

Noting that from June to September 1982 Nicaragua suffered a serious drought that considerably affected the agricultural and livestock sectors, which constitute the most important economic activities of the country,

Considering that, despite the efforts of the Government and people of Nicaragua, the economic situation has not returned to normal and continues to worsen,

Deeply concerned that Nicaragua is experiencing serious economic difficulties directly affecting its development efforts,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to Nicaragua;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States and organizations that have provided assistance to Nicaragua;
3. *Urges* all Governments to continue contributing to the reconstruction and development of Nicaragua;
4. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to continue and to increase their assistance in this endeavour;
5. *Recommends* that Nicaragua should continue to receive treatment appropriate to the special needs of the country until the economic situation returns to normal;
6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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38/224. Assistance for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of Equatorial Guinea

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/105 of 5 December 1980 and 36/204 of 17 December 1981, in which, *inter alia*, it recognized the need for the adoption of special measures of assistance to enable Equatorial Guinea to rebuild its economy and to restore to normal the social and public services of the country, and drew the attention of the international community to the critical situation confronting Equatorial Guinea and to the list of urgent short-term and long-term projects required by the Government to carry out its programme of rehabilitation,

Recalling its resolution 37/133 of 17 December 1982, by which Equatorial Guinea was included in the list of the least developed countries,

Recognizing the critical situation still confronting Equatorial Guinea and the difficult task of reconstruction and development facing the Government of that country,

Recognizing also the essential role of both short-term and long-term international assistance in support of the efforts of the Government of Equatorial Guinea,

Noting that the International Conference of Donors for the Economic Reactivation and Development of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea took place at Geneva in April 1982 under the auspices of the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of Equatorial Guinea,

1. *Appeals* to all Member States to respond generously, through bilateral or multilateral channels, to the reconstruction and development needs of Equatorial Guinea as presented at the International Conference of Donors;
2. *Calls upon* regional and interregional organizations and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as international financial and devel-

opment institutions, to give urgent consideration to the establishment of a programme of assistance to Equatorial Guinea or, where one is already in existence, to the expansion of that programme, in response to the International Conference of Donors;

3. *Requests* the appropriate organizations and programmes of the United Nations system—in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities—to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Equatorial Guinea, to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective international programme of assistance, to report periodically to the Secretary-General on the steps they have taken and the resources they have made available to help that country and to provide, as appropriate, all possible assistance to meet the critical humanitarian needs of the population and to provide food, medicines and essential equipment for hospitals and schools;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources for an effective programme of financial, technical and material assistance to Equatorial Guinea;

(b) To keep the situation in Equatorial Guinea under review, to maintain close contact with Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and other intergovernmental organizations and international financial institutions concerned and to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1984, of the status of assistance to Equatorial Guinea;

(c) To submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session a report on the economic situation of Equatorial Guinea and the progress made in implementing the present resolution, in particular the response of the international community to the International Conference of Donors.

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38/225. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3054 (XXVIII) of 17 October 1973, 3253 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974, 3512 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, 31/180 of 21 December 1976, 32/159 of 19 December 1977, 33/133 of 19 December 1978, 34/16 of 9 November 1979, 35/86 of 5 December 1980, 36/203 of 17 December 1981 and 37/165 of 17 December 1982,

Taking note of decision 83/26 of 22 June 1983 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme²²⁸ concerning the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,

Noting with satisfaction the important activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in helping to combat the effects of drought and to implement the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region adopted by the

²²⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 9 (E/1983/20)*, annex I.

States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, as well as in mobilizing the necessary resources to finance priority projects,

Noting also the continued collaboration of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel through its arid and semi-arid zone programmes,

Bearing in mind the statement made before the General Assembly on 28 September 1983 by the President of the Republic of Cape Verde, as current Chairman of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel,²²⁹ in which he emphasized the continuing gravity of the drought situation in the countries of the Sahel and its devastating consequences on the development of those countries,

Noting with concern the critical food situation in the countries of the Sahel as highlighted in the statement made by the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on 27 October 1983,²³⁰

Noting with satisfaction the collaboration between the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the Club du Sahel and urging that this collaboration be continued and strengthened,

Taking into account the fundamental priorities of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel aimed at implementing strategies for rural development and striving to achieve food self-sufficiency and food security, as well as restoration of an ecological balance in the region,

Considering the nature and magnitude of the needs of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and the need for the continuation and further strengthening of the support of the international community for assisting the recovery efforts and the economic development of those countries,

Taking into account that the First-Generation Programme, adopted by the Biennial Conference of the Heads of State of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, has received only 60 per cent of the financing required,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region,²³¹ as well as the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office,²³²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

2. *Welcomes* the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in particular its recommendation that the Office should energetically continue its specific activities, under its first mandate, to combat drought in the countries of the Sahel;²³³

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Governments, organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, private organizations and individuals that have contributed to the implementation of the medium-

term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

4. *Strongly urges* all Governments to make special efforts to increase the resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, including through voluntary contributions to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities, as well as through bilateral channels, so as to enable it to respond more fully to the priority requirements of the Governments of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel;

5. *Requests* the international community to support the implementation of the Second-Generation Programme of the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, *inter alia*, in regard to:

(a) Development projects already conceived and approved by the respective Governments;

(b) Regional projects for the struggle against desertification;

(c) Basic surveys needed for establishment of the potential for development at national and regional levels;

(d) Strengthening and/or establishment of institutions for research and training, at national and subregional levels, designed to find solutions to the problems confronting the Sahelian countries;

(e) Strengthening of national and subregional capacity for planning, management and evaluation of integrated development actions;

6. *Requests* all Governments and the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to give special attention to the critical food situation in the countries of the Sahel;

7. *Commends* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for the results achieved, through the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, in assisting the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel in the implementation of their medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme;

8. *Reaffirms* the role of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as the co-ordinator of the efforts of the United Nations system to help the countries of the Sahel to implement their recovery and rehabilitation programme;

9. *Invites* the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue to strengthen its co-operation with the States members of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel and with the Committee itself, with a view to hastening the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to report to the General Assembly, through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region.

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²²⁹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-eighth Session, Plenary Meetings, 7th meeting, paras. 2-73.

²³⁰ *Ibid.*, Second Committee, 19th meeting, paras. 25-31.

²³¹ A/38/152-E/1983/38.

²³² A/38/180.

²³³ *Ibid.*, para. 129.