

Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the Fund for International Development of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries for their financial support for the full-scale eradication phase;

5. *Requests* the Governments and organizations concerned to continue to monitor the situation closely and to take further measures to bring about the complete eradication of the screw-worm in Africa;

6. *Urges* funding agencies and the donor community to continue to support the eradication programme to ensure its successful completion;

7. *Commends* the joint effort against the screw-worm as an effective demonstration of the potential of multilateral cooperation to meet a common global environmental challenge;

8. *Invites* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in cooperation with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1992 an up-to-date report on the screw-worm eradication programme.

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#### **1991/60. Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 45/154, 45/157, 45/160 and 45/161 of 18 December 1990,

*Deeply concerned* about the critical condition of millions of people threatened by famine, ill-health and civil strife, and equally concerned about the massive number of refugees and displaced persons in the Horn of Africa,

*Bearing in mind* the appeals made by the Secretary-General at the twenty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, held at Abuja from 3 to 5 June 1991, and at the opening of the second regular session of 1991 of the Economic and Social Council, on 3 July,<sup>41</sup> in which he invited the international community to give prompt attention to the impending catastrophic situation that threatened in the Horn of Africa and called for the mobilization of additional resources to help the countries concerned to cope with the critical humanitarian situation,

*Being particularly aware* that there is a link between emergency aid, rehabilitation and development and that the existence of refugees and displaced persons places a heavy burden on the social and economic infrastructures of the countries concerned,

*Taking into account* the serious implications of the existing situation for the development prospects of the countries concerned and the imperative need for a co-ordinated approach by the United Nations system as a whole.

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Secretary-General for his initiative in sending an inter-agency mission to the Horn of Africa to assess the emergency humanitarian assistance for the affected countries and for his untiring efforts to alert the international community to the critical situation existing in the region and the need to mobilize additional resources;

2. *Appeals* to the international community and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to respond generously and promptly to the Secretary-General's appeals to meet the urgent needs already identified in the report of the inter-agency mission;<sup>42</sup>

3. *Appeals* to all parties in the Horn of Africa to contribute constructively to the current processes of national reconciliation and regional cooperation and to the related negotiating efforts;

4. *Calls upon* the Governments and other parties concerned in the affected countries, given the particular circumstances prevailing in those countries, to allow the international relief and development organizations and agencies, as well as the non-governmental organizations concerned, full access to the affected areas, to ensure their protection and to facilitate their efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons;

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

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#### **1991/61. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 45/225 of 21 December 1990 and the previous resolutions of the General Assembly concerning international assistance for the reconstruction of Lebanon, in which the Assembly called upon the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the pressing needs of Lebanon,

*Aware* of the deteriorating socio-economic conditions of the people of Lebanon and the magnitude of their unmet needs,

*Noting with deep concern* the unprecedented inflation in Lebanon in recent years and the catastrophic decline in the value of the Lebanese pound,

<sup>41</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 16th meeting.

<sup>42</sup> See A/42/645.

1. *Calls upon* all Member States and all organizations of the United Nations system to continue and intensify their efforts to provide all possible assistance to the Government of Lebanon in its reconstruction and development efforts, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its regular session of 1992 a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **1991/62. Assistance to Yemen**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen,<sup>43</sup>

*Noting* that, in his report, the Secretary-General emphasized that the continuous assistance and support of the international community to the Government of Yemen remained essential and imperative and that the General Assembly, in its resolution 45/193 of 21 December 1990, had called upon States and governmental and international non-governmental organizations to extend their assistance in support of the national efforts to improve the economic and social infrastructure of Yemen,

*Taking into consideration* previous resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and international organizations and specialized agencies in this regard, in particular those adopted since the unification of Yemen, which is one of the least developed countries, and with a view to enabling Yemen to shoulder the burdens placed upon it as a result of unification and recent events and to implement its development plans and programmes,

1. *Urges* the international community to continue to respond to United Nations resolutions concerning assistance to Yemen in order to enable it to formulate and implement short- and long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes and shoulder the burdens placed upon it by recent events, which have prevented Yemen from continuing to formulate and implement its economic and social plans;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for his endeavours and requests him to continue to coordinate the activities of United Nations organizations with a view to assisting Yemen in the mobilization of its resources, the implementation of its reconstruction and development programmes and the reintegration of its socio-economic institutions and struc-

tures, and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992.

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#### **1991/63. Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of 10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987 and 45/138 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly provided for increases in the membership of the Executive Committee.

*Taking into account* its resolution 1991/1 of 23 May 1991, in which it recommended that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-sixth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee from forty-four to forty-five States,

*Taking note* of the note verbale dated 23 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee,<sup>44</sup>

*Recommends* that the General Assembly take a decision at its forty-sixth session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from forty-four to forty-six States.

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#### **1991/64. Summit on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1989/106 of 27 July 1989 on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 45/129 of 14 December 1990 on the Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,<sup>45</sup> in which the Assembly reaffirmed, *inter alia*, its determination to encourage the full participation of

<sup>44</sup> E/1991/101 and Corr.1.

<sup>45</sup> *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

<sup>43</sup> A/46/217-E/1991/94.