

mended by the Secretary-General in his report submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 34/121 of 14 December 1979.<sup>223</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 36/217 of 17 December 1981,

*Recalling further* its resolution 3339 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which it invited Member States to provide economic assistance to the then newly independent State of Guinea-Bissau, and its resolutions 32/100 of 13 December 1977 and 33/124 of 19 December 1978, in which it, *inter alia*, expressed deep concern at the serious economic situation in Guinea-Bissau and appealed to the international community to provide financial and economic assistance to that country.

*Having considered* the summary report of the Secretary-General,<sup>224</sup>

*Recalling that* Guinea-Bissau is one of the least developed countries,

*Noting with concern* that Guinea-Bissau continues to be beset by serious economic and financial difficulties,

*Also noting with concern* that the gross national product has dropped in real terms, that the balance-of-payments deficit continues to increase, that the external debt is imposing a heavy burden on the economy and that the budget deficit has also risen substantially.

*Noting that* Guinea-Bissau continues to face a serious food shortage and needs more than 82,000 tonnes of food-stuffs,

*Noting with satisfaction* that the Government of Guinea-Bissau has prepared a comprehensive development strategy aimed at stabilizing the country's finances and ensuring the country's economic recovery within the framework of a four-year development plan (1983-1986),

*Noting also* that the Government of Guinea-Bissau, in view of the seriousness of the economic situation, has decided to implement a rigorous economic and financial stabilization programme, the main purpose of which is to remedy the economic situation.

*Noting further* that the Government of Guinea-Bissau had proposed, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, to hold a round table of donors at Geneva in January 1984 and that, to this end, it held a preparatory meeting of donors at Lisbon from 17 to 19 November 1983,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to mobilize assistance to Guinea-Bissau;

2. *Draws the attention* of the international community to the requirements for assistance for the projects and programmes identified in the Secretary-General's reports mentioned above;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those States and organizations that have provided assistance to Guinea-Bissau in response to appeals by the General Assembly and the Secretary-General;

4. *Calls upon* Member States and the international organizations concerned to be generous in granting Guinea-Bissau the food aid it needs;

5. *Renews its urgent appeal* to Member States, regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental organizations to continue providing financial, material and technical assistance to Guinea-Bissau to help it overcome its economic and financial difficulties and to permit the implementation of the projects and programmes identified in the annexes to the reports of the Secretary-General;

6. *Urges* Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and interregional bodies and financial and development institutions, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations, to respond generously to the needs of Guinea-Bissau at the round table of donors in January 1984;

7. *Appeals* to the international community to contribute to the special account established at United Nations Headquarters by the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/100, for the purpose of facilitating the channelling of contributions to Guinea-Bissau;

8. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health 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 Guinea-Bissau and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1984;

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 Guinea-Bissau;

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 Guinea-Bissau;

(b) To keep the situation in Guinea-Bissau under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular sessions of 1984 and 1985, as well as the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, of the status of the special programme of economic assistance for Guinea-Bissau;

(c) To arrange for a review of the results of the round table of donors scheduled to be held in January 1984, and of the progress made in organizing and implementing the special programme of economic assistance for Guinea-Bissau in time for the matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

*104th plenary meeting  
20 December 1983*

### **38/222. Assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to alleviate the effects of natural disasters**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/45 of 28 July 1983, in which the Council expressed its deep concern about the large-scale devastation wrought by the heavy rain and floods that had recently affected extensive areas of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru and by the drought suffered by Bolivia and Peru,

*Recognizing* that those phenomena have devastated urban and rural areas and caused serious damage to agriculture, stock-raising and agro-industry, which are important sectors of economic activity in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru,

*Also recognizing* the serious damage to basic services, resulting in impaired living conditions, particularly condi-

<sup>223</sup> A/35/343.

<sup>224</sup> A/38/216, sect. X.

tions affecting health, in those areas, and also the serious damage to the transport and communications infrastructure.

*Bearing in mind* the statements made by the representatives of the Governments of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru at the special meeting on emergency assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, convened by the Secretary-General on 10 August 1983, and the documents submitted to that meeting, containing a preliminary evaluation of the damage caused by the natural phenomena in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru and the identification of immediate international assistance requirements.

*Having received* information from the Co-ordinator of the Special Economic Assistance Programmes on the measures taken by the Secretary-General, with particular reference to the findings of the multi-agency mission, which evaluated the damage and proposed a programme of reconstruction and rehabilitation for the affected areas and sectors,<sup>225</sup>

*Affirming* the urgent need for prompt and concerted international action to assist the peoples and Governments of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to cope with the emergency situation resulting from natural disasters and to carry out the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the areas and sectors affected,

*Noting with appreciation* the work done by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator and the United Nations Development Programme and the assistance provided by Governments, the programmes and organizations of the United Nations system and governmental and non-governmental organizations during the emergency phase,

*Noting with satisfaction* the timely action taken by the Secretary-General during the emergency, through the appointment of a personal representative and the dispatch of a multisectoral mission to prepare a special programme of economic assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas and sectors in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru,

1. *Takes note* of the efforts made by the peoples and Governments of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to cope with the emergency situation and to initiate rehabilitation and reconstruction;

2. *Expresses its gratitude* to all States, programmes and organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations that have provided assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru during the emergency;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the timely action which he took during the emergency and also for the dispatch of the multisectoral mission to the three countries for the preparation of special programmes of economic assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas and sectors in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru on the basis of their needs;

4. *Urgently reiterates the appeal* of the Economic and Social Council to all States, governmental and non-governmental organizations, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to co-operate in the financing of programmes for the reconstruction of the infrastructure and for the rehabilitation of the affected areas of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru and to participate actively in their implementation;

5. *Requests* the appropriate programmes and organizations of the United Nations system to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Bolivia, Ecuador

and Peru in support of the rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in those countries;

6. *Also requests* regional and interregional organizations, non-governmental organizations and international financial institutions to give urgent consideration to the establishment of assistance programmes for rehabilitation and reconstruction in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru or to the expansion of existing programmes;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and other appropriate programmes and operational funds, to refer the special needs of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru to their governing bodies, for their consideration, and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1984;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts and to take appropriate steps in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme for the mobilization of resources for the implementation of special programmes of economic assistance for rehabilitation and reconstruction in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru and to disseminate widely the findings of the multisectoral mission;

(b) To keep the situation regarding special economic assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional organizations and the international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the status of the mobilization of assistance;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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20 December 1983*

### 38/223. Assistance to Nicaragua<sup>226</sup>

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 34/8 of 25 October 1979, 35/84 of 5 December 1980, 36/213 of 17 December 1981 and 37/157 of 17 December 1982 concerning assistance for the reconstruction of Nicaragua,

*Recalling also* Economic and Social Council decision 1982/168 of 29 July 1982,

*Recalling further* resolution 982 adopted by the Seventeenth Regional Conference for Latin America of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, held at Managua from 30 August to 10 September 1982,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to Nicaragua,<sup>227</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* the support that Member States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system have given to the efforts of the Government of Nicaragua for the reconstruction of the country,

<sup>225</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Second Committee, 35th meeting, para. 38.*

<sup>226</sup> See also resolution 38/217 above.

<sup>227</sup> A/38/218.