

107(IX) International assistance to the flood-stricken areas of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Noting with deep regret the extensive loss of human life and property and the destruction of economic and social infrastructures caused by three consecutive floods during 1981 and 1982 in all six governorates of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen,

Having heard the statement of the representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen on the efforts that are being made by the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to deal with the disaster; and having taken note of the report of the representative of the United Nations Disaster Relief Office (UNDRO),

m Noting with appreciation the prompt assistance rendered by member States of the Commission and other countries, as well as by the United Nations system and other national and international organizations, in providing relief aid to the victims of the flood-stricken areas,

Noting further with appreciation Economic and Social Council resolution dated 28 April 1982, which urges all member States of the United Nations, international and regional organizations and voluntary agencies to participate in relief operations and to lend their support and assistance to programmes for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas,

Deeply concerned that, despite the immediate relief assistance offered so far, the magnitude of the damage caused by the floods and the reconstruction and rehabilitation requirements have confronted the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen with severe economic difficulties,

Considering that the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, being a least developed country, is unable to sustain the mounting burden of providing prompt and adequate food and shelter for the large number of homeless people and undertaking rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the affected areas,

Considering also that the magnitude of the disaster is of such a scale that the development efforts and prospects of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen have been adversely affected,

1. Strongly supports the provisions of the Economic and Social Council resolution and urges the international community to intensify efforts towards their speedy implementation;

2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to adopt a resolution calling for the urgent establishment of a programme, including the creation of a special fund, for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, in line with the provisions of the Substantial New Programme of Action in favour of the Least Developed Countries;

3. Urgently appeals to the member States of the United Nations and, in particular, the member States of the Commission, to expedite and facilitate the urgent establishment and implementation of the programme and to contribute generously to the proposed special fund;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to follow-up on the implementation of this resolution and submit a report to the tenth session of the Commission.

7th meeting

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