

39/196. Economic Assistance to Haiti

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981, in which it endorsed the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,¹⁰⁸

Recalling that Haiti is one of the least developed countries and is therefore entitled to the assistance provided for in the relevant General Assembly resolutions for the more intensive development of those countries,

Noting with concern that Haiti continues to face serious economic and financial difficulties owing to the severe constraints on the economy consequent upon the decline in gross national product in real terms, the balance-of-payments deficit, the external debt and the budgetary deficit,

Deeply concerned at the complete collapse of the tourist industry and the termination of bauxite mining consequent upon the exhaustion of reserves, two of the country's principal sources of foreign exchange,

Gravely concerned at the impoverishment of the rural population resulting from the total elimination of the pig population as a result of swine fever,

Bearing in mind the damage caused by cyclone "Allen" in 1981 to a substantial area of Haiti's coffee plantations,

Taking into account that the Government of Haiti, in view of the serious economic situation, has implemented, with the assistance of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, an intensive economic and financial stabilization programme,

1. Expresses its gratitude to Member States and to international, regional and interregional organizations for their assistance to Haiti;

2. Renews its urgent appeal to all Governments and international organizations which, at the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, assumed commitments under the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries to honour their pledges generously;

3. Urges Governments of Member States and international, regional, interregional and intergovernmental organizations to increase and intensify their assistance to Haiti substantially to help it cope with its economic and financial difficulties and implement successfully its development plan for the biennium 1985-1986;

4. Invites all organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, as well as the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat, to take account of Haiti's specific needs and to apprise the Secretary-General of their decisions;

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To send a mission to Haiti to assess the priority needs of the country, to prepare a programme for assisting the country in coping with the present economic crisis and to pursue its efforts to obtain supplementary international assistance;

(b) To apprise the Economic and Social Council of the mission at its second regular session of 1985 and to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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39/197. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolutions 33/146 of 20 December 1978, 34/135 of 14 December 1979, 35/85 of 5 December 1980, 36/205 of 17 December 1981, 37/163 of 17 December 1982, 38/220 of 20 December 1983 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/15 of 29 April 1980 and decisions 1983/112 of 17 May 1983 and 1984/174 of 26 July 1984,

Noting with deep concern the continuing heavy loss of life and the additional destruction of property, which have caused further extensive damage to the economic and social structures of Lebanon,

Also noting with concern the serious economic situation in Lebanon,

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

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

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁰⁹ and of the statement made on 6 November 1984 by the United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon,¹¹⁰

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 United Nations Co-ordinator of Assistance for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon and his staff for their valuable and unstinting efforts in the discharge of their duties;

3. Expresses its appreciation for the relentless efforts undertaken by the Government of Lebanon in the implementation of the initial phase of reconstruction of the country, despite adverse circumstances, and for the steps it has taken to remedy the economic situation;

4. 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;

5. Requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the needs of Lebanon;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1985 and to the General Assembly at its fortieth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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¹⁰⁸ Report of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 1-14 September 1981 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.1.8), part one, sect. A.

¹⁰⁹ A/39/390.

¹¹⁰ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Second Committee, 37th meeting, paras. 15-24.