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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Assistance to Angola

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 31/188 of 21 December 1976, inter alia, (a) urgently appealed to all Member States and to the international economic and financial institutions concerned to respond generously to the needs of Angola and to provide assistance on a bilateral and/or multilateral basis; (b) requested the Committee for Development Planning to consider the question of the inclusion of Angola in the list of the least developed countries; and (c) strongly recommended that Angola should be included in the list of the most seriously affected countries and be considered by the United Nations Special Fund for urgent assistance. In addition, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to mobilize an international programme of financial, technical and material assistance with a view to channelling the proceeds into an international reconstruction fund\* for Angola and to report to the Assembly at its thirty-second session on the implementation of the resolution.

2. The Secretary-General transmitted the text of resolution 31/188 to Member States and to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, drawing their particular attention to the appeal of the General Assembly for assistance to Angola. Arrangements were also made for the pertinent request and recommendations in the resolution to be brought to the attention of the Committee for Development Planning and the Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund.

3. At its thirteenth session, the Committee for Development Planning considered the question of the inclusion of Angola in the list of least developed countries. It decided 1/ to request the Secretariat to assemble recent and detailed relevant

\* A/32/150

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 4 (E/5939), para. 83.

information for examination at its next session. The Board of Governors of the United Nations Special Fund has not yet considered the matter referred to it.

4. Furthermore, the Secretary-General has indicated to the Government of Angola his preparedness to send a mission to Luanda, as soon as it is convenient for it, to consult with the Government on the precise nature of Angola's reconstruction needs. The Government has welcomed this offer, stated its full preoccupation with certain pressing humanitarian problems and undertook to contact the Secretary-General as soon as the time became appropriate for a visit by the mission.

5. The question of emergency assistance to Angola was also considered by the Economic and Social Council at its 2083rd meeting, on 29 July 1977. In its decision 252 (LXIII), the Council recommended that the Secretary-General should continue his efforts to mobilize further assistance from Member States and the United Nations system for Angola, in compliance with General Assembly resolution 31/188.

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