

are necessary to enable them to meet the extensive needs for humanitarian, legal and relief assistance in this crucial period,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;¹⁰¹
2. *Decides*, in view of the independence of Namibia, to delete paragraph (e) of the terms of reference of the Trust Fund;¹⁰²
3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have contributed to the Trust Fund and to the voluntary agencies engaged in rendering humanitarian and legal assistance to the victims of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in South Africa;
4. *Appeals* for generous contributions to the Trust Fund;
5. *Also appeals* for direct contributions to the voluntary agencies engaged in rendering assistance to the victims of *apartheid* and racial discrimination in South Africa;
6. *Commends* the Secretary-General and the Committee of Trustees of the Trust Fund for their persistent efforts to promote humanitarian and legal assistance to persons persecuted under repressive and discriminatory legislation in South Africa, as well as assistance to their families and to refugees from South Africa.

*70th plenary meeting
19 December 1990*

45/177. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 42/170 of 11 December 1987, 43/174 of 9 December 1988, 43/213 of 21 December 1988, 44/103 of 11 December 1989 and decision 43/432 of 20 December 1988,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77 of 29 July 1988, 1989/114 of 28 July 1989 and 1990/69 of 27 July 1990 and decision 1990/205 of 9 February 1990 on the revitalization of the Council,

Emphasizing the need to strengthen further the role and effectiveness of the United Nations through enhanced multilateral co-operation in the economic, social and related fields,

Emphasizing also the need for more effective and efficient functioning of the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations and its secretariat support structures in the economic, social and related fields in order to enhance international economic co-operation and to promote the development of the developing countries,

Recalling the report of the Special Commission of the Economic and Social Council on the In-depth Study of the United Nations Intergovernmental Structure and Functions in the Economic and Social Fields,¹⁰³

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/69 on the revitalization of the Council, in

which the Council gave a mandate to its President to undertake broad consultations with Member States;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations intergovernmental structure and functions in the economic and social fields;¹⁰⁴

3. *Stresses* the need for more effective and efficient functioning of the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields in order to be more responsive to the needs of enhancing international economic co-operation and promoting the development of the developing countries;

4. *Decides* to reconvene, in a resumed session for a duration of one week in the second half of April 1991, for an in-depth consideration and negotiations of proposals for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields.

*70th plenary meeting
19 December 1990*

45/178. Critical economic situation in Africa

A

FINAL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT 1986-1990

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 42/163 of 8 December 1987, in which, *inter alia*, it decided to establish an *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the mid-term review and appraisal of the Programme of Action, and 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/75 of 27 July 1990 on the final review and appraisal of the Programme of Action,

Taking note of resolution CM/Res.1287 (LII) on the final review and appraisal of the Programme of Action, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-second ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 3 to 8 July 1990,²⁷

Recalling further its resolution 45/13 of 7 November 1990 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, decided that the final review and appraisal of the Programme of Action should be prepared by an *ad hoc* committee of the whole of the General Assembly,

Convinced that the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the General Assembly should be an occasion for an in-depth assessment of the actions taken in the implementation of the Programme, as well as the measures that are needed to sustain accelerated growth and development in Africa beyond 1991,

¹⁰² See A/45/550, para. 1.

¹⁰³ E/1988/75.

¹⁰⁴ A/45/714.

1. *Decides* to establish an *ad hoc* committee of the whole of the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly for the purpose of preparing, for the forty-sixth session, the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

2. *Decides also* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole should meet for ten working days in September 1991 before the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly and that its Bureau should be constituted at the highest possible level and be composed of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur;

3. *Decides further* that the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole, in carrying out its mandate, should submit its findings to the General Assembly and propose concrete measures and recommendations for sustained and sustainable growth and development in Africa beyond 1991;

4. *Urges* Member States, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to be represented at the highest possible level and participate actively in the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue ensuring close co-operation and co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity concerning the contributions of various relevant organs, bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Children's Fund, in the context of the report of the Secretary-General, for the preparation of the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action;

6. *Decides* to call an organizational session not exceeding two working days of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole in April 1991 to adopt the arrangements for its work;

7. *Calls upon* the relevant United Nations agencies and organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme, to continue to provide adequate resources and the assistance required for the full implementation of projects and programmes undertaken in the framework of the Programme of Action;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole his report on the implementation of the Programme of Action;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

70th plenary meeting
19 December 1990

B

REPORT ON AFRICA'S COMMODITY PROBLEMS: TOWARDS A SOLUTION

The General Assembly,

Recalling resolution AHG/Res.177 (XXIV) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-fourth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 25 to 28

May 1988,¹⁰⁵ which requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish a high-level expert group to examine the problems of African commodities in the context of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,

Recalling also its resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action, and 43/12 of 25 October 1988 and 44/17 of 1 November 1989 on co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity,

Aware of the predominantly important role that commodities play in the African economies and the importance of horizontal and vertical diversification, market promotion activities and exports,

Taking note with appreciation of the establishment of the United Nations Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Problems,¹⁰⁶

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General's Expert Group on African Commodity Problems¹⁰⁷ and of Africa's common position on that report;¹⁰⁸

2. *Takes note also* of the note by the Secretary-General on the critical economic situation in Africa;¹⁰⁹

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Organization of African Unity and other interested Governments, multilateral financial institutions and regional development funds, to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through the *Ad Hoc* Committee of the Whole for the final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, proposals on how to support Africa's efforts at diversification, including the means of mobilizing sufficient resources on favourable terms from the international community and measures to enhance domestic and foreign investment and enterprise;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report a study on how diversification in Africa can be implemented at national, subregional and regional levels with the support of the international community, taking into account the report of the Expert Group and Africa's common position on that report, and invites the international community, including regional development banks, to take the issue of diversification into account as an important element in Africa's economic development;

5. *Invites* the international community, including the African Development Bank, to strengthen its support of Africa's efforts to diversify its commodity sector, bearing in mind the relevant operational mechanisms;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to accord Africa's commodity programmes appropriate priority in the United Nations medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

¹⁰⁵ See A/43/398, annex II.

¹⁰⁶ A/45/581.

¹⁰⁷ *Ibid.*, annex.

¹⁰⁸ A/45/591, annex.

¹⁰⁹ A/45/581/Add.1.

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session a sub-item entitled “Africa’s commodity problems” under the item entitled “Critical economic situation in Africa”;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*70th plenary meeting
19 December 1990*

C

AFRICAN CHARTER FOR POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions S-13/2 of 1 June 1986 on the critical economic situation in Africa, the annex to which contains the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990, 43/12 of 25 October 1988, 43/27 of 18 November 1988 on the mid-term review and appraisal of the Programme of Action and 44/24 of 17 November 1989 on the African Alternative Framework to Structural Adjustment Programmes for Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation, which, *inter alia*, called for popular participation in the activities for growth and development,

Noting with interest the concepts contained in the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation, the importance of which has been recognized in international conferences,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation;¹¹⁰

2. *Commends* the collective commitment of African peoples and Governments to promote economic recovery

and development in Africa through, *inter alia*, popular participation for development and transformation;

3. *Calls upon* the international community to increase support to Africa’s efforts in bringing about sustained and sustainable growth and development, taking into account, *inter alia*, the objectives of the African Charter for Popular Participation in Development and Transformation.

*70th plenary meeting
19 December 1990*

45/257. Special emergency assistance to Haiti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/2 of 10 October 1990 and welcoming its successful implementation and results,

Conscious of the severe economic and social problems facing Haiti,

Convinced of the need to grant technical and economic assistance to Haiti in overcoming its severe economic and social problems,

1. *Appeals* to Member States, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to respond generously and urgently to the needs of Haiti in overcoming its severe economic and social problems;

2. *Expresses its determination* to assist Haiti in overcoming its severe economic and social problems;

3. *Decides* to keep the question on assistance to Haiti under review and requests the Secretary-General to consult the Government of Haiti as soon as possible concerning appropriate initiatives for the launching of a special programme of emergency assistance to Haiti and to inform the Assembly on the outcome of such consultations.

*72nd plenary meeting
21 December 1990*

¹¹⁰ A/45/427, annex, appendix II.