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## Bosnia and Herzegovina, Djibouti, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan: draft resolution

## New international humanitarian order

## The General Assembly,

*Recalling* its resolution 57/184 of 18 December 2002 and all previous resolutions concerning the promotion of a new international humanitarian order <sup>1</sup> as well as all relevant resolutions, in particular, resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations, and the annex thereto,

*Reaffirming* the fundamental importance of adherence to and implementation of international humanitarian, refugee and human rights law as well as to internationally accepted norms and principles and of the need to promote national and international legislation to meet actual and potential humanitarian challenges,

Aware of the important role that regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector can play in the humanitarian context,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the continuing efforts of the Secretary-General in the humanitarian field, and urges Governments to assist him in promoting a new international humanitarian order corresponding to new realities and challenges, including the development of an agenda for humanitarian action;

3. Urges Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and others concerned to extend cooperation and provide support to the efforts of the Secretary-General to promote adherence to and implementation of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resolutions 36/136, 37/201, 38/125, 40/126, 42/120, 42/121, 43/129, 43/130, 45/101, 45/102,

<sup>47/106, 49/170, 51/74, 53/124</sup> and 55/73.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A/59/554.

international humanitarian, refugee and human-rights law and to ensure the protection of civilians, including humanitarian personnel, in armed conflict;

4. *Calls for* strengthening the nexus between humanitarian issues and human rights as well as between emergency assistance and development aid in view of their complementary nature;

5. *Invites* the Member States, the Secretary-General and the United Nations system to strengthen the capacities of regional and subregional organizations in the context of the response to complex humanitarian crises;

6. *Encourages* the private sector and non-governmental bodies to assist and support national and international efforts to respond to humanitarian challenges and to alleviate human suffering;

7. *Invites* the Independent Bureau for Humanitarian Issues to reinforce further its activities and cooperation with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and with the relevant bodies of the United Nations system as well as with intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies and assist in the development of an agenda for humanitarian action;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the earliest preparation of an agenda for humanitarian action, taking into account the expertise and views of Member States as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies, with the assistance of a panel of experts, and to report to the General Assembly at its sixtyfirst session on the overall progress made.