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Humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 and reaffirming that humanitarian assistance should be provided in accordance with and with due respect for the guiding principles contained in the annex to that resolution,

Recalling also agreed conclusions 1999/1 of the Economic and Social Council adopted at the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 1999, in particular the relevant paragraphs thereof,

Stressing the importance of an adequate United Nations presence in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Noting the efforts by the United Nations system to assess the situation in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, starting with the Inter-Agency Needs Assessment Mission dispatched by the Secretary-General to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia between 16 and 27 May 1999,

Taking note of the report prepared by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat entitled "Electricity and heating in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia: winter 1999-2000",

Also taking note of the report entitled "The Kosovo conflict: consequences for the environment and human settlements", prepared by the Joint United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Centre for Human Settlements Balkans task force on environment and human settlements,

Taking note of the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina,¹

Stressing in this context the need to prevent attacks on ethnic minorities which may lead to additional humanitarian needs,

Aware of the humanitarian requirements of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

Bearing in mind that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has been affected by the problems caused by refugee flows from neighbouring countries and has a large number of internally displaced,

Deeply appreciative of the humanitarian assistance and noting the rehabilitation support rendered by a number of States, international agencies and organizations and non-governmental organizations to alleviate the humanitarian needs of the affected population of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,

1. *Calls upon* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide humanitarian assistance to alleviate the humanitarian needs of the affected population in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, especially during winter months, in particular bearing in mind the special situation of women, children and other vulnerable groups;

2. *Urges* the relevant authorities and the international community to support programmes to ensure that the humanitarian needs of refugees and internally displaced in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia are met and to support durable solutions to their plight, in particular voluntary repatriation and reintegration, and stresses the need to create conditions conducive for their safe return;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize international humanitarian assistance for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-fifth session, under the agenda item "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance", a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

¹ A/54/396 and Add.1.