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Cape Verde, Chad, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal
and Upper Volta: draft resolution

Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and
rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/159 of 19 December 1977 and 33/133 of 19 December 1978,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1918 (LVIII), 2103 (LXIII), 1978/37 and 1979/51 of 5 May 1975, 3 August 1977, 21 July 1978 and 2 August 1979,

Taking note of decision 79/20 of 28 June 1979 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region, 1/

Noting with satisfaction the decisive role played by the United Nations Sahelian Office, on the one hand, in helping to combat the effects of the drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme adopted by the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and, on the other hand, in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 10 (E/1979/40), chap. XXI, sect. H.

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Considering that the nature and magnitude of the needs of the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region, which are among the least developed countries, make it necessary for the international community to continue and to strengthen its action of solidarity in support of the recovery efforts and the economic development of those countries,

Taking account of the appeal made by the Council of Ministers of the Inter-State Committee on Drought Control, at its twenty-first regular session held at Dakar (Senegal) in June 1979, with regard to the food situation in certain States members of CILSS, and particularly in Cape Verde, Chad and Mauritania,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region; 2/
2. Expresses its gratitude to the Governments, agencies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sahel;
3. Requests all Member States, agencies of the United Nations, specialized agencies, in particular the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to give special attention to the current food situation in Cape Verde, Chad and Mauritania;
4. Urges all Governments, agencies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals to continue to respond favourably, either bilaterally or through the United Nations Sahelian Office or any other intermediary, to requests for assistance from the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and from the Committee itself;
5. Reaffirms the role of the United Nations Sahelian Office as the central point and principal body responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of United Nations agencies to help the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region to implement their recovery and rehabilitation programme;
6. Invites the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue to co-ordinate the efforts of the specialized agencies and other United Nations organizations and programmes with a view to ensuring an effective contribution by the United Nations system to the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme for the Sahelian countries and increasing its own ability to respond adequately to additional requests for assistance from the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and from the Committee itself;

7. Further invites the United Nations Sahelian Office to continue its close co-operation with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel with a view to the implementation of the recovery and rehabilitation programme and of priority projects;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.
