

7. *Welcomes* the achievement of independence by the people of Zimbabwe and invites all Governments, the specialized agencies and the organizations within the United Nations system to extend the maximum possible assistance to the Government of Zimbabwe in its efforts to achieve national reconstruction and economic development;

8. *Notes with satisfaction* the arrangements made by several specialized agencies and United Nations institutions which enable representatives of the national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity to participate fully as observers in the proceedings relating to matters concerning their respective countries, and calls upon those international institutions which have not yet done so to follow this example and make the necessary arrangements without delay;

9. *Recommends* that all Governments should intensify their efforts in the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

10. *Urges* those specialized agencies and organizations within the United Nations system which have not already done so to include in the agenda of the regular meetings of their governing bodies a separate item on the progress made by those organizations in their implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and other relevant resolutions of United Nations bodies;

11. *Further urges* the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations within the United Nations system to formulate, with the active co-operation of the Organization of African Unity, and to submit, as a matter of priority, to their governing and legislative organs concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant United Nations decisions;

12. *Draws the attention* of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to the present resolution and to the discussions on the subject at the second regular session of 1980 of the Council;

13. *Requests* the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue consultations on these matters with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Chairman of the Special Committee against *Apartheid* and to report thereon to the Council;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the Council at its second regular session of 1981;

15. *Decides* to keep these questions under continuous review.

*43rd plenary meeting
23 July 1980*

1980/51. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, particularly Assembly resolution 34/16 of 9 November 1979 and Council resolution 1979/51 of 2 August 1979,

Recalling further decision 80/35 of 27 June 1980 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme²¹ on the subject,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,²²

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Expresses its profound gratitude* to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes in the Sahel;

3. *Strongly urges* that all Governments make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

4. *Further urges* all United Nations organs, agencies and programmes, especially the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food Programme, to increase their assistance through joint undertakings with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in response to requests from the Governments of the Sudano-Sahelian countries, for the implementation of their recovery, rehabilitation and development programmes;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, together with the executive heads of the United Nations organs, agencies and programmes concerned, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, as well as the International Labour Organisation, to engage in consultations to determine how they might best help to achieve the goal set forth in paragraph 4 above and thereby enhance the ability of the United Nations

²¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 12 (E/1980/42/Rev.1)*, chap. XI.

²² A/35/176.

Sudano-Sahelian Office to respond more adequately to the priority requirements of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1981.

*43rd plenary meeting
23 July 1980*

1980/52. Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/88 of 15 December 1978 and 34/187 of 18 December 1979,

Reiterating its concern over the seriousness of desertification in the Sudano-Sahelian region and the persistent critical situations resulting from it which hamper the economic and social development of the countries of the region,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the progress made by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the Governments of countries in the region, on behalf of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme, in implementing the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification;²³

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it should request the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to report annually to the Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.

*43rd plenary meeting
23 July 1980*

1980/53. Situation of refugees in Somalia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the Council at its second regular session of 1980,²⁴

Taking note of the statement by the observer for Somalia on the situation of refugees in Somalia,²⁵

Recalling Council resolution 1980/9 of 28 April 1980,

Expressing 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 in support of refugees in Somalia,

Taking into account the fact that more than six months have elapsed since the visit of the United Nations inter-agency mission on the refugee situation in Somalia,

Noting with concern the dramatic increase in the refugee population in Somalia,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to consider the necessity of dispatching a review mission to Somalia to assess current developments in the refugee situation, as a follow-up to the earlier report of the United Nations interagency mission;²⁶

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to submit an updated report on the current refugee situation in Somalia to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

3. *Appeals once again* to all Member States and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to increase further their assistance to the Government of Somalia in its effort to provide relief and assistance to refugees in Somalia.

*44th plenary meeting
24 July 1980*

1980/54. Relief and rehabilitation for displaced persons in Ethiopia

The Economic and Social Council,

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 and voluntary organizations, to render the greatest possible assistance to the Governments of the countries in the Horn of Africa,

Having considered the report of the interagency mission which visited Ethiopia from 6 to 15 July 1980,²⁷ prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1980/8 of 28 April 1980, by which the Secretary-General was requested, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, *inter alia*, to mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community to displaced persons in Ethiopia and to report to the Council at its second regular session of 1980 on the progress achieved in the implementation of that resolution,

Taking note of the statement of the Commissioner for Relief and Rehabilitation of Ethiopia,²⁸

Deeply concerned about the grave situation facing the large number of displaced and uprooted persons in Ethiopia and the difficulties encountered by the Government of Ethiopia in providing relief and rehabilitation to those persons,

Noting that the humanitarian assistance rendered to the displaced persons in Ethiopia through the Office of

²³ A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

²⁴ See E/1980/SR.38.

²⁵ *Ibid.*

²⁶ E/1980/44.

²⁷ E/1980/104.

²⁸ See E/1980/SR.42.