

RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL DURING ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION

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RESOLUTIONS

1874 (LVII). The economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General¹ on the action taken in recent months to mobilize the resources of the United Nations system for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Recalling the relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, in particular resolution 3202 (S-VI) adopted by the General Assembly on 1 May 1974 at its sixth special session, concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and the emergency measures to be taken on behalf of the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis,

Noting with satisfaction the part played by the Office for the Sahelian Relief Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and by the United Nations Special Sahelian Office, in co-ordinating action by the United Nations system to provide medium-term and long-term assistance,

Taking into account the disturbing scientific studies according to which it is unlikely that the climatic and ecological conditions will return to normal,

1. Urges the international community and the specialized agencies concerned to intensify their efforts towards the achievement of the objectives established in the relief and assistance programmes and towards securing the resources and facilities needed for their realization;

2. Further urges the international community and the specialized agencies to ensure that international relief activities are co-ordinated as closely as possible, and to take immediate special measures to strengthen the technical, administrative and financial capacity of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

3. Expresses the firm hope that more advanced measures will be determined by the Secretary-General, so as to

eliminate, in the course of the Second United Nations Development Decade, the possibility of a further crisis;

4. Requests the international community, and especially the organizations of the United Nations system, to attach increasing importance to action-oriented measures and programmes, and to base the long-term development strategy on the need for transforming ecological conditions in the region in question;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to hasten the preparatory work on the possible establishment of a research institute for the arid Sahelian zone, in close collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and in co-operation with the other existing appropriate bodies;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue with determination and in co-operation with the appropriate financial institutions and organizations the action necessary to meet, in an effective and continuing manner, the requests for medium-term and long-term assistance formulated by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by the Governments concerned,

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council, at its fifty-eighth session, on developments in the situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region, and in particular on the stage of completion of projects submitted in connexion with medium-term and long-term assistance

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1875 (LVII) Assistance to Zambia

The Economic and Social Council,

Guided by Security Council resolution 329 (1973) of 10 March 1973, in which the Security Council, *inter alia*, requested the Economic and Social Council to consider

¹ E/5554.