

with preparations and, in particular, mobilize the resources necessary to meet the budgetary requirements for the Year;

6. *Further requests* that, in making preparations for the Year, due account should be taken of the importance of the Year as an event near the mid-point of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, and that the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union should be designated as the co-ordinator of the United Nations system for the World Communications Year and the secretariat of the International Telecommunication Union should serve as the secretariat for the Year;

7. *Requests* the lead agency to submit to the Council, at its second regular session of 1981, a report on the state of preparations for the Year and, in particular, on the financial resources that are available and programmes that may be of interest to developing countries, in order to enable the Council to make appropriate proposals to the General Assembly.

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1980/70. Assistance to the drought-stricken areas in Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda

The Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,⁷⁸

⁷⁸ See E/1980/C.3/SR.13.

Deeply concerned at the gravity of the food situation resulting from drought and other natural disasters confronting Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda,

Noting with appreciation the commendable role and the continued efforts of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and other related United Nations agencies in providing relief and assistance to disaster-affected areas in different parts of the world,

1. *Appeals* to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to provide assistance to the Governments of Djibouti, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the areas stricken by drought and other natural disasters;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, taking into account Council resolutions 1980/44 and 1980/45 of 23 July 1980 and 1980/53 of 24 July 1980:

(a) To send, as a matter of urgency, a multi-agency mission to the countries in question, to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required;

(b) To mobilize humanitarian assistance from the international community for the people displaced as a result of the drought and other natural disasters;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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DECISIONS

1980/150. Composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

At its 24th plenary meeting, on 3 July 1980, the Council took note of the note by the President of the Economic and Social Council⁷⁹ concerning the composition of the Bureau of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace.

1980/151. Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Council

At its 29th plenary meeting, on 8 July 1980, the Council decided that, under the terms of rule 79 of its rules of procedure, the African Regional Centre for Technology should be designated to participate on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the activities of the Centre.

⁷⁹ E/1980/87.

1980/152. Sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 11 July 1980, the Council decided to accept the invitation of the Government of Venezuela to hold the sixth session of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at Caracas from 8 to 12 September 1980,⁸⁰ and to approve the provisional agenda for that session.⁸¹

1980/153. Humanitarian assistance programmes in Djibouti and Somalia

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 16 July 1980, the Council took note of the statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁸² made in response to Council resolutions 1980/9 and 1980/11.

⁸⁰ See E/1980/L.43 and Corr.1.

⁸¹ *Ibid.*, para. 7.

⁸² See E/1980/SR.38.