

FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1979

1979/2. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the oral report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia as presented by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,¹ prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/21 of 29 November 1978 with regard to the progress made in the implementation of all the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and, having heard the Co-ordinator outlining the substantial grain-import requirements for the year 1979 as well as the urgent need for transport vehicles and associated equipment for the distribution of relief grain,

Noting the statement of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa of the United Nations Development Programme¹ on assistance being provided by the Programme to the Government of Ethiopia in relation to its relief and rehabilitation programmes in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting also the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia¹ outlining the measures taken by the Government of Ethiopia to deal with emergency relief and rehabilitation in the drought-stricken areas of the country,

Noting with appreciation the determined efforts being made by the Government of Ethiopia through its National Revolutionary Development Campaign to mitigate the effects of drought and to make the country self-sufficient in food,

Noting further the call made in the multi-donor mission's report for urgent assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

Concerned at the gravity of the food situation due to the drought and the devastation of crops by swarms of locusts and other pests,

Noting with appreciation in this regard the continued efforts of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, as well as those of the World Food Programme of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization, in particular the assistance given by the Food and Agriculture Organization through its Office for Special Relief Operations and the emergency food aid provided by the World Food Programme as approved by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization,

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

¹ See E/1979/SR.10.

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the oral report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia as presented by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

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 of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and other specialized agencies and United Nations organizations 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 and 1978/2 of 2 May 1978;

3. Appeals to 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.

*11th plenary meeting
4 May 1979*

1979/3. Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973, in which the Assembly approved the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination,

Recalling further the other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 33/99 and 33/100 of 16 December 1978,

Convinced that the effective implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination will help to promote and encourage respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of all without distinction as to race,

Bearing in mind the fact that, in accordance with paragraph 18 (a) of the Programme for the Decade, the General Assembly has entrusted the Economic and Social Council, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, with the responsibility for co-ordinating the

programmes and evaluating the activities undertaken in connexion with the Decade,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the reports submitted by the Secretary-General² to the Economic and Social Council pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 3057 (XXVIII), 33/99 and 33/100;

2. *Decides* to establish a working group of the whole, to meet during the first regular session of 1980 of the Council, to assist it in evaluating the activities of the Decade in the light of the provisions of the draft resolution on the subject recommended for adoption by the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, set forth in paragraph 4 below;

3. *Instructs* the Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to appoint a group composed of five of its members which shall meet for not more than three days immediately before the thirty-second session of the Sub-Commission to formulate specific proposals concerning the work programme to be implemented with a view to the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination;

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolve to achieve the total eradication of racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid,*

"Recalling once again that, in its resolution 3057 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 and in the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination annexed thereto, it called for a continuing effort by all peoples, Governments and institutions to eradicate racism, racial discrimination and *apartheid,*

"Recalling its resolutions 31/77 of 13 December 1976, 32/10 of 7 November 1977 and 33/98 of 16 December 1978,

"Taking into account its resolutions 33/99 and 33/100 of 16 December 1978,

"Aware of the serious threat to international peace and security resulting from the continued defiance by the racist régimes in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia of the resolutions adopted by the international community and of the will manifested by the latter to put an end to the abhorrent policies of *apartheid* and racial discrimination, the continuation of the illegal occupation of Namibia and the refusal to respect the right of peoples to self-determination,

"Recalling the importance of the attainment of the objectives of the Decade,

"Expressing its satisfaction at the results of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination held at Geneva from 14 to 25 August 1978,

"Convinced that the Conference, which was held at the mid-point of the Decade and constituted an outstanding event therein, has, by the adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action,³

made a valuable and constructive contribution to the achievement of the objectives of the Decade,

"1. *Proclaims* that the elimination of all forms of racism and discrimination based on race and the attainment of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and of the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination are matters of high priority for the international community and accordingly for the United Nations;

"2. *Strongly condemns* the policies of *apartheid,* racism and racial discrimination practised in southern Africa and elsewhere, including the denial of the right of peoples to self-determination;

"3. *Reaffirms once again* its strong support for the national liberation struggle against racism, racial discrimination, *apartheid,* colonialism and alien domination and for self-determination by all means, including armed struggle;

"4. *Invites* all Member States, United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to strengthen and enlarge the scope of their activities in support of the objectives of the Programme for the Decade;

"5. *Calls once again upon* all the Governments which have not yet done so to take legislative, administrative and other measures in respect of their nationals and the bodies corporate under their jurisdiction that own and operate enterprises in southern Africa, in order to put an end to such enterprises immediately;

"6. *Appeals* to all States to continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General by submitting their reports to him in accordance with paragraph 18 (e) of the Programme for the Decade;

"7. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session its report on the evaluation of the activities undertaken in connexion with the Decade, in accordance with paragraph 18 of the Programme for the Decade, taking into account the results of the Conference set out in the Declaration and Programme of Action which it adopted;

"8. *Adopts* a five-year programme of activities⁴ designed to accelerate progress in the implementation of the Programme for the Decade;

"9. *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 and its Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for their contribution to the implementation of the Programme for the Decade;

⁴ A tentative programme of activities was before the Council (see E/1979/15, paras. 26-28).

² E/1979/13 and Add.1 and 2, E/1979/15 and Add.1.

³ Report of the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, Geneva, 14-25 August 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.79.XIV.2), chap. II.

"10. *Invites* in particular the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to monitor the implementation of the provisions of articles 4 and 7 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁵ in order to prevent any incitement to racism and racial discrimination and to promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among nations and racial or ethnic groups;

"11. *Decides* to consider at its thirty-fifth session, as a matter of high priority, the item entitled 'Implementation of the Programme for the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination'."

*13th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/4. Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/118 of 19 December 1978 on the medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983,

Recalling its decision 1978/84 of 8 November 1978, in particular its decision to consider at one of its sessions in 1979 the proposed medium-term plan for 1980-1983, with a view to ensuring that the policies laid down by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council were fully reflected in the plan and to make the necessary recommendations to that end,

Conscious of the continuing need to make the United Nations system more responsive to the requirements of the provisions of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order⁶ as well as to those of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,⁷

Having considered the proposed medium-term plan of the United Nations for the period 1980-1983⁸ and the relevant conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination,⁹

1. *Invites* the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in its proposed in-depth study of the process of programme planning in the United Nations to pay special attention to the question how better to ensure that the proposed medium-term plan shall conform to the strategies, policies and priorities laid down by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Expresses its confidence* that the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination regarding the introductory survey of the proposed medium-term plan¹⁰ is a measure that would assist the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in having a clear and more comprehensive

⁵ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁶ General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974.

⁷ General Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974.

⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/33/6/Rev.1 and Corr.1).*

⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 38 (A/33/38).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, paras. 51 and 52.

overview of the policy orientations of the medium-term plan;

3. *Invites* the General Assembly, in considering the proposed medium-term plan, the relevant recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the views expressed in the Economic and Social Council, also to take into account the following recommendations:

(a) In the implementation of the proposals contained in the relevant sections of the proposed medium-term plan, in particular chapter 13, entitled "Development issues and policies", Secretariat units, especially the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs, should concentrate on measures to promote the development of developing countries within the framework of the General Assembly resolutions on the establishment of a new international economic order;

(b) In undertaking its task, the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs should also pay attention to measures for supporting the implementation of programmes of economic co-operation among developing countries in conformity with the relevant recommendations in General Assembly resolutions 32/180 of 19 December 1977 and 33/195 of 29 January 1979;

(c) In undertaking the tasks outlined in the relevant subprogrammes of programme I of chapter 13 of the proposed medium-term plan, care must be taken to ensure that interdisciplinary research and analysis on the basis of action at the national level shall fall within the framework of the over-all requirements of the development of developing countries and of reducing inequities between developed and developing countries in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

*13th plenary meeting
9 May 1979*

1979/5. National Household Survey Capability Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its twentieth session,¹¹ in particular, of its strong endorsement of the National Household Survey Capability Programme and of the high priority it assigned to this programme of the United Nations, which will help developing countries to establish a national household survey capability in order to generate continuing data to plan socio-economic development and to assess the impact of such development on the quality of life of their people,

Recalling its resolution 2055 (LXII) of 5 May 1977, in which, *inter alia*, it requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with the World Bank, other specialized agencies and multilateral and bilateral donor agencies, to support this necessary and important development activity,

Noting that, in accordance with the aforementioned resolution, a consultative meeting is being convened

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 3 (E/1979/23).*