

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 co-operation 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.

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#### **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,<sup>54</sup>

*Having also heard* the oral report of the representative of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,<sup>54</sup> 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

<sup>54</sup> 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,<sup>55</sup>

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.

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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,<sup>56</sup>

*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,<sup>56</sup>

*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-

<sup>55</sup> A/35/360 and Corr. 1-3.

<sup>56</sup> See E/1981/SR.8.