

**1917 (LVIII). Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Recalling its resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974 and 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974 concerning assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>11</sup> and of the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on the current situation of the drought and on measures undertaken by the international community and the United Nations system, in response to the appeals contained in the above-mentioned resolutions, for emergency relief and medium-term and long-term assistance,<sup>12</sup>

Expressing its appreciation of the continued assistance received,

Recognizing that nine of the fourteen provinces of the country are still severely affected by drought and that previously drought-stricken regions need rehabilitation,

Recognizing further that, in spite of the efforts of the international community, the United Nations system and the Government of Ethiopia, there still exists an urgent need for further short-term, medium-term and long-term assistance,

1. Reiterates the appeal for continued and timely assistance from all sources;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a progress report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session.

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**1918 (LVIII). Measures to be taken for recovery and rehabilitation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Noting with appreciation the report on the efforts which have been undertaken by the United Nations system for the benefit of the Sudano-Sahelian region,<sup>13</sup>

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, in particular Council resolutions 1834 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 and 1874 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, and Assembly resolution 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974,

Noting further with satisfaction the role played by the Office for Sahelian Relief Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in emergency assistance, and the activities of the United Nations Special Sahelian Office to help combat the effects of the drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term programme adopted by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the assistance which has been provided by Governments, United Nations bodies, private organizations and individuals to the Sudano-Sahelian population;

<sup>11</sup> E/5611.

<sup>12</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Organizational Session for 1975 and Fifty-eighth Session*, 1946th meeting, paras. 15-30.

<sup>13</sup> *Ibid.*, paras. 6-14.

2. Requests Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to intensify their efforts to meet the medium-term and long-term needs of the Sudano-Sahelian countries and to secure the resources and facilities necessary for the achievement of the objectives established in the assistance programmes;

3. Welcomes the General Assembly's decision to establish a United Nations information centre at Ouagadougou, the headquarters of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, to obtain and disseminate timely information;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to continue to expand public awareness of the tragedy which has befallen the Sudano-Sahelian countries and to sustain interest in the implementation of the programme as outlined by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

5. Requests the United Nations Special Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and to continue its efforts to ensure co-operation and co-ordination among the programmes and organizations of the United Nations in the implementation of medium-term and long-term assistance programmes;

6. Urges all Member States and United Nations bodies to further their efforts to strengthen the capacity of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and to meet in an effective and continuing manner the requests for assistance formulated by that Committee and by the Governments concerned;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to seek additional financial aid to help meet the medium-term and long-term needs of the region.

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**1919 (LVIII). Study of situations that reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights: written and oral statements by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council concerning human rights**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

Considering that in its resolution 454 (XIV) of 28 July 1952 it decided that all communications emanating from non-governmental organizations in consultative status containing complaints of alleged violations of human rights should be dealt with not under the rules of consultative relationship but under the decisions for the inclusion of such material in confidential lists of communications prepared for the Commission on Human Rights, as further set out in paragraph 2 (b) of Council resolution 728 F (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959,

Considering further that it had been clearly laid down in paragraph 8 of its resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 that all actions envisaged in the implementation of that resolution by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of the Commission on Human Rights should remain confidential until such time as the Commission might decide to make recommendations to the Council,