

37/175. Assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/91 of 5 December 1980 and 36/161 of 16 December 1981 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/54 of 24 July 1980 and 1982/2 of 27 April 1982,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,¹⁰⁵ prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/8 of 28 April 1980,

Recalling also the appeal of the Secretary-General in his note verbale of 11 November 1980, as well as those of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council,

Having heard the statements made before the Third Committee by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹⁰⁴ and by the representative of the Secretary-General¹⁰⁶ on 15 November and 3 December 1982, respectively,

Recognizing the number of persons who have returned voluntarily to Ethiopia,

Deeply concerned that the repeated appeals of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council have yet to give rise to an adequate response,

1. *Endorses once again* the appeals of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council concerning assistance to displaced persons and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

2. *Commends* the efforts made by various organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies in mobilizing humanitarian assistance to the displaced persons and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

3. *Appeals once again* to the Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to contribute generously to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its efforts to provide relief and rehabilitation for the displaced persons;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to intensify his efforts in mobilizing humanitarian assistance for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of numbers of voluntary returnees, as well as for displaced persons;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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37/176. Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/182 of 15 December 1980 and 36/156 of 16 December 1981 on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/3 of 27 April 1982,

Having heard the statement made before the Third Committee on 15 November 1982 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁰⁴

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti,¹⁰⁷

Appreciating the determined efforts made by the Government of Djibouti, despite its limited economic resources, to cope with the growing needs of the refugees,

Aware of the consequences of the social and economic burden placed on the Government and people of Djibouti as a result of the influx of refugees and the subsequent impact on the national development and infrastructure of the country,

Deeply concerned about the continuing plight of the refugees and displaced persons in the country, which has been aggravated by the devastating effects of the prolonged drought,

Noting with appreciation the concern and unremitting efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the benevolent organizations which have worked closely with the Government of Djibouti in the relief and rehabilitation programme for the refugees in that country,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti¹⁰⁷ and of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;¹⁰⁸

2. *Appreciates* the efforts made by the High Commissioner to keep the situation of the refugees in Djibouti under constant review and invites him to intensify his programme of humanitarian assistance to the refugees in the country;

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to organize adequate programmes of assistance for the refugees in Djibouti and to maintain close contact with Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and benevolent organizations concerned to mobilize the necessary assistance to the Government of Djibouti to enable it to cope effectively with the refugee situation, which has been aggravated by the debilitating effects of the drought;

4. *Appreciates* the assistance provided thus far by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti;

5. *Calls upon* all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to support the efforts being made by the Government of Djibouti to cope with the ever-growing needs of the refugee population and other victims of drought;

6. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in co-operation with the Secretary-General, to send an interagency mission to Djibouti to evaluate the needs and the magnitude of the aid required to finance the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1983, and to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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¹⁰⁵ A/35/360 and Corr.1-3.

¹⁰⁶ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session Third Committee, 62nd meeting, paras. 7-13.*

¹⁰⁷ A/37/420.

¹⁰⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/37/12), chap. II, sect. B.6.*