

Government in providing relief and rehabilitation to the large number of displaced persons in Ethiopia,¹⁷

Recalling its resolution 1978/39 of 1 August 1978, by which it requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to render the greatest possible assistance to the Governments of the countries in the Horn of Africa,

Noting with concern the problem of displaced persons in Ethiopia,

Noting further that the humanitarian assistance rendered to the displaced persons in Ethiopia by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has fallen far short of the urgent requirements.

Recognizing the need for continued financial and material support from the international community in order to provide the necessary care for the large number of displaced persons in Ethiopia.

1. *Appeals* to all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its effort to provide relief and rehabilitation to the displaced persons in Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees:

(a) To send a multi-agency mission to Ethiopia to assess the extent of the problem as well as the magnitude of assistance required;

(b) To mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community for the displaced persons in Ethiopia;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1980/9. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard with deep concern the statement made by the Minister for Local Government of Somalia, who has special responsibility for refugees, on the grave refugee situation in Somalia,¹⁸

Having considered the report of the United Nations interagency mission,¹⁹ which visited Somalia from 10 to 16 December 1979 to study the refugee situation in that country and to draw up a programme of assistance to deal with the urgent humanitarian needs there,

Taking note of the appeal of the Secretary-General in his note verbale of 11 February 1980, urging various Governments and international organizations to provide prompt and generous assistance to alleviate the sufferings of the refugees in Somalia,

¹⁷ See E/1980/SR.7.

¹⁸ See E/1980/SR.11.

¹⁹ E/1980/44.

Further taking note of the statement made on 13 March 1980 by the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees that the refugee problem in Somalia was the most serious in the world as far as numbers were concerned, and the appeal by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, dated 4 March 1980, to all Governments to help 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,

Deeply concerned because the response of the international community falls far short of the needs of the refugees, as assessed in the report of the United Nations mission,

1. *Endorses* the appeal of the Secretary-General of 11 February 1980 as well as the appeal launched by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on 4 March 1980 for urgent international assistance to help the Government of Somalia to provide the necessary care and attention to the refugees;

2. *Commends* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging for a comprehensive report on the needs of refugees in Somalia to be prepared and circulated to the international community;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations interagency mission to Somalia¹⁹ and the recommendations contained therein;

4. *Further endorses* the appeals launched by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund to provide food, medicines and other assistance for the refugees, as recommended by the United Nations mission;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1980 on the situation of the refugees in Somalia and the steps taken to implement the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to find ways and means to mobilize urgently humanitarian assistance for the refugees on the basis of the report of the United Nations interagency mission;

7. *Decides* to bring the contents of the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly for its consideration.

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1980/10. Situation of refugees in the Sudan

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 for African refugees,

Taking note of the ever-increasing number of refugees arriving in the Sudan, which to date is about half a million,

Appreciating the measures which the Government of the Sudan, a least developed country, is taking in order

to provide shelter, food and other services to the growing number of refugees in the Sudan,

Deeply concerned that the assistance given to refugees in the Sudan by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the international community is inadequate and that, as a result, the living conditions of the refugees will deteriorate,

Emphasizing, therefore, the need to increase financial support to provide adequate care for the maintenance of those refugees and for humanitarian measures leading to durable solutions of their problems,

Recalling the announcement made at the thirtieth session of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that 1980 would be a year devoted to refugee problems in the Sudan,²⁰

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of the Sudan for its efforts to accommodate a growing number of refugees on its territory;

2. *Expresses also its appreciation* to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the dedicated and efficient manner in which they continue to work, with the support of the international community, to accomplish their humanitarian task for refugees in the Sudan;

3. *Calls attention* to the urgent need for increased resources to care for the growing number of refugees in the Sudan;

4. *Takes note* of the decision of the Government of the Sudan to convene an international conference on refugees in the Sudan at Khartoum, on 20 June 1980, to coincide with the Day of Refugees in Africa;

5. *Appeals* to all Governments to render the maximum possible financial and material assistance to the refugees in the Sudan;

6. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in co-operation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan;

7. *Appeals* to the donor countries and international organizations and voluntary agencies to participate in the International Conference on Refugees in the Sudan at a high level, to ensure the success of the Conference in mobilizing international support and additional resources to alleviate the plight of the refugees in the Sudan;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to send an interagency mission to the Sudan to assess the needs and the magnitude of assistance required for the financing of the programmes for the relief and settlement of refugees, and to report to the Economic and Social Council on this matter at its first regular session in 1981.

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²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/34/12/Add.1), para. 24.*

1980/11. Assistance to refugees in Djibouti

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the appeal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with respect to humanitarian assistance to Djibouti and other countries in the Horn of Africa,²¹

Taking note also of the request made by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the High Commissioner, in the report on its thirtieth session,²² to continue to intensify assistance to the refugees in Djibouti and other countries in the region.

Noting with appreciation the assistance thus far provided to the refugees and the proposed programme for Djibouti,²³

Noting also that the substantially increased number of refugees in Djibouti has over-taxed the Government's effort to improve social and public services in the country and placed a heavy burden on the meagre resources available there,

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the food shortage in the region, which has been aggravated by the recent severe drought that has affected most of the region, devastating the life-supporting elements, killing great numbers of livestock and causing considerable loss of human life through starvation, thirst and disease,

Aware of the determined efforts made by the Government of Djibouti, since it attained independence, to cope with the refugee situation, as well as the recent severe drought, through a national self-reliance campaign designed to provide the refugees with protection, shelter and assistance.

Noting with appreciation the concern and continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the Economic Commission for Africa and such non-governmental organizations as Médecins sans frontières and Volontaires du progrès, which have worked closely with the Government of Djibouti in the relief and rehabilitation programme for the refugees and the drought-stricken population of the country,

Realizing that the assistance thus far received falls far short of the existing needs and requirements of coping with the refugee situation and that an urgent programme to include the drought-stricken population of the country is required.

Recognizing the plight of the refugees and the formidable burden imposed on the limited resources of the Government of Djibouti.

1. *Requests* all States to respond generously and expeditiously to the appeal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to enable him to mobilize the maximum international support in order to alleviate the sufferings of the refugees in Djibouti and other countries in the Horn of Africa;

2. *Further requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to co-operate with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization and

²¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/34/12), para. 83.

²² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/34/12/Add.1), para. 43, sect. B, subsect. (c) (iii)

²³ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12 (A/34/12), paras. 83-87.