

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.