

assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons in an effective and helpful manner;

4. *Reaffirms* its resolutions 1655 (LII) and 1705 (LIII) in which, *inter alia*, it urged the international community to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan in this endeavour;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to report again on this relief, rehabilitation and resettlement effort to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-fifth session.

*1854th plenary meeting  
4 May 1973*

#### **1759 (LIV). Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions concerning assistance in cases of natural disaster, and, in particular, Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 and 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid,

*Noting with concern* the persistence of deficits in food production in the Sudano-Sahelian countries of Africa as a result of the severe drought which has struck them in recent years,

*Taking into account* the information provided in this respect by the Special Representative of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the Sahelian Question to the effect that, in some regions in those countries, unless emergency measures are taken, the situation will cause irreparable losses, especially in human life,

*Taking into account* the considerable efforts made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations with the donor countries, who have already been informed of the situation, with regard to the need for additional urgent measures to strengthen action already begun by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme to avert the disaster,

*Aware* of the opportunity offered to it for averting the disaster,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy* to the populations and Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian region threatened with famine, and assures them that it will do everything possible within its field of competence to avoid a disaster;

2. *Notes* that, in the immediate future, the emergency measures will consist of the supply of additional food-stuffs, vaccines, means of transport for provisions, seeds, fertilizers and agricultural and hydraulic equipment;

3. *Appeals* to States Members of the United Nations and to international organizations to assist in the speedy application of the emergency measures advocated by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and requests the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization and other bodies concerned to keep the Secretary-General informed of progress in this respect;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to call upon all elements of the United Nations system to respond to the immediate needs of the affected nations in co-operation with and taking into account the measures recommended by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

5. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to organize as soon as possible—in collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, 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 United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the World Food Programme and the International Labour Organisation, each within the framework of its terms of reference—the necessary assistance action in order to respond to the requests of the Governments of this region with regard to their medium-term and long-term needs;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-fifth session, on the development of the situation.

*1857th plenary meeting  
18 May 1973*

### **Decisions**

#### **Non-governmental Organizations (Item 14)**

At its 1854th meeting, on 4 May 1973, the Council decided:

(a) To reclassify the following non-governmental organizations from category II to category I:  
International Planned Parenthood Federation  
International Student Movement for the United Nations;

(b) To maintain on the Roster the Mutual Assistance of the Latin American Government Oil Companies;

(c) To place in Category II or on the Roster the following non-governmental organizations which have newly applied for consultative status:

#### **CATEGORY II**

Afro-Asian Peoples' Solidarity Organization  
Association for the Study of the World Refugee Problem  
European Association of National Productivity Centres  
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers  
International Association of Educators for World Peace