

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

Resolutions and decisions adopted without reference to a sessional committee

RESOLUTIONS

1916 (LVIII). Measures to be taken following the drought in Somalia

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with deep regret and concern that a drought of unprecedented intensity is causing serious loss of life and property in Somalia,

Noting also that the economy of the country has been severely damaged and over 11,000 persons have died so far because of the drought, malnutrition and other causes arising from the consequences of the drought,

Noting with appreciation the assistance provided to Somalia by many Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations, voluntary agencies and private individuals, including the measures taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Noting further the strenuous efforts of the Government of Somalia to alleviate the hardships suffered by the victims of the drought,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly section X thereof regarding the Special Programme of emergency measures to mitigate the difficulties of the developing countries most seriously affected by the economic crisis,

Bearing in mind that assistance extended to Member States that have suffered natural disasters of such magnitude is an expression of the principle of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

Realizing that, following the phase of emergency relief for the victims of the drought, a second phase of reconstruction and rehabilitation would have to be undertaken at a greater expense,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy* to the people and Government of Somalia for the loss of life and the material damage caused by this natural calamity;

2. *Urges* all Member States in a position to do so to continue and, if possible, to intensify their efforts and co-operation for immediate relief operations and also to help implement medium-term and long-term measures for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of the drought-affected areas;

3. *Invites* all international organizations and voluntary agencies, particularly those most directly con-

cerned, to continue to give their fullest support and assistance within their respective programmes to all endeavours made by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in mobilizing relief assistance and also to give urgent consideration to any request made by the Government of Somalia for assistance in the reconstruction and rehabilitation phase, taking into account the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session;

4. *Notes that* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twentieth session will review the drought situation in the light of its recent development, and requests the Governing Council to take such further urgent action as considered necessary to provide assistance to the Government of Somalia in the process of reconstruction and rehabilitation in the affected regions;

5. *Requests* the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to continue their respective efforts in providing the necessary health service facilities, including, if necessary, medical personnel to alleviate the alarming sufferings of the drought victims;

6. *Calls upon* the World Food Programme, in particular, to continue and, if necessary, accelerate its food supplies to the drought-affected population of Somalia, taking into consideration the urgency of the needs emanating from the deteriorating drought situation;

7. *Expresses its desire* that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and all other international financial institutions should give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance that the Government of Somalia might submit in connexion with its reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes;

8. *Requests*, in particular, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and all the other United Nations agencies concerned to give special attention to requests for assistance that the Government of Somalia might submit with regard to measures within its development framework for pre-disaster preparedness and prevention programmes;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the development of the situation and on the implementation of the present resolution.

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