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SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE: SPECIAL PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

Bahrain, Bangladesh, Chile, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Kenya*,
Kuwait, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi
Arabia and Singapore; draft resolution

Emergency assistance to Somalia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the question of emergency assistance to Somalia,

Recalling its resolution 43/206 of 20 December 1988 and Economic and Social Council decision 1989/111 of 22 May 1989,

Taking note of the grave humanitarian situation that has developed in the northern regions of Somalia as a result of attacks by armed bandits on rural and urban centres,

Extremely concerned at the displacement of the population in the affected regions of northern Somalia as a result of the attacks, and by the extensive damage and destruction caused to dwellings and the widespread disruption of the country's infrastructure, in particular bridges, water supplies, electricity supplies, communication systems, health centres, schools and other public services,

Noting with satisfaction the measure taken by the Secretary-General to obtain an assessment of the emergency and rehabilitation needs of the displaced population,

* On behalf of the African States.

Reaffirming the need for the international community to respond fully to requests for emergency humanitarian and rehabilitation assistance for Somalia,

Considering that Somalia, as one of the least developed countries, is unable to cope with the mounting burden of providing adequate food, medicine and shelter for the large number of displaced people,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the efforts he is making to mobilize international resources to assist the Government and people of Somalia in coping with the emergency situation in the affected regions of northern Somalia;

2. Takes note of the interim report of the United Nations inter-agency mission which visited Somalia from 25 February to 12 March 1989; 1/

3. Appeals, once again, to all States and the competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously and urgently to meet the needs identified by the United Nations inter-agency mission to Somalia;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to co-ordinate the efforts of the United Nations system to help Somalia in its emergency and rehabilitation programme;

5. Further requests the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council of his efforts, at its first regular session of 1990, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

1/ A/44/261, annex.