

6. Operational activities for development:
 - (a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;
 - (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.
7. Training and research:
 - (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;
 - (b) United Nations University.

ANNEX III

Agenda for the Third Committee

1. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:
 - Item 2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.
 - Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice.
 - Item 4. International drug control.
 - Item 5. Advancement of women.
 - Item 6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women.
 - Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.
 - Item 8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.
 - Item 9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.
 - Item 10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination.
 - Item 11. Right of peoples to self-determination.
 - Item 12. Human rights questions:
 - (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
 - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
 - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;
 - (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;
 - (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
 - Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council.
2. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

50/228. Enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council decision 1996/212 of 9 February 1996 concerning the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Taking note also of the request regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee contained in the letter dated 23 November 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ireland to the Secretary-General,²⁸

1. Decides to increase the number of members of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Na-

tions High Commissioner for Refugees from fifty to fifty-one States;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect the additional member at its substantive session of 1996.

*120th plenary meeting
7 June 1996*

50/244. Emergency assistance to Costa Rica and Nicaragua

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 43/202 of 20 December 1988, on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/45 of 26 July 1996, on the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction,

Deeply concerned at the large number of persons killed, missing and affected by hurricane César, which struck Costa Rica and Nicaragua on 26, 27 and 28 July 1996, thereby rendering more difficult the task of consolidating a region of peace, democracy, freedom and development in Central America,

Also deeply concerned at the tremendous damage caused by hurricane César to the infrastructures and economies of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, which could adversely affect the economic and social development plans of both countries,

Aware of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of Costa Rica and Nicaragua to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of hurricane César,

Bearing in mind the enormous effort that will be required to ameliorate the serious situation caused by this natural disaster,

Recognizing the prompt response of Governments, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, international and regional agencies and non-governmental organizations in providing relief,

Also recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium- and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts already being made by the peoples and Governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to ensure more broad-based and adequate multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Governments and peoples of Costa Rica and Nicaragua;

2. Expresses its gratitude to all the States of the international community, the international agencies and the non-governmental organizations that have provided emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. Calls upon all States of the international community as a matter of urgency to contribute generously, to the extent that they are able, to relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction operations in the affected countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, within existing resources and in cooperation with international financial

²⁸E/1996/5.