

for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination:

“15. *Decides* that the Preparatory Sub-Committee for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, established by the President of the Economic and Social Council in accordance with Council decision 1981/130 of 6 May 1981, shall hold its first session in New York during the first quarter of 1982, for a period of two weeks, and shall report to the Council at its first regular session of 1982, the Council being the Preparatory Committee for the Conference;

“16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Sub-Committee with all necessary assistance;

“17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to appoint, after consultation with the regional groups, in 1982, a Secretary-General for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, who shall have the rank of Assistant Secretary-General and shall be responsible for the organization of the Conference and co-ordination with Member States, organs and bodies of the United Nations, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

“18. *Invites* Member States to continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General as part of the Programme for the Decade and the preparations for the Conference;

“19. *Invites* the appropriate organs and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute to the preparations for the Conference;

“20. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee against *Apartheid*, the United Nations Council for Namibia, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Commission on Human Rights, through its *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa, for their contribution to the implementation of the Programme for the Decade and invites them to include in their activities the preparations for the Conference;

“21. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-seventh session the status of preparations for the Second World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

“22. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-seventh session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled ‘Implementation of the Programme for the Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination’.”

*14th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/31. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/61 of 29 November 1979 on the situation of African refugees, by which the Assembly requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to make every effort to mobilize additional resources to meet the needs of refugees in Africa,

Recalling its resolutions 1980/9 of 28 April 1980 and 1980/53 of 24 July 1980,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/180 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*:

(a) Endorsed the appeal of the Economic and Social Council to all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to increase further their assistance to the Government of Somalia and to the various refugee programmes sponsored by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees so as to ensure the adequate and continuous provision of emergency relief and humanitarian assistance to refugees in Somalia,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to dispatch a mission to Somalia to make a comprehensive review of the refugee situation in that country in the light of developments since the report of the United Nations interagency mission,⁵² which visited Somalia from 10 to 16 December 1979,

(c) Further requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to arrange for the report of the review mission to be circulated as soon as issued, so that the international community might have an updated report on the condition of the refugees in Somalia and an assessment of their over-all needs, including measures for strengthening the social and economic infrastructure of the country,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations review mission,⁵³ which visited Somalia from 11 to 18 January 1981, providing up-to-date information on the condition of the growing refugee population in Somalia and an assessment of their over-all needs,

Noting the appeal issued by the Secretary-General on 11 March 1981 for urgent international assistance to help the Government of Somalia to provide the necessary care and attention to the refugees,

Recognizing the heavy burden placed on the Government of Somalia in caring for the refugees and the need for international assistance to share that burden,

1. *Strongly endorses* the appeal of the Secretary-General for urgent assistance to the refugees in Somalia;

2. *Commends* the Secretary-General for taking steps to promote continued and concerted international action to assist the Government of Somalia to provide relief aid for the refugees;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* for the prompt response, generous donations and support of the United Nations refugee programmes in Somalia by various Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies;

4. *Expresses its appreciation also* for the efforts undertaken by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as by the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization and other international organizations, to provide humanitarian assistance;

5. *Takes note* of the findings and recommendations of the United Nations review mission;

6. *Takes note with appreciation* of the measures which the Government of Somalia is taking to provide shelter, food and other services to the refugees in Somalia;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue

⁵² E/1980/44.

⁵³ A/36/136, annex.

their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of the refugees:

8. *Urges* Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and other intergovernmental and financial institutions to assist Somalia in strengthening its social and economic infrastructure so that essential services and facilities can be strengthened and expanded;

9. *Further requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to arrange for all pertinent changes and developments in the refugee situation in Somalia since the visit of the United Nations review mission in January 1981 to be brought to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session so that the report of the review mission can be updated;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 an updated report on the condition and needs of the refugees.

*15th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/32. Assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/183 of 15 December 1980, in which the Assembly called for international assistance to alleviate the plight of displaced persons in Ethiopia,

Having heard the statement by the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia on 24 April 1981, outlining the grave situation of displaced persons and the difficulties encountered by his Government in providing relief and rehabilitation to millions of displaced persons in Ethiopia,⁵⁴

Having also heard the oral report of the representative of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,⁵⁴ presented pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/183,

Taking note of the appeal of the Secretary-General in his note verbale of 11 November 1980,

Noting with regret that the response to the appeal of the Secretary-General for providing generous assistance to alleviate the sufferings of displaced persons in Ethiopia has been inadequate,

Noting further the extreme difficulties encountered by the Government of Ethiopia in providing relief and rehabilitation to several millions of its citizens who are victims of both man-made and natural disasters, as well as to the voluntary returnees,

Recognizing the need for urgent and continued humanitarian assistance to save the lives and alleviate the plight of displaced persons in Ethiopia,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report presented by the representative of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia;

2. *Reaffirms* its appeal and that of the Secretary-General to Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its effort to provide relief and rehabilitation to the displaced persons in that country;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance thus far

⁵⁴ See E/1981/SR.8.

provided through the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

4. *Appeals once more* to all Member States, governmental and non-governmental organizations, specialized agencies, other organizations of the United Nations system and voluntary agencies to provide prompt and generous assistance to the displaced persons in Ethiopia on the basis of the recommendations made in the report of the interagency mission to Ethiopia annexed to the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,⁵⁵

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of displaced persons and voluntary returnees;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session and to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982 on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

*15th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/33. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/91 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council on the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Council on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

Having heard the oral report of the Secretary-General, presented by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator on 24 April 1981, outlining the substantial assistance requirements for the year 1981,⁵⁶

Noting with concern the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia underlining the grave situation facing the people of the drought-affected areas and the urgent assistance required to provide them with relief and rehabilitation,⁵⁶

Noting further the call made by the multi-donor mission, the interagency mission and the United Nations Co-ordinating Committee for Relief and Rehabilitation for generous and urgent assistance to the people in the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

Noting with appreciation the continued efforts in this regard of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies,

Recalling also that, despite the assistance offered to the Government of Ethiopia by Member States, organizations within the United Nations system and voluntary agencies, enormous difficulties still persist in the rehabilitation and recovery efforts,

1. *Takes note* of the oral report of the Secretary-General, presented by the United Nations Disaster Re-

⁵⁵ A/35/360 and Corr. 1-3.

⁵⁶ See E/1981/SR.8.