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Assistance to Cape Verde

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/127 of 19 December 1978, in which it made an appeal to the international community to provide generous and immediate assistance to the development programme recommended in the report of the Secretary-General on the mission which he sent to Cape Verde in response to Assembly resolution 32/99 of 13 December 1977, 1/ and in which it requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Cape Verde,

Recalling also its resolution 31/17 of 24 November 1976 and 32/99 of 13 December 1977, in which it noted with concern the grave economic situation existing in Cape Verde as a result of severe drought, the total lack of infrastructure for development and other social and economic strains on the economy of the country,

1/ A/33/167 and Corr.1

Recalling further its resolutions 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/170 of 19 December 1977 and 33/133 of 19 December 1978, concerning measures to be taken for the benefit of the drought-stricken countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Recalling its resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976 and 32/185 of 19 December 1977, as well as resolution 111 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, relating to specific action in favour of developing island countries,

Noting that Cape Verde is classified by the United Nations as a least-developed country as well as a most seriously affected country, and is a member of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel,

Bearing in mind resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development which contains a comprehensive programme of action for the least-developed countries, adopted at Manila on 3 June 1979,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General of 9 August 1979, containing the report of the mission which he sent to Cape Verde in response to Assembly resolution 33/127, 2/

Taking note of the current development priorities of the Government of Cape Verde, which include urgent programmes for increasing agricultural production and water supplies, the development of fisheries, the promotion of manufacturing, the exploitation of minerals, the development of inter-island transport and port facilities and the improvement of educational facilities,

Taking into account the fact that the majority of the projects of the programme of development approved by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session are not as yet financed,

Noting also the severe strain on the recurrent budget of Cape Verde, resulting largely from the drought, and the Government's policy of austerity to reduce the financial deficit,

Noting the minimum food needs of Cape Verde for 1979, as described in table 7 of the report of the Secretary-General, 2/

Gravely concerned that the expected harvest for 1980 has been lost as the result of the failure of the seasonal rains and the recurrence of drought,

Recognizing the essential role of food aid for the country at the current stage of development and the fact that the food aid made available to Cape Verde has helped to ensure a minimum availability of food and has, in addition, contributed to labour-intensive development projects through the use of sale proceeds,

Recognizing also the gravity and urgency of the economic and social problems confronting Cape Verde and the country's need for more effective and immediate assistance for the integral implementation of a programme of accelerated development,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance for Cape Verde;

2. Endorses fully the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General 2/ and draws the attention of the international community to the urgent requirements for the assistance identified in it;

3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States and international organizations for the assistance provided to Cape Verde, both in food aid and development aid;

4. Reiterates its appeal to all States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies to provide financial, material and technical assistance to Cape Verde so as to enable it to carry out a programme of accelerated development;

5. Calls upon Member States to give special consideration to the early inclusion of Cape Verde in their programmes of development assistance and, in cases where assistance programmes for Cape Verde are already in force, to expand them, wherever possible;

6. Calls upon the international community to contribute generously to all appeals for food and fodder assistance made by the Government of Cape Verde or on its behalf by the competent organizations and specialized United Nations agencies to help it cope with the critical situation in the country;

7. Invites the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development 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 Cape Verde and to report the decisions of these bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 August 1980;

8. Draws the attention of the international community to the special account which was established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/99 for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Cape Verde;

9. Requests the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to report periodically to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to assist Cape Verde;

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10. 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 Cape Verde;

(b) To pursue with the Government of Cape Verde the question of organizing a meeting of donors and, in this respect, to co-ordinate efforts with the United Nations Development Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa and the World Bank;

(c) To ensure that adequate financial and budgetary arrangements are made to continue the organization of the international programme of assistance to Cape Verde and the mobilization of assistance;

(d) To keep the situation in Cape Verde under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1980, of the current status of the special economic assistance programme for Cape Verde;

(e) To arrange for a review of the economic situation of Cape Verde and the progress made in organizing and implementing the special economic assistance programme for that country in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.
