveys its desire* that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme should consider favourably, within its competence, requests for assistance that the Government of Nicaragua might submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes;

9. *Requests* the Governments of States members of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association to ask their directors in the Bank and the Association to give particular attention, if necessary, to Nicaragua's need for funds to finance its programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction and to study the possibility of special machinery which would permit the total financing and effective execution of projects relating to those programmes;

10. *Invites* the agencies and institutions in question to give special attention to the serious situation in Nicaragua and to that country's need for assistance, bearing in mind the principle that problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation are inseparable from problems of economic and social development.

*1848th plenary meeting
8 January 1973*

1736 (LIV). Measures to be taken following the floods in Tunisia

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that certain areas of Tunisia have recently suffered the effects of floods which caused great loss of human life and material losses and caused serious damage to the economy of the country,

Bearing in mind that it is in conformity with the principle of international solidarity enunciated in the Charter of the United Nations to render assistance to Members of the United Nations who are the victims of major natural disasters,

Recalling the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on assistance in cases of disaster, particularly Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

1. *Expresses its deep sympathy* to the people and Government of Tunisia for the loss of human life and the ravages caused by the recent natural disasters;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the general expression of friendship and solidarity as well as the assistance in relief operations provided by several countries and international organizations, which has helped Tunisia to repair the loss caused by the floods;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to ensure that the most prompt and effective assistance is provided to the Tunisian Government for the devastated areas;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Administrator of the Programme, the specialized agencies and the organizations and programmes concerned, particularly the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the Economic Commission for Africa, as well as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization, 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 World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, to provide all possible assistance, within their respective programmes, in liaison with the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to meeting requests for assistance made by the Government of Tunisia relating to the reconstruction work contemplated in its initial emergency programme;

5. *Conveys its desire* that the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme should, within their competence, urgently consider and respond expeditiously to requests for assistance that the Government of Tunisia might submit in connexion with its special medium-term and long-term rehabilitation programmes.

*1853rd plenary meeting
27 April 1973*

1738 (LIV). International co-operation between municipalities

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General entitled "International co-operation between municipalities",¹³³

1. *Expresses its support* for international co-operation between municipalities;

2. *Invites* organizations in the United Nations system to continue, as and when requested, to include in their programmes measures to promote municipal development, especially in developing countries, as well as measures for the promotion of international co-operation between the municipalities of the developing and developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that organizations in the United Nations system should continue collaborating with the non-governmental organizations concerned in fostering intermunicipal co-operation.

*1854th plenary meeting
4 May 1973*

1739 (LIV). Improvement of the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1580 (L) of 20 May 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to submit recommendations on ways and means of improving the contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,¹³⁴

Mindful of the significant role that could be played by non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the International Development Strategy,

¹³³ E/5244.

¹³⁴ General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV).

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraphs 14 to 22 of the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations¹³⁵ regarding, *inter alia*, co-ordination and liaison within the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system and the emphasis on developing relations at the regional and national levels, including field-level activities and mobilization of public opinion and political will, in favour of United Nations efforts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate action as outlined in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take immediate action regarding subparagraph 4 of paragraph 16 of the report which calls for arrangements to be made for the Economic and Social Council, through the Committee on Review and Appraisal, to receive the substantive contributions which certain non-governmental organizations can make to the development process;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other bodies in the United Nations system to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in the exploration called for in the report so that definite progress may be reported by him, as requested in paragraph 17 of the report;

5. *Invites* the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take account in their activities of the relevant recommendations on field-level operations and to submit appropriate information to the Economic and Social Council as soon as feasible;

6. *Commends* to Governments the desirability of taking into account the practical contributions as well as the experiences and expertise of their national non-governmental organizations, when drawing up their country programmes for economic and social development and their project proposals for United Nations system assistance;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution and the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to the attention of Governments and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, and requests the aforementioned to give all possible assistance to the Secretary-General in his study of the subject.

*1854th plenary meeting
4 May 1973*

1740 (LIV). Contribution of non-governmental organizations to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1651 (LI) of 29 October 1971 in which it requested the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to explore ways of associating non-governmental organizations more

¹³⁵ E/5257 and Add.1.

fully with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,

Having examined the report of the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,¹³⁶

1. *Approves* the recommendations contained in paragraph 25 of the report;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study this question on the lines indicated in paragraph 25 of the report and notes that a progress report will be submitted to the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations at its meeting during the fifty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Council and a full report at the next regular session of the Council Committee;

3. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and other non-governmental organizations especially concerned to co-operate with the Secretary-General in this important exploration;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the collaboration between the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in this endeavour and recommends a strengthening of this collaboration;

5. *Requests* the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to remain seized of this question and to continue to explore ways of engaging non-governmental organizations actively in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report as appropriate to the Economic and Social Council.

*1854th plenary meeting
4 May 1973*

1741 (LIV). Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

Having considered the progress report¹³⁶ prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972, and the statement¹³⁷ made on behalf of the High Commissioner,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the continuing efforts of the Government of the Sudan to achieve a peaceful and lasting settlement in the southern part of the country;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the efficient manner in which he has been co-ordinating the relief, resettlement and rehabilitation operations in Southern Sudan;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those organizations within the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations, and individual Governments which responded to the appeals of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees for providing

¹³⁶ E/5261.

¹³⁷ See E/AC.24/SR.470.