

Convinced that the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference contributes to the promotion of the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General entitled "An Agenda for Peace",²⁹ in particular section VII, concerning cooperation with regional arrangements and organizations, and the "Supplement to An Agenda for Peace",³⁰

Noting with appreciation the determination of both organizations to strengthen further the existing cooperation by developing specific proposals in the designated priority areas of cooperation, as well as in the political field,

Welcoming the results of the coordination meeting of focal points of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions, held at Geneva from 19 to 21 June 1995,

Welcoming also the meeting held at United Nations Headquarters on 1 August 1994 between the Secretary-General and heads of the regional and other organizations, including the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General;³¹

2. *Takes note* of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the coordination meeting of focal points of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the active participation of the Organization of the Islamic Conference in the work of the United Nations towards the realization of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

4. *Requests* the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to continue cooperation in their common search for solutions to global problems, such as questions relating to international peace and security, disarmament, self-determination, decolonization, fundamental human rights, social and economic development and technical cooperation;

5. *Welcomes* the proposals of the coordination meeting of focal points of the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference to strengthen cooperation between the two organizations in a number of different areas and to review the ways and means for enhancing the actual mechanisms of such cooperation;

6. *Welcomes also* the efforts of the secretariats of the two organizations to strengthen cooperation between them in the political field and to undertake consultations with a view to defining the mechanisms of such cooperation;

7. *Welcomes further* the periodic high-level meetings between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as between senior secretariat officials of the two organizations;

8. *Encourages* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to continue to expand their cooperation with the Organization of the Islamic Conference, particularly by negotiating cooperation agreements, and invites them to multiply the contacts and meetings of the focal points for cooperation in priority areas of

interest to the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

9. *Urges* the organizations of the United Nations system, especially the lead agencies, to provide increased technical and other forms of assistance to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions in order to enhance cooperation;

10. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions to serve the mutual interests of the two organizations in the political, economic, social and cultural fields;

11. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his initiative to convene a meeting of heads of regional organizations on 1 August 1994, and looks forward to similar meetings in the future.

12. *Recommends* that, in order to enhance cooperation and for the purpose of review and appraisal of progress, a general meeting between representatives of the secretariats of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions should take place in 1996, and every two years thereafter;

13. *Also recommends* that coordination meetings of focal points of the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its specialized institutions should henceforth be held concurrently with the general meeting;

14. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the Secretary-General in the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and expresses the hope that he will continue to strengthen the mechanisms of coordination between the two organizations;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the state of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference".

67th plenary meeting
20 November 1995

50/18. 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 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, cultural and other spheres,

Reaffirming that the questions of peace and security and those of development are interrelated and inseparable, and that cooperation for peace and development among States

of the region will promote the objectives of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic,

Aware of the importance that the States of the zone attach to 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,

1. *Reaffirms* 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. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General of 24 October 1995,³² submitted in accordance with its resolution 49/26 of 2 December 1994;

4. *Recalls* the agreement reached at the third meeting of the States members of the zone, held at Brasilia in 1994, to encourage democracy and political pluralism and, in accordance with the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights on 25 June 1993,³³ to promote and defend all human rights and fundamental freedoms and to cooperate towards the achievement of those goals;

5. *Welcomes* the progress towards the full entry into force of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco),³⁴ and the conclusion of a treaty on a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Africa;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* for the efforts of the international community, in accordance with Security Council resolution 976 (1995) of 8 February 1995, aimed at contributing to an effective and lasting peace in Angola on the basis of the "Acordos de Bicesse"³⁵ and the Lusaka Protocol;³⁶

7. *Also welcomes* recent positive developments in the situation of Liberia, including progress towards peace and national reconciliation in accordance with the Abuja Agreement³⁷ to supplement the Cotonou³⁸ and Akosombo³⁹ Agreements as subsequently clarified by the Accra Agreement;⁴⁰

8. *Commends* the efforts of Member States and humanitarian organizations to render humanitarian assistance

to Angola and Liberia, and urges them to continue to provide and to increase such assistance;

9. *Affirms* the importance of the South Atlantic to global maritime and commercial transactions and its determination to preserve the region for all activities protected by international law, as reflected in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;⁴¹

10. *Further welcomes* the offer by South Africa to host at Cape Town, on 1 and 2 April 1996, the fourth meeting of the States members of the zone;

11. *Requests* the relevant organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system to render all appropriate assistance which States of the zone may seek in their joint efforts to implement the declaration of the zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep the implementation of resolution 41/11 and subsequent resolutions on the matter under review and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session, taking into account, *inter alia*, the views expressed by Member States;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic".

69th plenary meeting
27 November 1995

50/19. Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 49/139 B of 20 December 1994,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991, in particular the guiding principles on humanitarian assistance embodied in the annex thereto, 47/168 of 22 December 1992 and 48/57 of 14 December 1993,

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1993/205 of 12 February 1993 and the agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the Council of 1993,⁴² and Council resolution 1995/44 of 27 July 1995,

Recognizing, in the light of the increasing number and growing magnitude and complexity of natural disasters and other emergencies, the need to utilize fully the national potential of countries in providing the United Nations system, on a stand-by basis, with support for its activities in the area of humanitarian emergency assistance, as well as in the promotion of a smooth transition from relief to rehabilitation, reconstruction and development, which should contribute to more coordinated responses in these fields,

1. *Takes note with interest* of the report of the Secretary-General⁴³ and the note by the Secretariat,⁴⁴ prepared in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/44, on the participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of

³²A/50/671.

³³A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

³⁴United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 634, No. 9068.

³⁵*Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-sixth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1991*, document S/22609.

³⁶*Ibid.*, *Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1994*, document S/1994/1441.

³⁷*Ibid.*, *Fiftieth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1995*, document S/1995/742.

³⁸*Ibid.*, *Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1993*, document S/26272.

³⁹*Ibid.*, *Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1994*, document S/1994/1174.

⁴⁰*Ibid.*, *Fiftieth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1995*, document S/1995/7.

⁴¹*Official Records of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea*, vol. XVII (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.84.V.3), document A/CONF.62/122.

⁴²See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/48/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III.

⁴³A/50/203/Add.1-E/1995/79/Add.1.

⁴⁴A/50/542.