

3253 (XXIX). Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973 and 3153 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1834 (LVI) of 14 May 1974 and 1874 (LVII) and 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974 concerning the situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region and the adjacent areas and the assistance to be given to the drought-stricken countries,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1878 (LVII) of 16 July 1974 concerning the situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region and the assistance to be given to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region,³³

Noting with satisfaction the part played by the Office for Sahelian Relief Operations of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and by the United Nations Special Sahelian Office,

1. Expresses its profound gratitude to the Governments, United Nations bodies, private organizations and individuals that have given assistance to the Sudano-Sahelian population;

2. Welcomes the establishment of a United Nations Sahelian Office in Ouagadougou, whose main functions are described in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to hasten the preparatory work on the establishment of a research institute for the arid Sahelian zone;

4. Recommends the establishment of a United Nations information centre at Ouagadougou, the headquarters of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, in view of the need to obtain directly on-the-spot information designed to maintain and intensify to the widest possible extent public awareness of the tragedy which has befallen the Sudano-Sahelian countries and to sustain the momentum of active and involved interest in the successful implementation of the programme as outlined by the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

5. Urges all Member States and United Nations bodies to intensify their efforts to attain the objectives stated in the relief and recovery programmes formulated by the countries concerned;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to pursue with determination and in co-operation with the appropriate financial institutions and organizations the action necessary to meet, in an effective and continuing manner, the requests for medium-term and long-term assistance formulated by the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and by the Governments concerned;

7. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to report periodically on the implementation of the present resolution and to report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

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³³ A/9733.

3281 (XXIX) Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in its resolution 45 (III) of 18 May 1972,³⁴ stressed the urgency to establish generally accepted norms to govern international economic relations systematically and recognized that it is not feasible to establish a just order and a stable world as long as a charter to protect the rights of all countries, and in particular the developing States, is not formulated,

Recalling further that in the same resolution it was decided to establish a Working Group of governmental representatives to draw up a draft Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, which the General Assembly, in its resolution 3037 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972, decided should be composed of forty Member States,

Noting that, in its resolution 3082 (XXVIII) of 6 December 1973, it reaffirmed its conviction of the urgent need to establish or improve norms of universal application for the development of international economic relations on a just and equitable basis and urged the Working Group on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States to complete, as the first step in the codification and development of the matter, the elaboration of a final draft Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, to be considered and approved by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session,

Bearing in mind the spirit and terms of its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing, respectively, the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, which underlined the vital importance of the Charter to be adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session and stressed the fact that the Charter shall constitute an effective instrument towards the establishment of a new system of international economic relations based on equity, sovereign equality and interdependence of the interests of developed and developing countries,

Having examined the report of the Working Group on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States on its fourth session,³⁵ transmitted to the General Assembly by the Trade and Development Board at its fourteenth session,

Expressing its appreciation to the Working Group on the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States which, as a result of the task performed in its four sessions held between February 1973 and June 1974, assembled the elements required for the completion and adoption of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States at the twenty-ninth session of the General Assembly, as previously recommended,

Adopts and solemnly proclaims the following Charter:

³⁴ See *Proceedings of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Third Session*, vol. I, *Report and Annexes* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: E.73.II.D.4), annex I.A.

³⁵ TD/B/AC.12/4 and Corr.1.