

*Recognizing also* the efforts made by Democratic Yemen to alleviate the sufferings of the victims of the floods,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken regarding assistance to Democratic Yemen;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to States, international, regional and intergovernmental organizations which have provided assistance to Democratic Yemen;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective comprehensive programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Democratic Yemen in order to help mitigate the damage inflicted on it and implement its rehabilitation and reconstruction plans;

4. *Appeals* to Member States to contribute generously through bilateral and/or multilateral channels to the reconstruction and development process in Democratic Yemen;

5. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization—to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Democratic Yemen and to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective programme of assistance to that country;

6. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations to give urgent consideration to the needs and development requirements of Democratic Yemen;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the situation in Democratic Yemen under review and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

*109th plenary meeting  
17 December 1982*

### 37/151. Special economic assistance to Benin

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/88 of 5 December 1980 and 36/208 of 17 December 1981, in which it appealed to the international community to provide effective and continuous financial, material and technical assistance to Benin so as to help that country overcome its financial and economic difficulties,

*Recalling also* Security Council resolution 419 (1977) of 24 November 1977, in which the Council appealed to all States and all appropriate international organizations, including the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to assist Benin,

*Having heard* the statement made by the representative of Benin before the Second Committee on 4 November 1982<sup>54</sup> describing his country's serious economic and financial situation and the measures adopted by his Government to tackle those difficulties,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General<sup>55</sup> to which is annexed the report of the review mission which he dispatched to Benin in July 1982,

*Noting* from the report that there has been an encouraging development in Benin as a result of the measures adopted by the Government and the appeal of the Secretary-General,

*Deeply concerned*, however, by the fact that Benin continues to experience serious economic and financial difficulties, characterized by a severe balance-of-payments disequilibrium, heavy burdens of external debt and a lack of resources to implement its planned economic and social development programme,

*Noting further* that unfavourable climatic conditions in Benin have entailed losses in agricultural and livestock production and that serious floods have led the Government to introduce emergency measures to assist the stricken populations,

*Taking note* of the recommendation concerning the programme of assistance to Benin as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General,

*Noting further* Benin's urgent need for international assistance in its health programmes, as well as for food aid,

*Aware* of the desire of the Government of Benin to organize in January 1983, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, a round-table conference of partners in development to discuss the country's development needs and to consider ways and means of helping the Government in its efforts to meet those needs,

*Bearing in mind* that Benin is classified as one of the least developed countries,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international programme of economic assistance for Benin;

2. *Endorses fully* the assessment and recommendations of the mission contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>55</sup>

3. *Expresses its appreciation* for the assistance already given or pledged to Benin by Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and regional, interregional and intergovernmental organizations;

4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the various measures adopted by the Government of Benin to strengthen the country's economy, and of the fruitful implementation of a number of economic initiatives of prime importance;

5. *Expresses its concern* at the fact that, in spite of those favourable developments, the Government of Benin continues to encounter serious economic and financial difficulties and that those problems have been aggravated by losses in agricultural and livestock production as a result of the floods in the south of the country and the drought in the north;

6. *Draws attention* to the needs of Benin for supplementary external assistance in order to implement fully the recommended special programme of economic assistance;

7. *Urgently reiterates the appeal* it has addressed to all Member States to provide substantial and appropriate assistance bilaterally and multilaterally, if possible in the form of grants-in-aid or loans granted on favourable terms, in order to enable Benin to carry out fully the recommended special programme of economic assistance;

8. *Urges* Member States, organizations and programmes of the United Nations, regional and interregional organizations, financing and development institutions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously to the needs of Benin at the round-table conference, scheduled to be held at Cotonou in January 1983;

9. *Requests* the appropriate bodies and programmes of the United Nations—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*, 31st meeting, paras. 12-15.

<sup>55</sup> A/37/134 and Corr.1.

Agricultural Development and the United Nations Children's Fund—to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Benin, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the measures they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country;

10. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as international development and financial institutions, to give urgent consideration to the establishment of a programme of assistance to Benin or, where one is already in existence, to the expansion of that programme;

11. *Urges* Member States and appropriate United Nations agencies—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities—to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Benin to meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population, and to provide to that Government, as appropriate, food, medicines and equipment for hospitals and schools;

12. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of Benin and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1983;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Benin;

(b) To ensure that the necessary financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Benin and the mobilization of that assistance;

(c) To keep the situation in Benin under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and the international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1983, of the status of the special programme of economic assistance for Benin;

(d) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Benin and in the organization and implementation of the special programme of economic assistance for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly not later than at its thirty-ninth session.

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### 37/152. Assistance to Cape Verde

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 36/211 of 17 December 1981, in which the international community was called upon to take adequate measures to support the realization of the Five-Year Plan of Cape Verde,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 32/99 of 13 December 1977, 33/127 of 19 December 1978, 34/119 of 14 December 1979 and 35/104 of 5 December 1980, in which the international community was requested to provide an appropriate level of resources for the implementation of the programme of

assistance to Cape Verde as envisaged in the reports of the Secretary-General,<sup>56</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981, endorsing the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,<sup>57</sup>

*Acknowledging* the difficulties inherent in the fragile economy of Cape Verde, aggravated by a permanent and severe drought situation,

*Noting* that Cape Verde is a least developed country, a small archipelago and a member of the Permanent Inter-State Committee in Drought Control in the Sahel,

*Recognizing* that increased substantial and continuous assistance from the international community, both in the short term and in the long term, will contribute to the effective development of Cape Verde,

*Taking into account* that a round table of Cape Verde's partners in development was organized jointly by Cape Verde and the United Nations Development Programme at Praia, Cape Verde, from 21 to 24 June 1982, which undertook a concrete and detailed analysis of the priorities of Cape Verde and the level of resources needed for the implementation of the Five-Year Plan,

*Gravely concerned* that the expected harvest for 1983 has been lost as a result of the failure of the seasonal rains and the recurrence of drought,

*Noting* that, according to a joint report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme of January 1982, the food situation of Cape Verde will remain very critical in the short term and the medium term,

*Recognizing* the strenuous efforts deployed by the Government and the people of Cape Verde in the process of the socio-economic development of the country, despite existing constraints,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General of 14 June 1982<sup>58</sup> on assistance to Cape Verde,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the efforts deployed in the process of mobilizing resources for the implementation of the programme of assistance to Cape Verde;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to States, and to international, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations for their contribution to the programme of assistance to Cape Verde;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Governments and international organizations and non-governmental organizations which participated in the round table of Cape Verde's partners in development, and urges them to take appropriate measures to implement the conclusions of that meeting;

4. *Calls the attention* of the international community to table 6 of the annex to the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>58</sup> which enumerates the projects to which the Government attaches priority;

5. *Urges* Governments and international, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to extend and intensify substantially their assistance with a view to implementing the programme of assistance to Cape Verde as soon as possible;

6. *Invites* the international community, in particular donor countries, to take appropriate and urgent measures to

<sup>56</sup> A/33/167 and Corr.1, A/34/372 and Corr.1, A/35/332 and Corr.1, A/36/265.

<sup>57</sup> *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.8), part one, sect. A.

<sup>58</sup> A/37/124.