

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.

periodically the question of assistance to Zambia to enable Zambia to pursue its policy of economic independence from the racist illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia, in compliance with the United Nations sanctions policy against that régime,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 3173 (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973 and Council resolutions 1766 (LIV) of 18 May 1973, 1798 (LV) of 24 July 1973 and 1832 (LVI) of 8 May 1974 on the subject of assistance to Zambia,

Conscious of the fact that, in spite of the progress so far achieved, the emergency operation necessitated by the closure of Zambia's border with the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia has yet to be completed,

Recognizing that the adverse effects of the border closure on the economic and social well-being of Zambia have been particularly aggravated by the present world economic difficulties,

1. *Takes note* of the mid-term report of the Secretary-General² on the emergency operation and, in particular, of the positive measures so far undertaken by the world community to enable Zambia to maintain the normal flow of traffic by alternative routes;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to maintain and consolidate his efforts to mobilize increased assistance from Member States and components of the United Nations system in the next critical phase of the emergency operation to enable Zambia to overcome the economic and other problems arising from the closure of its southern border, which have been particularly aggravated by the recent deterioration of the world economic situation;

3. *Urges* Member States to provide more and greater assistance to Zambia, thereby helping Zambia to bear the financial and economic burden arising from the closure of its southern border with the illegal régime in Southern Rhodesia in implementation of the United Nations sanctions policy against that régime;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit to the Council, on a regular basis, reports on the measures taken and progress made in assisting Zambia to overcome the adverse effects arising from the closure of its southern border.

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1876 (LVII). Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974 concerning humanitarian assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of

² See the statement made on behalf of the Secretary-General at the 1913th plenary meeting of the Council, held on 15 July 1974 (E/SR.1913).

Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly section X thereof containing the Special Programme of emergency measures to mitigate the difficulties of the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis,

Noting with appreciation the assistance furnished by many Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations, voluntary agencies and private donors, including the measures taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator towards the containment of the consequences of the drought in Ethiopia, as reported by the Secretary-General and the Co-ordinator,³

Further noting the strenuous efforts of the Government of Ethiopia to alleviate the hardships suffered by the victims of the drought,

Realizing that the drought-stricken area extends to eight of the fourteen provinces of Ethiopia and that the drought is affecting three million people and millions of head of cattle in those areas, and aware that an infestation of armyworms is currently jeopardizing the harvest of the 1974/75 crop,

1. *Invites* all Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to continue to give their fullest support and assistance to the endeavours made by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in mobilizing emergency relief assistance;

2. *Requests* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in collaboration with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to supply urgently to the Ethiopian Government insecticides and other supporting equipment and assistance needed to fight against the armyworm infestation, and to continue their participation in the campaign against such crop pests;

3. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with all appropriate United Nations organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations, to intensify the response to the needs for recovery, rehabilitation and development, taking into account the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session;

4. *Appeals* to the international financial institutions to give urgent and sympathetic consideration to requests that the Ethiopian Government may make for grants or loans for projects designed to rehabilitate the population afflicted by drought and to ensure that such loans and credits are of the greatest possible magnitude;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-eighth session on further measures undertaken by the international community towards the alleviation of the emergency drought situation;

6. *Further requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to report to the

³ E/5560 and E.L.1591 respectively.