

3244 (XXIX). Measures to assist Bangladesh following severe flood disaster

The General Assembly,

Noting with concern that vast areas of Bangladesh have recently been ravaged by floods of an unprecedented magnitude, causing serious loss of life and property and near famine conditions in that country,

Recognizing that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude for disaster-prone countries like Bangladesh, where the cost of damage wrought by natural disasters often exceeds the net inflow of development assistance,

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on assistance in cases of natural disaster, particularly Assembly resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 2959 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972 and 3152 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and Council resolution 1891 (LVII) of 31 July 1974,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 concerning the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly section X thereof regarding the Special Programme of emergency measures to mitigate the difficulties of the developing countries most seriously affected by economic crisis,

Bearing in mind that assistance extended to Member States that have suffered natural disasters of such magnitude is an expression of the principle of international solidarity embodied in the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the assistance provided to Bangladesh by many Governments, the United Nations system, other international organizations, voluntary agencies and private individuals, including the measures taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator,

Noting further the strenuous efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the hardships suffered by the victims of the flood, in particular its efforts to secure critical supplies of food grains during the last quarter of 1974,

1. *Expresses its profound sympathy* to the people and Government of Bangladesh on the loss of life and severe damage caused to the economy in the recent flood disaster;

2. *Urges* all Member States in a position to do so to continue and, if possible, to intensify their efforts and co-operation for immediate relief operations and also to help implement medium-term and long-term measures for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-affected areas;

3. *Invites* all international organizations and voluntary agencies, particularly those most directly concerned, to continue to give their fullest support and assistance within their respective programmes to all endeavours made by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in mobilizing relief assistance and also to give urgent consideration to any request made by the Government of Bangladesh for assistance in the rehabilitation and reconstruction phase, taking into account the Special Programme of emergency measures adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth special session;

4. *Expresses its desire* that the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and all other international financial institutions should give urgent and sympathetic consideration to any requests for assistance that the Government of Bangladesh might submit in connexion with its rehabilitation and reconstruction programmes and to requests for assistance with regard to measures within its development framework for pre-disaster preparedness and prevention programmes.

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3249 (XXIX). United Nations Capital Development Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2186 (XXI) of 13 December 1966 and 3122 (XXVIII) of 13 December 1973,

Reaffirming the provisions of its resolution 2186 (XXI), in particular those contained in articles I, II and III relating to the purpose, guiding principles and general economic provisions of the United Nations Capital Development Fund,

Noting the efforts of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme aimed at using most effectively the resources of the United Nations Capital Development Fund first and foremost for the benefit of the least developed among the developing countries,

Emphasizing that the United Nations Capital Development Fund should be enabled to discharge effectively its responsibilities regarding the elaboration and execution of the projects, through appropriate administrative support,

Welcoming the recent contributions and support pledged to the United Nations Capital Development Fund by some developed countries,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;¹⁹

2. *Reaffirms* the provision of article IV, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 2186 (XXI) regarding expenses for administrative activities of the United Nations Capital Development Fund and, as an interim measure, calls upon the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to bear such costs from the administrative budget of the Programme;

3. *Invites* all countries, especially those developed countries which have not so far contributed to the United Nations Capital Development Fund, to provide substantial voluntary contributions to the Fund so as to make it fully operative and effective;

4. *Decides* to preserve the original function of the United Nations Capital Development Fund until 31 December 1975, in accordance with the measures set forth in paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 2321 (XXII) of 15 December 1967.

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¹⁹ E/5557 and Corr.1.