

his Government's economic development priorities and invited the international community to render assistance in dealing with serious economic and social problems in Zimbabwe.

Recalling Security Council resolution 460 (1979) of 21 December 1979 and General Assembly resolution 35/100 of 5 December 1980, in which the international community was called upon to provide urgent assistance for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Zimbabwe,

Taking into account the economic policy statement of Zimbabwe, "Growth with equity", on the basis of which a three-year plan was prepared, outlining short-term, medium-term and long-term national measures being undertaken to establish an egalitarian socialist society under conditions of growth with equity,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zimbabwe,²²⁶ prepared in response to General Assembly resolution 35/100,

1. *Endorses* the assessments and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Zimbabwe;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States and regional and international organizations that have extended economic assistance to Zimbabwe through bilateral and multilateral arrangements;

3. *Emphasizes* that the social and economic reconstruction of Zimbabwe is an ongoing exercise that will continue to require a massive injection of external assistance;

4. *Invites* appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the International Labour Organisation—to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the urgent and special needs of Zimbabwe and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1982;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Zimbabwe;

(b) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the mobilization of international assistance to Zimbabwe;

(c) To keep the situation in Zimbabwe under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, of the current status of the special programme of economic assistance for Zimbabwe;

(d) To arrange for a review of the progress made in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

*103rd plenary meeting
17 December 1981*

36/224. Expression of appreciation to the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly,

Noting that the incumbent United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator will shortly be relinquishing his duties,

Recognizing the role he has played in organizing and guiding the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the performance of its functions,

Deeply appreciative of the contribution he has made in creating and further developing that Office and of his unremitting efforts to alleviate human suffering through the special humanitarian tasks entrusted to him,

1. *Expresses its sincere appreciation* to Mr. Faruk N. Berkol for the dedicated manner in which he has discharged the responsibilities of his office;

2. *Extends* its best wishes to him for his future undertakings and well-being.

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36/225. Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations system to respond to natural disasters and other disaster situations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the strengthening of that Office, 3440 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, in which it provided, *inter alia*, for measures to be taken in support of the activities of the Office, and 3532 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 on the financing of emergency relief assistance and technical co-operation activities of the Office,

Recalling also its resolution 31/173 of 21 December 1976 on financial arrangements for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Recalling further the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,²²⁷

Recalling the report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries containing the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, in particular the section concerning disaster assistance for the least developed countries,²²⁸

Deeply concerned about the increasing number of natural disasters and other disaster situations, the economic burden borne by disaster-stricken and affected countries, particularly the developing countries, and the disruption thereby caused to their development process,

Also recalling its resolution 35/107 of 5 December 1980,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/43 of 23 July 1980 regarding international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in natural disasters and other disaster situations,

Fully cognizant of the sovereign interests and rights of affected countries and of the primacy of their role in caring for the victims of natural disasters and other disaster situations,

Anxious that the international community should respond speedily and effectively to calls for emergency humanitarian assistance,

²²⁷ Resolution 35/56, annex.

²²⁸ *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.L.8), part one, sect. A, para. 59.

²²⁶ A/36/271 and Corr. 1.