

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.

lief Co-ordinator, on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts, particularly the Government's resettlement programme, in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly and fully the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/172 of 21 December 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, 1978/2 of 2 May 1978 and 1980/2 of 16 April 1980;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and increase their assistance to the Government of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;

4. *Decides* to keep the matter under review.

*15th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/34. Inclusion of Guinea-Bissau in the list of the least developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its decision 1980/161 of 24 July 1980, in which it requested the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and certain newly independent developing countries, with a view to their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first regular session of 1981,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/106 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly decided to authorize the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1981, the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries and, accordingly, to add any of those countries to the list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to the above-mentioned countries, and in which the Assembly further decided that that exercise should be without prejudice to any future overall review of the list of the least developed countries which might be authorized a later date by the Assembly in accordance with established procedures,

Taking note of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventeenth session⁵⁷ and statements made in the Council in this regard,

Decides to add Guinea-Bissau to the list of the least developed countries.

*18th plenary meeting
8 May 1981*

⁵⁷ See E/1981/L.14 and Corr.1. For the full text of the report, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 7 (E/1981/27)*.

1981/35. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the need for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and in developing and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling in that regard the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁵⁸ of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁵⁹ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁶⁰

Mindful of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of the host countries,

Noting, in particular, that the problems of migrant workers, which are becoming more serious in some regions for political and economic reasons and for social and cultural reasons, constitute a matter of grave concern and continue to be of the greatest importance to certain countries,

Mindful of the important contribution made by the International Labour Organisation in the protection of the rights of all migrant workers,

Appreciating also the efforts of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in matters relating to migrant workers,

Deeply concerned at the fact that, despite the general effort made by Member States, regional intergovernmental organizations and various United Nations bodies, migrant workers are still unable fully to exercise their rights in the social field and in the labour field as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing, therefore, the efforts that must still be made effectively to protect the rights of all migrant workers and their families and to improve their living conditions,

Recalling its resolution 1981/21 of 6 May 1981, recommended for adoption by the Commission for Social Development, and resolution 37 (XXXVII) of 12 March 1981 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁶¹

Recalling its resolution 1980/16 of 30 April 1980,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, began its work during the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly;

2. *Expresses its conviction* that the drafting of that convention will further facilitate the exchanges of views needed for protecting the human rights and improving the situation of migrant workers and their families;

3. *Expresses the hope* that substantial progress will be made by the Working Group during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in May 1981 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/198 of 15 December 1980, so that the Working Group may fully discharge its mandate and complete the drafting of the

⁵⁸ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁵⁹ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁶⁰ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁶¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.*