

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;<sup>23</sup>

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,<sup>24</sup>

*Taking note* of the statement by the observer for Somalia on the situation of refugees in Somalia,<sup>25</sup>

*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;<sup>26</sup>

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,<sup>27</sup> 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,<sup>28</sup>

*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

<sup>23</sup> A/CONF.74/36, chap. I.

<sup>24</sup> See E/1980/SR.38.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>26</sup> E/1980/44.

<sup>27</sup> E/1980/104.

<sup>28</sup> See E/1980/SR.42.

the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be substantially increased to meet urgent requirements,

*Noting with deep concern* the extreme difficulties that the Government of Ethiopia is faced with in looking after the basic needs and rehabilitation of a large number of displaced persons and voluntary returnees,

*Recognizing* the need for continued humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the large number of displaced persons in Ethiopia and to rehabilitate them,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the interagency mission which visited Ethiopia to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required to help the displaced persons in that country;

2. *Commends* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging for a comprehensive report on the needs of displaced persons in Ethiopia to be circulated to the international community;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to appeal to the international community and to find ways and means of mobilizing urgently humanitarian assistance for displaced persons and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States and the appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and other specialized agencies, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and voluntary agencies, to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its effort to provide relief and rehabilitation to the displaced persons in Ethiopia;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

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

*44th plenary meeting  
24 July 1980*

#### **1980/55. Situation of refugees in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* resolution CM/Res. 814 (XXXV) adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held

at Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June 1980, by which it expressed its deep concern over the ever-increasing number of refugees in Africa and the alarming deterioration of their living conditions,

*Aware* that the serious situation arising from the growing number of refugees, currently estimated at five million, places a heavy social and economic burden on the host countries which provide the refugees with asylum or relief,

*Conscious* of the need for greater attention to be paid by the international community to the plight of refugees in Africa and, for that purpose, the need for the intensified dissemination of information on the problem,

*Appreciating* the assistance given so far by the international community to refugees in Africa,

*Noting*, however, that the amount of assistance received falls far short of the over-all requirements to meet the needs of the refugees,

1. *Takes note* of resolution CM/Res. 814 (XXXV) of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, in particular paragraph 8 thereof, relating to the need for an international pledging conference for refugees in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to consult the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on appropriate ways and means of convening such a conference;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to arrange for consultation with the competent United Nations agencies and bodies for the purpose of preparing an adequate publicity programme giving special attention to the conditions and needs of refugees in Africa;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress of his consultations;

5. *Appeals*, meanwhile, to all Member States and appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes to provide the maximum financial and material assistance to refugees in Africa, as well as to the Governments of the countries of asylum, in order that the latter may strengthen their capacity to act as hosts to the refugees and to provide the necessary services for their care, rehabilitation and resettlement.

*44th plenary meeting  
24 July 1980*

#### **1980/56. Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee was created in 1975 by the Economic Commission for Latin America to act as a co-ordinating body for activities relating to development and co-operation and as a consultative organ of the Commission.