

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.

humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development, as well as of the initial projects undertaken in the implementation of resolution 49/139 B;

2. *Commends* the activities and experiences of the United Nations Volunteers, including the White Helmets, deployed in the context of the implementation of resolution 49/139 B, as well as other experiences developed to improve, in accordance with resolutions 46/182 and 49/139 B, the capability for a quick and coordinated response to natural disasters and other emergencies, while preserving the non-political, neutral and impartial character of humanitarian action;

3. *Encourages* voluntary national and regional actions aimed at making available to the United Nations system, through the United Nations Volunteers, national volunteer corps such as the White Helmets on a stand-by basis, in accordance with accepted United Nations procedures and practices, in order to provide specialized human and technical resources for emergency relief and rehabilitation, and in this regard notes with satisfaction the establishment, in particular in developing countries, of national volunteer corps such as the White Helmets;

4. *Encourages also* the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, as part of its function of coordination of humanitarian assistance, and the relevant bodies of the United Nations, in accordance with their respective mandates, to make use of the White Helmets and other United Nations volunteers in the area of humanitarian emergency assistance, as well as to support a smooth transition from relief to rehabilitation, reconstruction and development;

5. *Recognizes*, in this context, the operational role of the United Nations Volunteers in the selection, training, deployment and effective utilization of the White Helmets at the field level;

6. *Calls upon* countries in a position to do so to contribute to the distinct window created to this end, in accordance with paragraph 6 (b) of resolution 49/139 B, within the Special Voluntary Fund of the United Nations Volunteers;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session, in the context of the cluster of issues related to the item "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance", on the technical, institutional and financial viability of the initiative.

72nd plenary meeting
28 November 1995

50/21. Middle East peace process

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 49/88 of 16 December 1994 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/52 of 28 July 1995,

Stressing that the achievement of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict will constitute a significant contribution to strengthening international peace and security,

Recalling the convening of the Peace Conference on the Middle East at Madrid on 30 October 1991, on the basis of Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 Novem-

ber 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973, and the subsequent bilateral negotiations, as well as the meetings of the multilateral working groups, and noting with satisfaction the broad international support for the peace process,

Noting the continuing positive participation of the United Nations as a full extraregional participant in the work of the multilateral working groups,

Bearing in mind the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, signed by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian people, in Washington on 13 September 1993,⁴⁵ and the subsequent Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area, signed by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization at Cairo on 4 May 1994,⁴⁶ their 29 August 1994 Agreement on the Preparatory Transfer of Powers and Responsibilities, the Protocol on Further Transfer of Powers and Responsibilities signed by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization at Cairo on 27 August 1995, and the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, signed by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Washington on 28 September 1995,

Also bearing in mind the Agreement between Israel and Jordan on the Common Agenda, signed in Washington on 14 September 1993, the Washington Declaration, signed by Jordan and Israel on 25 July 1994,⁴⁷ and the Treaty of Peace between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of 26 October 1994,⁴⁸

Welcoming the Declaration of the Middle East/North Africa Economic Summit held at Casablanca from 30 October to 1 November 1994,⁴⁹ as well as the Declaration of the Middle East/North Africa Economic Summit held at Amman from 29 to 31 October 1995,

1. *Welcomes* the peace process started at Madrid, and supports the subsequent bilateral negotiations;

2. *Stresses* the importance of, and need for, achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East;

3. *Expresses its full support* for the achievements of the peace process thus far, in particular the Declaration of Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrangements, signed by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, the representative of the Palestinian People, the subsequent Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the Jericho Area, signed by the Government of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, their 29 August 1994 Agreement on the Preparatory Transfer of Powers and Responsibilities, the Protocol on Further Transfer of Powers and Responsibilities signed by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization at Cairo on 27 August 1995, the Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, signed by the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization

⁴⁵A/48/486-S/26560, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-eighth Year, Supplement for October, November and December 1993*, document S/26560.

⁴⁶A/49/180-S/1994/727, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for April, May and June 1994*, document S/1994/727.

⁴⁷A/49/300-S/1994/939, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-ninth Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1994*, document S/1994/939.

⁴⁸A/50/73-S/1995/83, enclosure; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fiftieth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1995*, document S/1995/83.

⁴⁹A/49/645, annex.