

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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16 July 1974

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.

Governing Council of the Programme at its nineteenth session and, through it, to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-ninth session on the progress made towards recovery and rehabilitation and the implementation of the specific measures embodied in the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session.

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16 July 1974*

1877 (LVII). 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, 1741 (LIV) of 4 May 1973 and 1799 (LV) of 30 July 1973 and General Assembly resolution 2958 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972,

Having considered the final report prepared by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees pursuant to Council resolution 1799 (LV)⁴ and the statement made by the High Commissioner at the Council's 1913th plenary meeting, held on 15 July 1974,⁵

Commending the successful efforts made by the Government of the Sudan in restoring economic and social order in the country's southern region,

Noting that considerable further development aid will be required for the Sudan to finalize the rehabilitation of the returnees and displaced persons,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the effective manner in which he has organized and co-ordinated the United Nations immediate relief programme in the southern Sudan, thus enabling Sudanese returnees and displaced persons to embark on a new existence in their home country;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to the Governments which, through their generosity and co-operative spirit, have greatly contributed to the implementation of the relief programme;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the agencies of the United Nations system and to the governmental and non-governmental organizations which have contributed to the success of the operation;

4. *Commends* the United Nations Development Programme for the activities it is carrying on as the focal point for the long-term reconstruction of the southern region of the Sudan.

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1878 (LVII). The drought problem in Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the drought in the Sudano-Sahelian region and Ethiopia seems to be part of a profound

ecological disturbance threatening an increasing number of African countries,

Noting the activities already undertaken in this respect by various organs of the United Nations system, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa, the World Health Organization and the Committee on Science and Technology for Development,

Convinced of the need for a well co-ordinated interdisciplinary approach to the drought problem in Africa,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to pursue vigorously their activities and efforts towards a broad, system-wide attack on this drought problem;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an interim report on such activities of the United Nations system to the Council at its fifty-eighth session.

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1879 (LVII). Emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1836 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 concerning emergency measures in regard to the supply of fertilizers and pesticides,

Having heard the report of the Secretary-General,⁶ made in pursuance of that resolution,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, also in pursuance of that resolution,

Reaffirming its continued concern at the scarcity and prevailing high prices of fertilizers and pesticides,

1. *Welcomes* resolution 1/63 adopted on 19 July 1974 by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations⁷ in pursuance of the request for action expressed by the Economic and Social Council, and especially the approval contained in that resolution for the immediate establishment of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme, and in pursuance thereof:

(a) Re-emphasizes the need for the immediate implementation of the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme as outlined in resolution 1/63;

(b) Calls upon all Governments to participate fully in the Scheme;

⁴ E/5483.

⁵ See E/SR.1913.

⁶ See E/SR.1918.

⁷ F/L.1609, annex, para. 25.