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QUESTION OF ASSISTANCE TO LIBYA

Report of the Second CommitteeRapporteur: Mr. Omar HALIQ (Saudi Arabia)

1. The General Assembly, at its 435th plenary meeting on 17 September 1953, allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 60, "Question of assistance to Libya".
2. The Committee devoted three meetings (A/C.2/SR.285-287) to the consideration of this item. Nineteen delegations took part in the general debate. With the agreement of the Committee, the representative of the United Kingdom of Libya participated in the discussion.
3. The Committee, at its 286th meeting, received a joint draft resolution submitted by Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Syria (A/C.2/L.221). Indonesia, Turkey and Yemen were added as co-sponsors of the joint draft resolution (A/C.2/L.221/Rev.1) in the course of the same meeting. In accordance with the revised joint draft resolution, the General Assembly would (1) invite all governments willing and in a position to do so to provide financial assistance to Libya through the appropriate mechanisms within the United Nations Organization available for receiving voluntary contributions, in order to assist

Libya in the financing of its fundamental and urgent programmes of reconstruction and of economic and social development; (2) recommend that if and when further means became available for assisting in the financing of the development of under-developed areas due consideration should be given by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the specific development needs of Libya; (3) request the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to waive local costs and to give all possible favourable consideration to the requests of Libya for technical assistance, taking into account the special needs of Libya and the principles of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies enumerated in resolution 222 (IX) of the Economic and Social Council; (4) request the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the Governments of Members and to take the necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of operative paragraph 1 of the resolution; and (5) request the Secretary-General to make a special report on the question of United Nations assistance to Libya in time to be placed on the agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly.

4. The representative of Liberia requested that the draft resolution should be voted upon paragraph by paragraph. At its 287th meeting, the Committee voted on the joint draft resolution with the following results:

Preamble

The first paragraph of the preamble was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The second paragraph was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The third paragraph was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The fourth paragraph was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The fifth paragraph was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The sixth paragraph was adopted unanimously.

Operative part

Paragraph 1 of the operative part was adopted by 44 votes to none, with 6 abstentions.

Paragraph 2 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 3 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 4 was adopted unanimously.

Paragraph 5 was adopted unanimously.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 45 votes to none, with 5 abstentions.

The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling the part played by the United Nations in the creation of the independent State of the United Kingdom of Libya in accordance with General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV) of 21 November 1949, recommending that Libya, comprising Cyrenaica, Tripolitania and the Fezzan, should be constituted as an independent and sovereign State and that this independence was achieved on 24 December 1951, in accordance with that resolution;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 515 (VI) of 1 February 1952 under which it requested the Economic and Social Council to study, in consultation with the Government of the United Kingdom of Libya, ways and means by which the United Nations, with the co-operation of all governments and the competent specialized agencies, and upon the request of the Government of Libya, could furnish additional assistance to the United Kingdom of Libya with a view to financing its fundamental and urgent programmes of economic and social development, giving consideration to the possibility of opening a special account of voluntary contributions to that end, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventh session;

Recalling further its resolution 529 (VI) of 29 January 1952 on the problem of war damages in Libya;

Recalling General Assembly resolution 398 (V) of 17 November 1950 which recognizes the special responsibility assumed by the United Nations for the future of Libya;

Bearing in mind the recommendations submitted by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 493 (XVI) of 3 August 1953,

Having heard the statement made by the representative of the United Nations of Libya concerning the needs of Libya for economic and financial assistance;

1. Invites all governments willing and in a position to do so to provide financial assistance to Libya through the appropriate mechanisms within the United Nations Organization available for receiving voluntary contributions, in order to assist Libya in the financing of its fundamental and urgent programmes of reconstruction and of economic and social development;
2. Recommends that if and when further means become available for assisting in the financing of the development of under-developed areas due consideration be given by the United Nations and the specialized agencies to the specific development needs of Libya;
3. Requests the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies concerned to continue to waive local costs and to give all possible favourable consideration to the requests of Libya for technical assistance, taking into account the special needs of Libya and the principles of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies enumerated in Economic and Social Council resolution 222 (IX) of 15 August 1949;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the governments of members and to take the necessary measures to facilitate the implementation of paragraph 1 above;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to make a special report on the question of United Nations assistance to Libya in time to be placed on the agenda of the tenth session of the General Assembly.