

Recognizing that the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda, all of them least developed countries, continue to experience an extremely critical economic situation,

Expressing its appreciation to the Governments of the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda for the sacrifices which they are making in granting refuge and hospitality to them,

Concerned about the paucity of the aid granted to the local populations of the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda, and stressing the need to continue providing and to step up special assistance to those countries,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at the grave social, economic, health and ecological impact of the massive and unexpected presence of refugees in countries which are neighbours of Rwanda;

2. *Commends* the Governments of Burundi, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire for the sacrifices which they have made and for their continuing commitment to do their utmost to assist the refugees from Rwanda, notwithstanding the constraints which their limited resources place upon them;

3. *Urges* all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and calls upon the international financial and development institutions, to provide all financial, technical and material assistance possible with a view to facilitating the restoration of the basic services destroyed in the countries receiving refugees from Rwanda;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the follow-up to the present resolution.

74th plenary meeting
2 December 1994

49/25. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War

The General Assembly,

Recalling that 1995 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War, which brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Stressing that this historic event established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Solemnly reaffirming the resolute commitment of all Member States to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the obligations which they assumed as Members of the Organization,

Stressing also that remaining legacies of the Second World War should be overcome and that all Member States should cooperate in creating a new environment of international harmony,

Considering that the Member States should make every effort to put an end to the existing armed conflicts, to prevent the emergence of such conflicts in the future and to settle disputes arising exclusively by peaceful means in conformity with the Charter and in such a manner that international peace, security and justice are not endangered,

Stressing further that it is in the common interests of mankind to promote actively the role and efficiency of the United Nations as a central element of the collective security system and as an effective instrument for the maintenance of international peace and security,

1. *Proclaims* the year 1995 as World Year of Peoples' Commemoration of the Victims of the Second World War;

2. *Calls upon* all States and peoples solemnly to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the end of the Second World War;

3. *Decides* to hold a special solemn meeting on 18 October 1995 in commemoration of victims of the War;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for the implementation of the present resolution.

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49/26. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/11 of 27 October 1986, in which it solemnly declared the Atlantic Ocean, in the region situated between Africa and South America, the "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic",

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions on the matter, including resolution 45/36 of 27 November 1990, in which it reaffirmed the determination of the States of the zone to enhance and accelerate their cooperation in the political, economic, scientific, technical, cultural and other spheres,

Reaffirming that the questions of peace and security and those of development are interrelated and inseparable, and considering that cooperation among all States, in particular those of the region, for peace and development is essential in promoting the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation in the South Atlantic,

Aware of the importance that the States of the zone attach to the preservation of the region's environment, and recognizing the threat that pollution from any source poses to the marine and coastal environment, its ecological balance and its resources,

Noting the concern expressed on the use of fishing methods and practices that cause the over-exploitation of living marine resources, especially of highly migratory and straddling fish stocks, and that it has an adverse impact on the conservation and management of living resources of the marine environment, both within and beyond the exclusive economic zones,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of the purposes and objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic as a basis for the promotion of cooperation among the countries of the region;

2. *Calls upon* all States to cooperate in the promotion of the objectives established in the declaration of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic and to refrain from any action inconsistent with those objectives and with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions of the Organization, particularly action which may create or aggravate situations of tension and potential conflict in the region;

3. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the holding of the third meeting of the States members of the zone, held at Brasilia on 21 and 22 September 1994, and takes note of the Final Declaration, the Declaration on the Denuclearization of the South Atlantic, the Declaration on the Marine Environment, the Declaration on Business Cooperation in the South Atlantic and the decision on the establishment of the Permanent Committee of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic, adopted at the meeting;⁷⁸

4. *Welcomes* the agreement reached at Brasilia to encourage democracy and political pluralism and, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the

⁷⁸ A/49/467, annexes I-V.