

Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,<sup>29</sup> and the oral statements made by the Co-ordinator to the Council at the second regular session of 1979,<sup>30</sup>

1. *Commends* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator for his continued efforts on behalf of the victims of disasters;

2. *Welcomes* the decision taken by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-sixth session in relation to national and regional projects in disaster preparedness and prevention;<sup>31</sup>

3. *Urges* the removal of the obstacles to the recruitment of qualified staff for the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and the acceleration of such recruitment;

4. *Invites* Governments to contribute to the trust fund for the strengthening of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, established under General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), to the subaccount of the trust fund for technical assistance and to the subaccount for emergency assistance set up in accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 3440 (XXX);

5. *Renews* its invitation to Governments, inter-governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with relief operations to co-operate with the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in his efforts to ensure the rapid and timely delivery of appropriate international relief, and to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative or operational measures to remove obstacles and expedite international relief assistance to the victims of disasters;

6. *Invites* the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy to take into account, in its deliberations, matters concerning disaster relief, preparedness and prevention;

7. *Transmits* the annual report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session.

*40th plenary meeting  
3 August 1979*

#### **1979/60. Measures to be taken in consequence of the floods in Jamaica**

##### *The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that Jamaica has recently suffered the effects of widespread flooding, resulting in loss of lives and considerable damage to the economy of the country,

*Expressing its profound sympathy* to the Government and people of Jamaica for the loss of life and serious economic damage caused by the floods,

*Noting* the vigorous efforts made by the Government of Jamaica to relieve the suffering of the victims of the floods, and its declared determination to undertake an extensive rehabilitation and reconstruction programme,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, appealed to the international community to give special attention to natural disasters,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the assistance rendered

<sup>29</sup> A/34/190.

<sup>30</sup> See E/1979/C.3/SR.6 and 8.

<sup>31</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40)*, chap. XXI.

to the people of the stricken areas by some Member States, the United Nations system of organizations and various non-governmental organizations;

2. *Notes also* in particular the assistance rendered by the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the role played by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, particularly in mobilizing relief assistance from the international community;

3. *Invites* all Member States to intensify their efforts and co-operation, with a view to supporting medium-term and long-term measures instituted by the Government of Jamaica for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas affected by the floods;

4. *Invites* governing bodies of specialized agencies, organs and organizations of the United Nations system and international financial institutions to support the efforts of the Government of Jamaica in its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes within the framework of its development plans.

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#### **1979/61. United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1978-1988**

##### *The Economic and Social Council*

*Recommends* to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

*"The General Assembly,*

*"Recalling* its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*"Recalling further* its resolutions 32/160 of 19 December 1977 and 33/197 of 29 January 1979 on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*"Noting with satisfaction* the initiative of the Organization of African Unity and the Economic Commission for Africa in establishing an integrated African road network and the rationalization of Africa's railway systems and other transport systems in order to facilitate the promotion of multinational economic co-operation in Africa, intra-African trade and the political, social and economic integration of Africa,

*"Noting also with satisfaction* the work carried out since June 1977,

*"Recalling also* Economic and Social Council resolution 2097 (LXIII) of 29 July 1977 on the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

*"Taking note* of resolution CM/Res.675 (XXXI) on the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, adopted at Khartoum in July 1978 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity,<sup>32</sup>

*"Taking note also* of resolution 341 (XIV) adopted by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa at the fourteenth session of the Commission, held at Rabat from 20 to 28

<sup>32</sup> See A/33/235 and Corr.1.