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Emergency assistance to Somalia

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the message addressed to the Secretary-General by the Head of State of Somalia, drawing attention to the grave humanitarian situation that has developed in the northern provinces of Somalia as a result of attacks by armed bandits on towns and villages and on public installations, and appealing for emergency assistance to help the Government cope with mass numbers of displaced people and the repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction of vital public facilities and installations,

Being conscious of the critical economic problems already confronting Somalia, as well as the great burden that has been imposed on its economy by the massive presence of over 700,000 refugees,

Bearing in mind that Somalia has been included on the list of least developed countries of the world and that its social and economic infrastructure is barely sufficient to meet the needs of its own inhabitants,

Recognizing that the widespread destruction that has taken place in the northern provinces of Somalia requires the immediate response of the international community for an emergency assistance programme that would provide food, water and

* On behalf of the African States.

shelter for the inhabitants made homeless as a result of these events, and for a programme of emergency assistance and rehabilitation to enable the affected population to return to their homes and become self-reliant,

1. Expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Somalia in facing the complex disaster situation in the northern provinces;

2. Welcomes the current efforts of the Secretary-General and the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system for the assistance so far provided to the people and Government of Somalia in coping with the emergency;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize international assistance and to co-ordinate the efforts of the appropriate organizations of the United Nations system in order to respond in a concerted and effective manner to the request of the Government of Somalia for humanitarian assistance, and to carry out an assessment of priority humanitarian needs, in close co-operation with the government authorities and with the organizations of the United Nations system, and to bring the findings to the attention of the international community without delay;

4. Calls upon all States, as well as the competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to provide financial, material and technical assistance to ensure an effective response to the needs identified by the Secretary-General for relief operations, rehabilitation and reconstruction;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1989 on his efforts, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.
