

117(X) International assistance to the earthquake-stricken
area of Yemen

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Noting with deep regret the extensive loss of human life and property and the awesome destruction of homes, utilities, infrastructures, crops and animal wealth caused by the earthquake disaster that struck the Governorate of Dhamar and the surrounding areas in Yemen in December 1982 and thereafter,

Noting with appreciation the assistance provided by member and non-member States of the Commission and by international, regional and national institutions and organizations in relief aid for victims of the earthquakes,

Noting further with appreciation General Assembly resolution 37/166 of 17 December 1982 which inter alia, requests United Nations organizations and programmes, including the Economic Commission for Western Asia, to maintain and expand their programmes of assistance to Yemen and to co-operate closely with the Secretary-General in organizing an effective programme of assistance to that country for relief efforts, rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected areas,

Expresses its satisfaction at the efforts exerted by the joint mission conducted by the Economic Commission for Western Asia, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the World Bank and the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) in preparing the report that contained a preliminary programme for the reconstruction of the earthquake-stricken areas in Yemen,

Having taken note of the specialized studies presented by international and regional organizations, particularly the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) the World Food Programme (UN/FAO), and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO),

Also expressing its satisfaction at the efforts exerted by the Government of Yemen in providing relief aid for the victims, in supplying funds from its own resources for the work programme for the reconstruction of the affected areas and in taking effective measures for reconstruction and the foundation of a number of new villages in the affected areas,

Believing the magnitude of the disaster to be on such a scale that development efforts and prospects would be adversely affected thereby,

1. Expresses its gratitude and appreciation to the peoples, Governments and organizations of Arab and Islamic countries and to other members of the international community, as well as to the international and regional institutions and organizations that offered substantial relief aid to the earthquake victims;

2. Appeals to all Member States of the United Nations system and to international, regional and national organizations, institutions and funds to contribute generously to the provision of the necessary financial and technical support for the implementation of the reconstruction and rehabilitation programme in the earthquake-stricken areas of Yemen;

3. Urges the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to continue, within the limits of its capabilities and resources, the follow-up of the implementation of the reconstruction and rehabilitation programme;

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

7th meeting

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