

**1799 (LV). Assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972, 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972 and 1741 (LIV) of 4 May 1973, and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Government of the Sudan which resulted in the peaceful settlement of the problem of southern Sudan,

Realizing that the region, having suffered the consequences of a civil strife lasting seventeen years, requires a long-term programme for the full normalization of the situation,

Expressing appreciation for the full co-operation extended by the Governments of the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Uganda and Zaire towards the voluntary repatriation of Sudanese refugees,

Cognizant of the commendable efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the co-ordination of the relief operations, and in resettlement and rehabilitation in southern Sudan,

1. *Renews the expression of its appreciation* to all Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations for their response to the appeals of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and for their participation in assistance to southern Sudanese returnees and displaced persons; .

2. *Notes* the extension, until 31 October 1973, of the arrangements made by the Secretary-General at the request of the Government of the Sudan for the co-ordination of relief, resettlement and rehabilitation operations by the High Commissioner for Refugees and of the fact that this extension is not to affect the launching of the country programme for the Sudan adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its 373rd meeting <sup>86</sup> in respect of longer-term assistance;

3. *Calls upon* Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations further to extend their assistance to the Government of the Sudan in its efforts towards the normalization of the situation in the region;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to submit a final report on the situation to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-sixth session.

*1874th plenary meeting  
30 July 1973*

<sup>86</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5365), para. 17.*

**1803 (LV). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations**

*The Economic and Social Council*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator <sup>87</sup> during its first year of existence, and of the statement made by the Co-ordinator in the Co-ordination Committee at the Council's fifty-fifth session;<sup>88</sup>

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the manner in which the Co-ordinator is discharging his responsibilities;

3. *Recommends* the General Assembly to examine the most expeditious procedures for the release of emergency assistance funds, taking into account all the views expressed on this subject, in particular in the Co-ordination Committee,<sup>89</sup> as well as in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. *Further recommends* that the implementation of General Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 on assistance in cases of national disaster and other disaster situations should be pursued as soon as possible in such important fields as the prevention, control and prediction of natural disasters, and the collection and dissemination of information concerning technological developments;

5. *Requests* the Co-ordinator to follow up his activities and expand his contacts, with a view to achieving better measures for dealing with disasters and better disaster preparedness and in order to ensure more timely and effective international assistance when a disaster strikes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross and other international organizations concerned to do their utmost to help disaster-prone countries to train the relief personnel they may need and provide them with the necessary equipment;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme to systematize the accelerated procedure already established for meeting the emergency requests for assistance submitted by disaster-stricken countries;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in conjunction with the specialized bodies in this field, to study the most effective method of maintaining and utilizing emergency stockpiles established within the United Nations system for the purpose of assistance to disaster victims;

9. *Invites* all Member States, all organizations of the United Nations system and all other organizations concerned with disaster-related matters to continue to give the Co-ordinator their full co-operation and support.

*1876th plenary meeting  
7 August 1973*

<sup>87</sup> A/9063; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council by a note of the Secretary-General (E/5303).

<sup>88</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.503.

<sup>89</sup> See E/AC.24/SR.503-505.