

## 1978/53. Assistance to Djibouti

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/93 of 13 December 1977, in which the Assembly expressed its deep concern at the situation prevailing in Djibouti and strongly appealed to Member States and to the international institutions concerned to give effective and sustained assistance to Djibouti to enable it to deal with the critical situation arising from the drought and its economic difficulties,

*Aware* that the Government of Djibouti faces complex problems, Djibouti being a newly independent country with a need to improve and enlarge its economic and social infrastructure,

*Recalling also* that the Committee for Development Planning, in paragraph 99 of the report on its fourteenth session,<sup>149</sup> concluded that, in view of special circumstances, Djibouti, among other countries, should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade,

*Noting* that the situation in Djibouti has been adversely affected by recent events in the area and the influx of refugees,

1. *Strongly endorses* the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Djibouti;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Djibouti;

3. *Draws the attention* of all States and international organizations, and of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

4. *Calls upon* all States and all regional and inter-governmental organizations concerned to provide Djibouti with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Djibouti to cope with its special economic hardships;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Djibouti and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue and increase his humanitarian assistance programmes on behalf of refugees in Djibouti and urges the international community to provide him speedily with the necessary means to carry out these programmes;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize financial, technical and material assistance to Djibouti;

(b) To keep the situation in Djibouti under constant review, and in this connexion to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other intergovernmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions.

*36 plenary meeting  
2 August 1978*

<sup>149</sup> *Ibid.*

## 1978/54. Assistance to Seychelles

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 32/101 of 13 December 1977 concerning assistance to Seychelles, in which the Assembly appealed to Member States and international institutions to provide technical and financial assistance to Seychelles to enable it to establish the social and economic infrastructure essential for the well-being of its people,

*Commending* the Government of Seychelles for its determination to provide a stable, growing and diversified economy in which the benefits of economic growth would be widely distributed,

*Concerned* at the difficult task facing the Government of Seychelles, which, upon the attainment of independence in June 1976, found its economy heavily dependent upon a single industry and its budget heavily dependent on grants-in-aid from the former colonial Power,

*Recalling also* that the Committee for Development Planning, in paragraph 99 of the report on its fourteenth session,<sup>150</sup> concluded that, in view of special circumstances, Seychelles, among other countries, should be assisted during the remainder of the current decade,

1. *Endorses* the appeal of the General Assembly to provide assistance to Seychelles;

2. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the measures he has taken to organize an international economic assistance programme for Seychelles;

3. *Draws the attention* of all States and international organizations, and of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, to the recommendation in paragraph 99 of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its fourteenth session;

4. *Calls upon* all States and all regional and inter-governmental organizations concerned to provide Seychelles with ample and appropriate assistance, bilaterally and multilaterally, whenever possible in the form of grants, to enable Seychelles to cope with its special economic hardships;

5. *Requests* the appropriate specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to provide effective and continuous assistance to Seychelles and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for a programme of financial and technical assistance to Seychelles;

(b) To keep the situation in Seychelles under constant review, and in this connexion to maintain close contact with Member States, regional and other inter-governmental organizations, the specialized agencies and international financial institutions.

*35th plenary meeting  
2 August 1978*

## 1978/55. Assistance to South African student refugees

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 31/126 of 16 December 1976, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to organize and provide emergency

<sup>150</sup> *Ibid.*

assistance for the care, subsistence and education of South African student refugees.

*Recalling also* Security Council resolution 417 (1977) of 31 December 1977, by which the Council, *inter alia*, requested the international community to contribute generously towards educational assistance to South African student refugees,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 32/119 of 16 December 1977, by which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to strengthen their efforts for the mobilization of emergency financial and other appropriate forms of assistance to South African student refugees,

*Noting with deep concern* that the Government of South Africa continues to take repressive measures against students in that country, thus causing many South African students to seek refuge in neighboring countries, particularly Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Zambia,

*Recognizing* that the needs of those South African student refugees continue to impose serious pressures on the facilities made available to them by the host countries, in particular on the educational systems of those countries,

*Having examined* the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees,<sup>151</sup> containing the findings of the review missions sent by the Secretary-General to the host countries and submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/119.

1. *Endorses* the assessment and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to South African student refugees;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the generous response of the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia in continuing to provide asylum and to make educational and other facilities available to the student refugees;

3. *Endorses* the measures taken by the Secretary-General and by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as co-ordinator of assistance within the United Nations system to South African student refugees, for the mobilization of a programme of assistance to South African student refugees in the countries of asylum;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the contributions thus far made by States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies for South African student refugees;

5. *Expresses concern* at the continuing and increasing needs of those student refugees, including in particular the need for additional educational assistance and opportunities;

6. *Urges all* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies to contribute generously towards the assistance programmes for those student refugees, both through financial support and through the provision of further possibilities for their care and maintenance and for their educational and vocational training;

7. *Requests* all programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, including, in particular, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Trust

Fund for South Africa and the World Food Programme, to continue to assist the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in carrying out the humanitarian task entrusted to him;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue all efforts to mobilize the resources necessary for an effective programme of educational and other essential assistance to South African student refugees in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia;

9. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to keep the matter under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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## 1978/56. United Nations Children's Fund

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its session held at United Nations Headquarters from 15 May to 26 May 1978,<sup>152</sup>

*Noting with satisfaction* that many developing countries, in conformity with their own aspirations and their desire to contribute actively to the success of the International Year of the Child, are preparing enlarged programmes for meeting the needs of their children, in certain instances envisaging country-wide coverage and providing at least some elements of basic services for children during the 1980s or by the end of the present century,

*Bearing in mind* that, to reach those short-term and longer-range goals, a significant increase in external assistance from the international community will be required, in keeping with the targets for external assistance called for in General Assembly resolution 32/181 of 19 December 1977 and established in pursuance of the objectives of the new international economic order,

*Considering further* that the United Nations Children's Fund, on the assumption that its levels of revenue are rising, would make a very significant contribution towards meeting the important objectives which will be established by developing countries as a result of the International Year of the Child,

*Noting with approval* the activities of the Fund as reflected in the report of the Executive Board, especially the programmes assisted by the Fund and its initiation of steps towards medium-term planning, as well as the positive response of the Fund to General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in particular its efforts to improve the co-ordination and the coherence of the United Nations development system with regard to programmes benefiting children,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund and the conclusions contained therein;

2. *Endorses*, in particular, the target of \$240 million in annual revenue for the Fund in 1980, approved by the Executive Board, and appeals to all Governments to increase their voluntary contributions to the Fund so that it may reach that target, bearing in mind the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 32/110 of 15 December 1977;

<sup>151</sup> A/33/163 and Corr.1.

<sup>152</sup> Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 14 (E/1978/54).