

RESOLUTIONS

1980/43. International efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned at the increasingly heavy losses of life and property that result from emergency situations arising primarily from non-natural causes,

Recognizing the important function of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator with respect to natural disasters,

Noting that on many occasions emergency situations arising primarily from non-natural causes have made great demands on the United Nations system and its components for assisting and meeting the requirements of affected countries, in particular developing countries, in mitigating the human misery caused by such situations,

Aware of the implications that such emergency situations have for the development efforts of developing countries,

Noting that the organs and bodies of the United Nations system have had to meet the humanitarian demands presented by such situations, in addition to the discharge of their regular activities, with inevitable negative effects on those activities,

Recognizing the essential role played by specialized agencies, programmes and other entities of the United Nations system in such emergency situations,

Recognizing also the essential role played by inter-governmental organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other non-governmental organizations,

1. *Recognizes* the need, without prejudice to any action which may in the meantime be considered by the General Assembly, for a review of the emergency operations of the United Nations system, with a view to ensuring that the resources available are applied in an effective and flexible manner in this area;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in consultation with the organizations and bodies concerned, and within existing financial resources, a summary report providing factual information on the ways and means by which the United Nations system has carried out, over the last decade, its role of co-ordinating and implementing humanitarian emergency assistance in cases other than those caused by natural disasters, and to circulate that report as early as possible, so that a decision can be taken not later than at the first regular session of the Council of 1981 on how best to proceed with the substantive consideration of the report, making use of existing organs, including the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination.

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23 July 1980*

1980/44. Humanitarian assistance to the refugees in Djibouti

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes,¹ and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,² and noting with appreciation the assessment of the needs of the refugees in Djibouti contained therein,

Noting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with respect to assistance to the refugees in Djibouti,³

Recalling Council resolution 1980/11 of 28 April 1980 on assistance to the refugees in Djibouti,

Noting with appreciation the concern and the 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 World Food Programme and non-governmental organizations, which have worked closely with the Government of Djibouti on the relief and rehabilitation programme for the refugees in that country,

1. *Appreciates* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging and dispatching the United Nations interagency mission to Djibouti to assess the needs of the refugees;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the oral report on the assessment of the needs of the refugees in Djibouti, contained in the statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions and Co-ordinator of Special Economic Assistance Programmes;

3. *Invites* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his humanitarian assistance to the refugees in Djibouti;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to ensure that adequate assistance programmes are organized for the refugees, to keep the refugee situation in Djibouti under constant review and to maintain close contact with Member States and governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, so as to mobilize the necessary assistance for the Government of Djibouti to enable it to cope effectively with the refugee situation;

5. *Decides* to keep the matter under constant review and to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session for its consideration.

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¹ See E/1980/SR.40.

² See E/1980/SR.38.

³ E/1980/79 and Corr.1.