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Report of the Second Committee (Part III)\*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Committee held a substantive debate on item 86 at its 26th, 28th to 30th and 36th to 38th meetings, on 28 and 31 October and 2, 8 and 9 November 1988. Action to be taken was considered at the 40th to 45th and 47th meetings, on 10, 11, 15, 21, 23 and 30 November and 6 December 1988 (see A/C.2/43/SR.40-45 and 47). An account of the Committee's general discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/43/SR.26, 28-30 and 36-38).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.2/43/L.35

2. At the 38th meeting, on 9 November, the representative of Tunisia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/43/L.35) entitled "Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator".

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft decision.

\* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in three parts (see also A/43/918 and Add.1).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/43/L.35 without a vote (see para. 47).

5. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Australia made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.42).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/43/L.59 and L.70

6. At the 43rd meeting, on 21 November, the representative of Tunisia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.59) entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

"Recalling also its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988,

"Recognizing that activities related to disaster preparedness and prevention were significantly higher than in the previous biennium, and appreciating the good performance of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in strengthening the national emergency services of affected developing countries by providing, inter alia, advice and expertise on the utilization of early warning systems, as well as on the elaboration and implementation of disaster contingency plans for pre-disaster planning and post-disaster periods,

"1. Encourages the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to expand further its information base and its capacity to disseminate timely and reliable disaster related information and to continue to update its profiles of disaster-prone countries, as well as to develop its project of an International Disaster Management Information Network;

"2. Requests the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to strengthen its relationships with Member States, in particular with focal points in disaster-prone countries and, in this connection, recognizes that there is a need for more frequent meetings of National Emergency Relief Services."

7. At the 45th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.70) entitled "Special economic and disaster relief assistance", which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.59.

8. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco made a statement.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.70 without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution I).

10. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.70, draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.59 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.33

11. At the 40th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of the Central African Republic, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, the Comoros, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, the Niger, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.33) entitled "Special economic assistance to Chad".

12. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.33 without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution II).

14. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Chad made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.42).

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.38

15. At the 40th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.38) entitled "Emergency assistance to Somalia".

16. At the same meeting, the representative of Somalia made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.40).

17. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.38 without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution III).

19. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Somalia made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.40).

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.45

20. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Jordan, on behalf of Bahrain, France, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Spain, subsequently joined by Madagascar, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.45) entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon".

21. At the 43rd meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.45 without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution IV).

23. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Lebanon made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.43).

F. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.48

24. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, China, the Congo, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Italy, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe, the Sudan, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Bangladesh, Austria and Spain, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.48), entitled "Assistance to Mozambique".

25. At the 43rd meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

26. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (see A/C.2/43/SR.43).

27. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.48 without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution V).

28. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Mozambique made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.43).

G. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.49

29. At the 43rd meeting, on 21 November, the representative of Zambia, on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Barbados, Benin, Botswana, Burundi, Cape Verde, the Congo, Cuba, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, Ghana, Liberia, the Libyan

Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tunisia, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, subsequently joined by Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.49) entitled "Special assistance to front-line States".

30. At the 44th meeting, on 23 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

31. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.49 by a recorded vote of 139 to none, with 1 abstention (see para. 46, draft resolution VI). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: United States of America.

32. After the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.49, the representatives of the United States of America and Zambia made statements (see A/C.2/43/SR.44).

H. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46

33. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Costa Rica, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.46) entitled "Special plan of economic co-operation for Central America".

34. At the 45th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, and, on behalf of the sponsors, orally amended it by inserting the words "promote and" before "strengthen democracy" in the second preambular paragraph and by correcting footnote 3/ in the third preambular paragraph to read "A/43/729-S/20234".

35. At that meeting, the representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution as orally amended.

36. At that meeting, the representative of the United Nations Development Programme also made a statement.

37. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.46, as orally amended, without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution VII).

38. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of the United States of America and Nicaragua made statements (see A/C.2/43/SR.45).

I. Draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.67

39. At the 45th meeting, on 30 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. José U. Fernández (Philippines), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/43/L.67) entitled "Assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Madagascar and Vanuatu", which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

40. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/43/L.67 without a vote.

41. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Vanuatu, Djibouti, the Central African Republic, Ecuador, Madagascar and Benin made statements (see A/C.2/43/SR.45).

42. At its 47th meeting, on 6 December, on the proposal of the Chairman of the Committee, the Committee decided to reopen its consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/43/67, and, at the request of one delegation, oral revisions were made to the text, as follows:

(a) In the title, the words "Democratic Yemen" were inserted after "Central African Republic";

(b) A new eighth preambular paragraph was added, reading:

"Noting the efforts made by the Government of Democratic Yemen in its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes in response to the devastating consequences of the floods in 1982,";

(c) In the twelfth preambular paragraph (now thirteenth preambular paragraph), the words "Democratic Yemen" were inserted after "Central African Republic".

43. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, as orally revised, the representative of New Zealand made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.47).

44. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution VIII).

45. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Democratic Yemen made a statement (see A/C.2/43/SR.47).

### III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

46. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION I

##### Special economic and disaster relief assistance

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, by which it established the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Recalling also its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988,

Taking note with interest of the reports of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator 1 and on special economic and disaster relief assistance, 2/

1/ A/43/375-E/1988/73 and Corr.1.

2/ A/43/731.

Recognizing that activities related to disaster preparedness and prevention were significantly greater than in 1986-1987, and appreciating, in this regard, the contribution of bilateral donors and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as the good performance of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in strengthening the national emergency services of affected developing countries by providing, inter alia, advice and expertise on the utilization of early warning systems and on the elaboration and implementation of disaster contingency plans for pre-disaster planning and post-disaster periods,

1. Encourages the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to expand further its information base and its capacity to disseminate timely and reliable disaster-related information and to continue to update its profiles of disaster-prone countries, as well as to develop its International Disaster Management Information Network, bearing in mind the report to be prepared by the Secretary-General in response to the request made by the General Assembly in paragraph 5 of its resolution 42/169;

2. Takes note with interest of the close co-operation between the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations Development Programme, as described in the final report of the joint United Nations Development Programme/Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator task force, contained in the report of the Secretary-General on special economic and disaster relief assistance; 3/

3. Requests the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to strengthen its relationship with Member States, in particular with national focal points in disaster-prone countries, and, in this connection, recognizes the need for meetings, which may be held at the regional and/or international level, at appropriate intervals, with the participation of heads of national emergency relief services of donor and recipient countries.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION II

##### Special economic assistance to Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/200 of 11 December 1987 and its previous resolutions on assistance in the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Chad, emergency humanitarian assistance to Chad and special economic assistance to that country,



Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on special economic assistance to Chad, 4/ relating, inter alia, to the economic and financial situation of Chad, the status of assistance provided for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country and the progress made in organizing and executing the programme of assistance for that country,

Considering that the effects of war, natural calamities and disasters are compromising all the reconstruction and development efforts of the Government of Chad,

Taking note of the numerous appeals launched by the Government of Chad and governmental and non-governmental organizations regarding the seriousness of the food and health situation in Chad,

Noting also that the donor round table on assistance in the rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction of northern Chad will be convened by the Government of Chad, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, on 14, 15 and 16 December 1988,

Noting the need for emergency economic assistance to Chad,

Also noting with satisfaction that the implementation of the interim plan for 1986-1988 is now drawing to an end and that a development plan for 1989-1992 is being prepared,

Welcoming the round table on assistance to Chad, convened by the United Nations Development Programme at Geneva on 4 and 5 December 1985, in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the International Conference on Assistance to Chad, held in November 1982,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and governmental and non-governmental organizations that responded and are continuing to respond generously to the appeals of the Government of Chad and of the Secretary-General by furnishing assistance to Chad;
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties of Chad and to mobilize assistance for that country;
3. Renews the request made to States, competent United Nations organizations and programmes and international economic and financial institutions to continue:

(a) To provide the necessary humanitarian assistance to the people of Chad, who have suffered from the combined effects of the war, drought, flooding and the invasion of predators;

(b) To contribute to the rehabilitation and development of Chad;

4. Notes with satisfaction that the sectoral follow-up meetings envisaged by the Conference on Assistance to Chad, held at Geneva in December 1985, took place in December 1987 and February 1988 at N'djamena;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To contribute, in co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, to the preparation of a development plan for Chad for 1989-1992;

(b) To continue to assess, in close collaboration with the humanitarian agencies concerned, the humanitarian needs, particularly in the areas of food and health, of the displaced populations;

(c) To mobilize special humanitarian assistance for persons who have suffered as a result of the war, natural calamities and disasters, and for the resettlement of displaced persons;

6. Invites States and competent United Nations organizations and programmes to participate actively in the donor round table on assistance in the rehabilitation, recovery and reconstruction of northern Chad, scheduled for 14, 15 and 16 December 1988;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to keep the situation in Chad under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION III

#### Emergency assistance to Somalia

#### The General Assembly,

Taking note of the message addressed to the Secretary-General by the Head of State of Somalia, in which he drew 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 the large numbers of displaced persons and the repair, rehabilitation and reconstruction of vital public facilities and installations,

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 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 and 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.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

##### Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/199 of 11 December 1987 and its previous resolutions on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/50 of 26 July 1988 and previous relevant Council resolutions and decisions,

Noting with deep concern the grave deterioration of the economic situation in Lebanon,

Reaffirming the urgent need for further international action to assist the Government of Lebanon in its continuing efforts for reconstruction and development,

Welcoming the determined efforts of the Government of Lebanon in undertaking its reconstruction and rehabilitation programme,

Noting with appreciation the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Special Representative for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon and resident co-ordinator of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in Lebanon,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General <sup>5/</sup> and of the statements made on 8 November 1988 by the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, <sup>6/</sup>

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Development Programme is resuming its programme in Lebanon,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report and for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance to Lebanon;
2. Commends the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services for his co-ordination of system-wide assistance to Lebanon;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue and intensify his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts;
4. Expresses its appreciation for the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Special Representative for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon and resident co-ordinator of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in Lebanon;
5. Calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the pressing needs of Lebanon and to take the necessary steps to ensure that their offices at Beirut are adequately staffed at the senior level;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>5/</sup> A/43/727.

<sup>6/</sup> See A/C.2/43/SR.36.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Assistance to Mozambique

The General Assembly,

Recalling Security Council resolution 386 (1976) of 17 March 1976,

Recalling also the relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 41/197 of 8 December 1986, in which the Assembly urged the international community to respond effectively and generously to the call for assistance to Mozambique,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique, including the annex to the report, 7/

Considering that Mozambique continues to face a complex emergency situation of extreme proportions, as illustrated in the report of the Secretary-General,

Noting with deep concern that Mozambique has continued to suffer from the cumulative and negative impact of externally supported acts of destabilization, as well as persistent natural disasters, resulting, inter alia, in enormous losses of human life, widespread destruction of infrastructure and large numbers of displaced persons, which, combined with an adverse international economic situation, have led to an overall retrogression of the country's development,

Recognizing that substantial international assistance is still required for the implementation of emergency, reconstruction and development projects,

Stressing that a proper response to the emergency situation in Mozambique requires the reinforcement of relief aid with additional rehabilitation and development assistance,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Mozambique, including the annex to the report;
2. Welcomes the efforts undertaken by the Government of Mozambique, as reflected in its emergency and economic recovery programmes, and, in this context, stresses the imperative need for substantial international assistance in support of these efforts;
3. Expresses its appreciation to, and commends, the Secretary-General and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system for the measures taken to organize international assistance programmes for Mozambique;

4. Expresses its gratitude to all States, regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have rendered assistance to Mozambique;
5. Notes, however, that the total assistance provided to date to Mozambique continues to fall short of the country's urgent requirements;
6. Reiterates its appeal to the international community to continue to provide relief aid, including food aid and logistics support, so as to improve distribution capacity and prevent further widespread starvation;
7. Draws the attention of the international community to the non-food sectors, as described in the documents of the Conference on Humanitarian Assistance to Mozambique, held at Maputo on 26 and 27 April 1988, the funding of which continues to lag, particularly the agriculture, health and education sectors;
8. Calls upon Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide and expand technical, financial and other material assistance to Mozambique wherever possible, especially in the form of grants, and urges them to give priority to the inclusion of Mozambique in their development assistance programmes;
9. Invites the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system - in particular, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization - to maintain and increase their current and future programmes of assistance to Mozambique;
10. Requests the Secretary-General:
  - (a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the financial, technical and material assistance required by Mozambique;
  - (b) To continue to co-ordinate the work of the United Nations system, in close co-operation with the Government of Mozambique, in the implementation of the country's emergency and rehabilitation programmes;
  - (c) To keep the situation in Mozambique under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system and to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 of the status of the programmes of assistance to Mozambique;
  - (d) To prepare, on the basis of consultations with the Government of Mozambique, a report on the implementation of the emergency and rehabilitation programmes for that country and to submit the report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Special assistance to front-line States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/199 of 8 December 1986 and 42/201 of 11 December 1987,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 8/

Deeply concerned at the continuing deteriorating situation in southern Africa, which has aggravated the economic problems confronting the front-line States and other bordering States, arising from the apartheid policies of the Pretoria régime,

Conscious of the responsibility of the international community to address the problems of the region,

Commending the concerted and determined efforts of the countries of the region to cope with the prevailing adverse conditions by strengthening their economic co-operation and lessening their dependence on South Africa, particularly in the areas of transportation, communications and related sectors,

Reaffirming the importance of close co-operation between the United Nations and the front-line States,

Mindful of Security Council resolutions 568 (1985) of 21 June 1985, 571 (1985) of 20 September 1985 and 581 (1986) of 13 February 1986, by which the Council, inter alia, requested the international community to render assistance to the front-line States,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to the front-line States;
2. Strongly urges the international community to continue to provide in a timely and effective manner the financial, material and technical assistance necessary to enhance the individual and collective capacity of the front-line States and other bordering States to withstand the effects of economic measures taken by South Africa, or by the international community against South Africa, in accordance with their national and regional plans and strategies;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue mobilizing organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system so that they may respond

to such requests for assistance as might be forthcoming from individual States or the appropriate subregional organization, and further urges all States to respond favourably to such requests;

4. Appeals to all States and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support the national and collective emergency programmes prepared by the front-line States and other bordering States to overcome the critical problems arising from the situation in South Africa;

5. Notes with appreciation the assistance being rendered to the front-line States by donor countries and intergovernmental organizations;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

##### Special plan of economic co-operation for Central America

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 42/110 of 7 December 1987 and 42/204 of 11 December 1987 and, in particular, its resolution 42/231 of 12 May 1988, in which it urged the international community and international organizations to increase their technical, economic and financial co-operation with the Central American countries for the implementation of the activities supporting the goals and objectives of the special plan of economic co-operation for Central America, 9/

Reiterating the importance of the commitment contained in the agreement signed by Central American Presidents at Guatemala City on 7 August 1987, at the Esquipulas II summit meeting, 10/ to promote and strengthen democracy in the Central American countries through the creation of a system of economic and social well-being and justice, and jointly to seek special economic assistance from the international community,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central America, 11/

9/ A/42/949, annex.

10/ A/42/521-S/19085, annex.

11/ A/43/729-S/20234.



Noting with satisfaction the agreement reached by the Governments of Central America with regard to the mechanisms for implementing the special plan, and recognizing the need to continue consultations on those mechanisms with the co-operating countries and international organizations, in implementation of its resolution 42/231,

Deeply concerned about the emergency situation in Central America and alarmed at the seriousness of the economic and social crisis that it faces, which has been accentuated by the catastrophic effects of recent meteorological phenomena in the region,

Reaffirming its conviction that peace and development are inseparable,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his report on the situation in Central America and for the efforts that he has made in behalf of the special plan of economic co-operation for Central America;
2. Welcomes decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in particular paragraph 9 (b), in which funds were allocated for the promotion, co-ordination, implementation and follow-up of the special plan;
3. Welcomes with satisfaction the working out by the Central American Governments, in co-ordination with the United Nations Development Programme and in consultation with the co-operating community, of mechanisms for the implementation of its resolution 42/231 and the ongoing consultations on those mechanisms;
4. Recommends the convening of a meeting, in early 1989, in close co-ordination with the United Nations Development Programme, between the Governments of Central America, the bilateral and multilateral co-operating community, including the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and multilateral, regional and subregional international financial institutions and intergovernmental organizations, for the purpose of reviewing events relating to the development process, including assistance requirements, and of discussing the programmes and projects that could be implemented as soon as possible in support of the goals and objectives of the special plan;
5. Urges the Member States and observers, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, the organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, the regional and subregional organs and agencies, taking into account the emergency situation faced by the Central American countries, to participate actively and to adopt immediate measures for the implementation of the activities supporting the goals and objectives of the special plan;
6. Emphasizes the urgent need to provide the Central American countries with financial resources on concessional and favourable terms, in addition to those which they are already receiving from the international community;

7. Welcomes the convening of an international conference on Central American refugees, to be held in Guatemala from 3 to 5 May 1989;

8. Decides to review and evaluate the progress in the implementation of the special plan of economic co-operation for Central America at its forty-fourth session, in the light of the report requested of the Secretary-General in its resolution 42/231.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

#### Assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Madagascar and Vanuatu

##### The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/205 of 11 December 1987 on assistance to Benin, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, the Gambia, Madagascar, Nicaragua and Vanuatu and its previous resolutions on assistance to the countries concerned,

Having considered the relevant report of the Secretary-General, 12/

Noting with satisfaction the financial, economic and technical support that Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and regional, interregional and intergovernmental organizations have been providing to those countries,

Deeply concerned that those countries continue to face special economic and financial difficulties owing to a variety of factors,

Noting that Benin continues to experience grave economic and financial difficulties, characterized by a marked balance-of-payments disequilibrium, the heavy burden of its external debt and a lack of resources necessary for the implementation of its planned economic and social development programme, and that its situation is even more precarious following the disastrous floods that have caused substantial material damage and loss of human lives during the months of August, September and October 1988,

Noting the persistence of the grave difficulties that the Government of the Central African Republic continues to face in the efforts that it has made since 1982 to re-establish the economic stability of the country, and that it is important to mobilize more supplementary resources in order to enable it to achieve its objectives in its development programme,

Noting also that severe and harsh climatic conditions coupled with chronic aridity preclude the possibility for any meaningful agricultural activities, and that the lingering effects of recurrent drought and the presence of large numbers of refugees and displaced persons are having a devastating impact on the already precarious economic and social development of Djibouti,

Noting the efforts made by the Government of Democratic Yemen in its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes in response to the devastating consequences of the floods in 1982,

Bearing in mind the economic and financial consequences of the earthquakes of March 1987 in Ecuador and their negative impact on its balance of payments, the current account deficit amounting to \$776 million and the public sector deficit amounting to more than \$305 million in the months following March 1987, and taking into account the fact that all the efforts made by the Government of Ecuador to improve that adverse situation have not produced the desired results owing to the domestic economic recession and the effects of the international economic crisis, which seriously impede the entire economic and social development process,

Noting that Madagascar's economic and social development efforts are being thwarted by the adverse effects of the cyclones and floods that afflict that country periodically, particularly those of December 1983, January and April 1984 and March 1986, and that the execution of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes requires the mobilization of sizeable resources exceeding the country's real possibilities,

Noting also that Vanuatu, an island developing country, continues to experience severe constraints in its economic and social development as a consequence, inter alia, of declining export prices leading to a deterioration in its terms of trade, and a high population growth rate coupled with a shortage of skilled manpower,

Noting further the particularly difficult problems faced by island developing countries in responding to negative and special economic circumstances, as referred to in the report of the Secretary-General 13/ called for in its resolution 41/163 of 5 December 1986, and its resolution \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,

Noting that Benin, the Central African Republic, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti and Vanuatu are among the countries classified as least developed countries,

Having heard the statements of Member States at the forty-third session of the General Assembly on the situations currently prevailing in those countries,

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13/ See A/43/513 and Corr.1.

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize resources for carrying out the special programmes of economic assistance to those countries;
2. Expresses its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the Governments of those countries to overcome their economic and financial difficulties;
3. Also expresses its appreciation for the assistance provided or pledged to those countries by Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and regional, interregional and intergovernmental organizations;
4. Further expresses its appreciation for the action taken by the United Nations and the specialized agencies, in particular the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, and for the contributions of the international community with regard to the immediate assistance provided to the population and areas affected by the earthquakes in Ecuador in March 1987;
5. Welcomes the recent successful conclusion of a round-table meeting for Vanuatu, conducted by the United Nations Development Programme on 28 October 1988;
6. Notes with concern that the assistance made available to those countries has not been adequate to meet their urgent requirements and that additional assistance is therefore needed;
7. Reaffirms the need for all Governments and international organizations to fulfil the commitments undertaken within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries; 14/
8. Appeals to Member States, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to respond generously and urgently to the needs of those countries as identified in the report of the Secretary-General; 12/
9. Appeals to the specialized agencies, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and to the international community to provide the necessary assistance to the rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes in Ecuador, which are essential to the most affected areas and populations and whose implementation is impeded by the national budgetary constraints resulting from the economic crisis, and requests the Secretary-General to use

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14/ 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.

his good offices to promote greater participation by the international community and the United Nations system in the implementation of those programmes;

10. Invites the international community to contribute to the special accounts established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to the countries facing special difficulties;

11. Urgently appeals to all international organizations, in particular the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, humanitarian organizations and voluntary agencies, to continue and increase, to the extent possible, their assistance in response to the reconstruction, economic recovery and development needs of those countries;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps, in collaboration with the organs, agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/192 of 8 December 1986 on special programmes of economic assistance, to provide assistance for all disasters, natural or otherwise, striking those countries and to mobilize the necessary resources to enable them to meet their short-, medium- and long-term needs;

13. Further requests the Secretary-General to keep the question of assistance to those countries and their economic situation under review and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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47. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/51 of 26 July 1988 entitled "Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations: Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator". 15/

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