

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.

*1915th plenary meeting
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.