

including the International Committee of the Red Cross and the League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and requests the Secretary-General to consider the establishment of a small consultative group composed of executives of these major relief organizations, in their individual capacity, to provide advice, upon request, to the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the assessment of relief needs and in the preparation and execution of concerted relief programmes;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to permit the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to respond to requests for emergency disaster assistance up to a total of \$600,000 in any one year, with a normal ceiling of \$50,000 per country in the case of any one disaster, within existing resources as far as possible;

10. *Once again urgently calls upon* all States to respond positively and expeditiously to the Secretary-General's appeals for contributions to meet natural disasters and other disaster situations;

11. *Appeals* to Governments for urgent voluntary contributions, channelled through the Trust Fund of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to enable the Office to cover, *inter alia*, unforeseen expenses in connection with disaster relief operations;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Governments of both donor and recipient countries, as well as with appropriate agencies, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1984, specific proposals to follow up the conclusions and problems identified in his comprehensive report, as well as in the present resolution.

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38/203. Assistance to Ghana

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/44 of 28 July 1983, in which the Council expressed its deep concern at the adverse economic conditions in Ghana, exacerbated by the sudden repatriation early in 1983 of over one million Ghanaians,

Having heard the statement made by the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Ghana on 11 October 1983,¹⁸¹ in which he expressed appreciation for the humanitarian assistance rendered by Governments, the United Nations system and other organizations during the difficult period of the influx of returnees and his appreciation of the action taken by the Secretary-General, and described his country's serious economic and financial situation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁸² to which is annexed the report of the multi-agency mission which he dispatched to Ghana in May 1983,

Noting from the report the serious economic and financial problems that confront Ghana and the efforts made by the Government, and people of Ghana to cope with these problems and to rehabilitate returnees,

Taking note of the recommended programme of assistance to Ghana, drawn up by the mission in consultation with the Government, concerning short-term emergency-related and medium-term recovery-related assistance,¹⁸³

Affirming the urgent need for international action to assist the Government and the people of Ghana in their

efforts towards economic recovery and rehabilitation of returnees,

1. *Takes note* of the efforts made by the Government and people of Ghana to rehabilitate returnees;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his prompt action and for the report of the multi-agency mission on the economic situation of Ghana and the additional assistance required by that country to cope with the problems exacerbated by the influx of returnees;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to all States and organizations that have provided emergency humanitarian assistance to Ghana;

4. *Endorses* the assessment and recommendations of the multi-agency mission annexed to the report of the Secretary-General pertaining to assistance to Ghana;¹⁸²

5. *Urgently reiterates the appeal* made by the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1983/44, to all States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to support fully the efforts of the Government of Ghana to mobilize funds for its special economic assistance programme and respond generously to the short-term and medium-term programmes drawn up by the multi-agency mission in consultation with the Government of Ghana;

6. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, 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 and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization—to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Ghana, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in his efforts to organize an effective international programme of assistance and to report periodically to him on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country;

7. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as international financial institutions, to give urgent consideration to the establishment of a programme of assistance to Ghana or, where one is already in existence, to the expansion of that programme;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of international assistance to Ghana;

(b) To keep the situation regarding assistance to Ghana under constant review, to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions concerned, and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular sessions of 1984 and 1985, of the current status of the special economic assistance programme for Ghana, including contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Special Economic Assistance Programmes, in accordance with Council resolution 1983/44;

(c) To report on the progress made in the economic situation of Ghana and in organizing and implementing the programme of assistance for that country, in time for the

¹⁸¹ *Ibid.*, Plenary Meetings, 28th meeting, paras. 67–104

¹⁸² A/38/215.

¹⁸³ *Ibid.*, annex, sect. V

matter to be considered by the General Assembly at its fortieth session.

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38/204. Assistance to Yemen

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 37/166 of 17 December 1982 and resolution 150 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,¹⁸⁴

Fully aware of the grave devastation and substantial loss of life and property caused by the earthquake that struck large areas of Yemen on 12 December 1982,

Concerned about the damage caused to infrastructure, which has a far-reaching effect on the implementation of the national development plan in that country,

Taking cognizance of the fact that the cost of the reconstruction of the affected areas is estimated at approximately \$622 million,

Recognizing that Yemen, as one of the least developed countries, is unable to bear the mounting burden of the relief efforts and the reconstruction of the affected areas,

Recognizing also the efforts being made by the Government of Yemen to alleviate the effects of the earthquake,

1. Appeals to the developed countries and to those developing countries that are in a position to do so to contribute generously to the relief efforts and the reconstruction of the affected areas through financial contributions and the provision of the construction materials and equipment necessary to restore infrastructure and basic services in the affected areas;

2. Requests the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Yemen;

3. Expresses its gratitude to the States, the international and regional organizations and the non-governmental organizations that have participated in the ongoing efforts undertaken for the reconstruction of the affected areas in Yemen;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

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38/205. Assistance for the development of Sierra Leone

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement made by the Head of State of Sierra Leone before the General Assembly on 30 September 1983,¹⁸⁵ in which he called for support from the international community for the economic and social development of Sierra Leone,

Recalling its resolution 37/158 of 17 December 1982, in which it appealed to all States, the specialized agencies and international development and financial institutions to

provide all possible assistance for the development of Sierra Leone,

Further recalling its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, in which it decided to include Sierra Leone in the list of the least developed countries,

Reiterating that the weak growth rate experienced by the economy of Sierra Leone during the period of the first National Development Plan (1973/74 to 1978/79) and the decline in real terms of per capita gross domestic product during that period have continued to persist,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁸⁶ to which was annexed the report of the multi-agency mission he dispatched to Sierra Leone in March 1983 to consult with the Government on the additional assistance required for the economic and social development of Sierra Leone,

Aware of the need for effective mobilization of international assistance in order to implement fully the programme of assistance outlined in the report of the multi-agency mission,

Noting the intention of the Government of Sierra Leone to organize, with the assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, a round-table conference of donors in 1984 to discuss the country's development needs and to consider ways and means of supplementing the development efforts of the Government,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports on the economic situation of Sierra Leone and the assistance required by that country for its economic and social development;

2. Endorses the assessment and recommendations of the multi-agency mission contained in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General pertaining to assistance for the development of Sierra Leone;¹⁸⁶

3. Urgently reiterates its appeal to the international community, including organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations, to contribute generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the economic and social development of Sierra Leone;

4. Urges all States and relevant United Nations bodies—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities—to provide all possible assistance to help the Government of Sierra Leone meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide, as appropriate, food, medicines and essential equipment for hospitals and schools;

5. 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, the African Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development to bring to the attention of their governing bodies, for their consideration, the special needs of Sierra Leone and to report the decisions of those bodies to the Secretary-General by 15 July 1984;

6. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank to provide

¹⁸⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Sixth Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.83.II.D.6), part one, sect. A.

¹⁸⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Plenary Meetings*, 13th meeting, paras. 52–71.

¹⁸⁶ A/38.211.