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SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 22 September 1989, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Special economic and disaster relief assistance:

"(a) Special programmes of economic assistance";

"(b) International strategy for the fight against the locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa."

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item, together with the question of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction under item 12, and items 25 and 153, at its 19th, 20th, 25th, 29th to 31st, 34th and 41st meetings, on 24, 25 and 31 October and 2, 3, 6, 15 and 21 November 1989. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/44/SR.19, 20, 25, 29-31, 34 and 41). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 10th meetings, from 2 to 6 and on 9 October (A/C.2/44/SR.2-10).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

Documentation submitted under agenda item 88 as a whole

- A/44/3 Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. F.1 and chap. VIII 1/
- A/44/169
S/20512 Letter dated 2 March 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the communiqués adopted at the San Pedro Sula Ministerial Conference on Political Dialogue and Economic Co-operation between the European Community and its member States and the countries of Central America and of the Contadora Group, held in Honduras on 27 and 28 February 1989
- A/44/235
S/20600 Letter dated 18 April 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Final Communiqué of the Eighteenth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held at Riyadh, from 13 to 16 March 1989
- A/44/361 Letter dated 28 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Caracas Declaration of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Group, adopted at the special ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 held at Caracas from 21 to 23 June 1989
- A/44/409 and
Corr.1 and 2
S/20743 and
Corr.1 and 2 Letter dated 19 July 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the Ministerial Meeting of the Co-ordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Harare from 17 to 19 May 1989

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/44/3/Rev.1).

- A/44/477 Letter dated 22 August 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué of the tenth meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Grand Anse, Grenada, from 3 to 7 July 1989
- A/44/551
S/20870 Letter dated 22 September 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the Ninth Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Belgrade from 4 to 7 September 1989
- A/44/689
S/20921 Letter dated 26 October 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the communiqué adopted on 24 October 1989 at the meeting of the Commonwealth Heads of Government, held at Kuala Lumpur from 18 to 24 October 1989
- (a) Special programmes of economic assistance
- A/44/261 Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to Somalia
- A/44/373 and
Add.1 and 2 Report of the Secretary-General on special assistance to front-line States and other bordering States
- A/44/418 Report of the Secretary-General on special economic assistance to Chad
- A/44/519 Report of the Secretary-General on the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America
- A/44/559 Report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon
- A/44/627 Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to Democratic Yemen
- A/44/629 Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to Djibouti

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(b) International strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa

A/44/3	Report of the Economic and Social Council, chap. VI, sect. E.2 <u>1/</u>
A/44/314- E/1989/115	Report of the Secretary-General on the international strategy for the fight against the locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa
A/44/314/Add.1- E/1989/115/Add.1	Report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

4. At the 19th meeting, on 24 October, introductory statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon, the Director of the Unit for Special Emergency Programmes and the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (see A/C.2/44/SR.19).

5. At the 20th meeting, on 25 October, the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, Regional Co-operation, Decolonization and Trusteeship made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/44/SR.20).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.17

6. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of the Central African Republic, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, France, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Japan, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Togo, Tunisia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.17) entitled "Special economic assistance to Chad". Subsequently, Senegal joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

7. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), read out the following revisions which had been agreed upon during informal consultations held on the draft resolution:

(a) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "lending agencies" were replaced by the words "all contributors";

(b) In operative paragraph 6 (a), the words "lending and donor agency round table" were replaced by the words "contributors' round table".

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8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.17, as orally revised, by consensus (see para. 42, draft resolution I).

9. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Chad.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.18

10. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Saudi Arabia, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Burundi, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, the Sudan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.18) entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Djibouti". Subsequently, Brazil, Cameroon, India, Italy and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

11. At the same meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab countries) made a statement.

12. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), informed the Committee that, during informal consultations held on the draft resolution, it had been agreed to revise operative paragraph 4, which had read:

"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"

to read:

"Also calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that the international community is informed of those requirements in order that it may respond favourably to them".

13. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

14. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.18, as orally revised, by consensus (see para. 42, draft resolution II).

15. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Djibouti made a statement.

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C. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.19

16. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Chile, Democratic Yemen, Ecuador, Kenya (on behalf of the African States), Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Singapore, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.19) entitled "Emergency assistance to Somalia". Subsequently, Cameroon, Jamaica, Romania and Thailand joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

17. At the same meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab countries) made a statement.

18. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.19, by consensus (see para. 42, draft resolution III).

20. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Somalia made a statement.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.20

21. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Egypt, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, France, the German Democratic Republic, India, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mongolia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Oman, Peru, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, the Sudan, Tunisia, Uruguay, Yemen and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.20) entitled "Assistance to Democratic Yemen". Subsequently, Jamaica and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

22. At the same meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab countries) made a statement.

23. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.20, by consensus (see para. 42, draft resolution IV).

25. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Democratic Yemen made a statement.

E. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.21

26. At the 29th meeting, on 2 November, the representative of Jordan, on behalf of Bahrain, Egypt, France, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Spain and Tunisia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.21) entitled "Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon". Subsequently, Mauritania and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

27. At the same meeting, the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab countries) made a statement.

28. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.21, by consensus (see para. 42, draft resolution V).

30. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Lebanon made a statement.

F. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.27

31. At the 30th meeting, on 3 November, the representative of Zambia, on behalf of Algeria, Angola, Austria, Barbados, Botswana, Cuba, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.27) entitled "Special assistance to front-line States". Subsequently, the German Democratic Republic, Iceland, Mali and New Zealand joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

32. At the 41st meeting, on 21 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), informed the Committee that, during informal consultations held on the draft resolution, it had been agreed to revise the third preambular paragraph by replacing the word "Strongly" by the word "Deeply".

33. The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.27, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 132 to none, with 1 abstention ^{2/} (see para. 42, draft resolution VI). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic,

^{2/} The delegations of Afghanistan and Nigeria subsequently indicated that, had they been present during the voting, they would have voted in favour of the draft resolution.

Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Somalia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against: None.

Abstaining: United States of America.

34. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of New Zealand made a statement; after it was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

G. Draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.32

35. At the 31st meeting, on 6 November, the representative of Honduras, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mauritania, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/44/L.32) entitled "Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America". Subsequently, Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

36. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

37. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/44/L.32, by consensus (see para. 42, draft resolution VII).

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38. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Honduras.

H. Draft decision A/C.2/44/L.16

39. At the 25th meeting, on 31 October, the representative of Mauritania introduced a draft decision (A/C.2/44/L.16) entitled "International strategy for the fight against the locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa". Subsequently, Poland joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

40. At the 34th meeting, on 15 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Badam-Ochiryn Doljintseren (Mongolia), reported on the results of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

41. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/44/L.16, by consensus (see para. 43).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

42. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Special economic assistance to Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/205 of 20 December 1988 and its previous resolutions on assistance in the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Chad and on special economic assistance to that country,

Recalling the round table on assistance to Chad, convened by the United Nations Development Programme at Geneva on 4 and 5 December 1985, in accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the International Conference on Assistance to Chad, held in November 1982,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on special economic assistance to Chad 3/ dealing with, inter alia, the economic and financial situation of Chad, the status of assistance provided for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country and the progress made in organizing and executing the programme of assistance for that country,

Considering that the effects of war, natural calamities and disasters are compromising all the reconstruction and development efforts of the Government of Chad,

Noting that the donor round table on assistance in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of northern Chad was convened by the Government of Chad, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, on 14, 15 and 16 December 1988,

Noting also that the round tables on education and the development of human resources and on public health and family welfare will be convened by the Government of Chad, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme, in 1990,

Noting with satisfaction that the implementation of the interim plan for 1986-1988 is now drawing to an end, and that a development plan for 1990-1994 will be submitted to all contributors in 1990,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that responded and are continuing to respond generously to the appeals of the Government of Chad and of the Secretary-General by furnishing assistance to Chad;
2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts to make the international community aware of the difficulties of Chad and to mobilize assistance for that country;
3. Renews the request made to States, competent United Nations organizations and programmes and international economic and financial institutions to continue to contribute to the rehabilitation and development of Chad;
4. Notes with satisfaction that the donor round table on assistance in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of northern Chad was held at N'Djamena on 14, 15 and 16 December 1988;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to assess, in close collaboration with the humanitarian agencies concerned, the humanitarian needs, particularly in the area of health, of the displaced populations;
6. Invites all States and competent United Nations organizations and programmes to participate actively:
 - (a) In the contributors' round table on the implementation of the five-year development plan for Chad for 1990-1994, to be held at Geneva in 1990;
 - (b) In the round tables on education and the development of human resources and on public health and family welfare, planned for 1990 at N'Djamena;

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7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to keep the situation in Chad under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

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 that 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 Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 and to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, 4/

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;

4/ A/44/629.

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

3. Calls upon the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the concerned 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 those requirements in order that it may respond favourably to them;

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 specialized agencies, organizations and programmes 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

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,

Noting 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 at the extensive damage and destruction caused to dwellings and the widespread disruption of

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the country's infrastructure, in particular bridges, water supplies, electricity supplies, communication systems, health centres, schools and other public services,

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

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 that visited Somalia from 25 February to 12 March 1989; 5/

3. Once again appeals 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. Also requests the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1990 of his efforts and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Assistance to Democratic Yemen

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the extensive and unprecedented damage and devastation in Democratic Yemen caused by torrential rain and floods twice in the present decade, in March 1982 and in March and April 1989,

5/ A/44/261, annex.

Extremely concerned about the destruction of the country's infrastructure, in particular roads, health centres and schools, as well as water supplies, electricity supplies, communication systems and other public utilities, and concerned that tens of thousands of hectares of cultivated land were inundated and that hundreds of villages have completely disappeared, leaving tens of thousands of persons without shelter or food,

Considering that Democratic Yemen, being one of the least developed countries, is unable to sustain rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes in spite of the efforts made by its Government,

Recalling the resolutions on assistance to Democratic Yemen that it has adopted since 1982, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/1 of 10 May 1989, resolution 176 (XV) of 18 May 1989 adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia at its fifteenth session 6/ and decision 89/37 of 30 June 1989 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-sixth session, 7/

Noting with appreciation the response of various States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in emergency relief operations,

1. Expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Democratic Yemen in facing the devastating consequences of the torrential rain and floods;
2. Expresses its gratitude to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have rendered support and assistance to the Government of Democratic Yemen in its relief and rehabilitation efforts;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps he has taken to co-ordinate and mobilize relief and rehabilitation assistance for Democratic Yemen;
4. Calls upon all States to contribute generously and to respond urgently and effectively to the needs of rehabilitation and reconstruction;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to co-ordinate, in close co-operation with the Government of Democratic Yemen, the efforts of the United Nations system to help Democratic Yemen to mobilize resources for the mobilization of its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes and to keep the international community informed of those needs;

6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 17 (E/1989/36), chap. III.

7/ Ibid., Supplement No. 13 (E/1989/32), annex I.

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, through the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/207 of 20 December 1988 and its previous resolutions on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/100 of 26 July 1989 and recalling the previous relevant resolutions and decisions of the Council,

Noting with deep concern the grave deterioration of the economic situation in Lebanon, compounded recently by the extensive damage to the basic infrastructure of the country and to its utilities,

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-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon, 8/ and of the statement made before the Second Committee of the General Assembly on 24 October 1989 by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Reconstruction and Development of Lebanon,

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 Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services for his co-ordination of system-wide assistance to Lebanon;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to continue and intensify his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the United Nations system to help Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts;

4. Calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the pressing needs of Lebanon, and to take the necessary steps to ensure that their offices in Beirut are operational and adequately staffed at the senior level;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Special assistance to front-line States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/199 of 8 December 1986, 42/201 of 11 December 1987 and 43/209 of 20 December 1988,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 9/

Deeply concerned about the adverse effects of South Africa's acts of aggression and destabilization on the front-line States and other bordering States,

Aware that the continuing existence of the apartheid system in South Africa aggravates the economic and social problems confronting the front-line States and other bordering States,

Conscious of the urgent need and responsibility of the international community to address the problems affecting the region,

Commending the concerted and determined efforts of the countries of the region to cope with the prevailing adverse conditions by strengthening their economic co-operation and lessening their dependence on South Africa, particularly in the areas of transportation, communications and related sectors,

Reaffirming the importance of close co-operation between the United Nations system and the front-line States,

Mindful of Security Council resolutions 568 (1985) of 21 June 1985, 571 (1985) of 20 September 1985 and 581 (1986) of 13 February 1986, in which the Council, inter alia, requested the international community to render assistance to the front-line States,

9/ A/44/373 and Add.1 and 2.

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to the front-line States;
2. Notes with appreciation the assistance being rendered to the front-line States by donor countries, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations;
3. Strongly urges the international community to continue to provide in a timely and effective manner the financial, material and technical assistance necessary to enhance the individual and collective capacity of the front-line States and other bordering States to withstand the effects of economic measures taken by South Africa, or by the international community against South Africa, in accordance with their national and regional plans and strategies;
4. Requests the Secretary-General, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to respond to such requests for assistance as might be forthcoming from individual States or the appropriate subregional organizations, and further urges all States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to respond favourably to such requests;
5. Appeals to all States and appropriate intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support the national and collective emergency programmes prepared by the front-line States and other bordering States to overcome the critical problems arising from the situation in South Africa;
6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 43/24 of 15 November 1988 and 44/10 of 23 October 1989, as well as decision 88/31 of 1 July 1988 and resolution 89/64 of 30 June 1989 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 42/231 of 12 May 1988 and 43/210 of 20 December 1988, in which it urged the international community and international organizations to increase their technical, economic and financial co-operation with the Central American countries within the framework of the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America, 10/

10/ A/42/949, annex.

Welcoming with satisfaction the commitments made by the Central American Presidents at Guatemala City in the Esquipulas II Agreement, 11/ the declarations of Alajuela, Costa Rica, and Costa del Sol, El Salvador, 12/ and, in particular, the agreements reached at Tela, Honduras, 13/ which represented concrete progress and strengthened the peace process in the region,

Also welcoming with satisfaction the convening of the first meeting between the Governments of Central America and co-operating Governments and institutions, which took place in Geneva from 4 to 6 July 1989, to review the evolution of the regional development process with regard to assistance and co-operation requirements, including the discussion of programmes and projects that could be implemented in accordance with General Assembly resolution 43/210,

Stressing the need to encourage sectoral meetings for the purpose of mobilizing resources for the implementation of programmes and projects within the framework of the Special Plan,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the situation in Central America and on the work done to promote the Special Plan 14/ and, in particular, his report on the work of the Organization, 15/ in which he stated that "the time has now come to buttress the emerging peace by providing the massive support that the region needs to overcome its age-old problems",

Deeply concerned about the emergency situation in Central America and alarmed at the seriousness of the economic and social crisis that it faces,

Reaffirming its conviction that peace, development and democracy are inseparable,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports on the situation in Central America and for the efforts that he has made to promote the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America;

11/ A/42/521-S/19085, annex.

12/ A/44/140-S/20491.

13/ A/44/451-S/20778.

14/ A/44/344-S/20699 and Add.1 and A/44/642 and Corr.1.

15/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/44/1).

2. Welcomes with satisfaction the Political Declaration and the Joint Economic Communiqué 16/ adopted at the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the countries of Central America, the European Community and the Contadora Group held at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on 27 and 28 February 1989, in which they reaffirmed their commitment to and interest in continuing to participate in specific activities and in the reactivation and economic development of the region in accordance with the priorities established in the Special Plan;
3. Welcomes the Final Declaration and Plan of Action 17/ adopted by the International Conference on Central American Refugees, held at Guatemala City from 29 to 31 May 1989;
4. Welcomes with satisfaction the convening in Geneva of the first meeting between the Governments of Central America and co-operating Governments and institutions, at which the evolution of the regional development process, including the region's assistance and co-operation requirements were reviewed within the framework of the Special Plan;
5. Recommends the convening of sectoral meetings during 1990, in continuation of the process already begun between the Governments of Central America and the co-operating Governments and institutions, to examine the possibility of mobilizing additional resources for the early implementation of programmes and projects within the framework of the Special Plan;
6. Urges Members States and observers, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, the organs and organizations of the United Nations system and regional and subregional organs and agencies, taking into account the emergency situation faced by the Central American countries, to participate actively and to adopt immediate measures for the implementation of the activities in support of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan;
7. Emphasizes the urgent need to provide the Central American countries with financial resources on concessional and favourable terms, in addition to those which they are already receiving from the international community;
8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the progress made in the implementation of the Special Plan;
9. Decides to review and evaluate the progress in the implementation of the Special Plan at its forty-fifth session.

16/ A/44/169-S/20512, annex.

17/ A/44/527 and Corr.1 and 2, annex.

43. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

International strategy for the fight against locust and
grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa

The General Assembly decides to endorse Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/98 of 26 July 1989 concerning the international strategy for the fight against locust and grasshopper infestation, particularly in Africa.
