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Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab
Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia; draft resolution

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/2 of 12 May 1989 and the previous relevant resolutions of the Assembly on economic assistance to Djibouti,

Deeply concerned by the substantial devastation and damage in Djibouti caused by the unprecedented torrential rains and floods in April 1989,

Noting with concern the destruction of thousands of dwellings, particularly in working-class areas, and the disruption of major sectors of the national infrastructure, particularly the road network, the water supply, health centres and hospitals, educational establishments and other public services,

Considering the severe damage to the scarce agricultural resources of Djibouti, including the destruction of its livestock,

Noting that the economic and social development efforts of Djibouti, which is categorized as one of the least developed countries, are thwarted by the negative consequences of the torrential rains and floods which periodically devastate that

vulnerable country, and that the execution of reconstruction and development programmes requires the deployment of considerable resources which exceed the real capacities of the country.

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General to the second regular session of the Economic and Social Council, held at Geneva in July 1989, and to the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly,

Noting with gratitude the support provided to emergency assistance operations by various countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations,

1. Declares its solidarity with the Government and people of Djibouti in the face of the devastating consequences of the torrential rains and floods;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the States, international agencies and non-governmental organizations which have provided emergency assistance to that country and, in that connection, notes with satisfaction the mission undertaken by the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Djibouti with respect to disaster prevention and preparedness;

3. Further calls upon the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system, and in close collaboration with the Government authorities, to carry out an evaluation of the requirements of Djibouti, with a view to drawing up an urgent programme of rehabilitation and reconstruction following the damage to the infrastructure of the country;

4. Also calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that the international community is informed of the report of the United Nations mission in order that it may accord the report its closest attention and thus secure positive follow-up and action;

5. 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 Djibouti in its reconstruction and development efforts;

6. Calls upon the organs, agencies and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the needs of Djibouti;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.