

2. *Expresses the hope* that the United Nations University will, under the joint sponsorship of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, continue to grow as an important and autonomous organ of the General Assembly charged with the responsibility for scholarly inquiry, on a truly global basis, into urgent problems facing mankind as a whole;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations University to pursue its work within the three broad areas of priority identified in paragraph 19 of the report of the Council of the University so as to take due account, *inter alia*, of the issues mentioned by the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly;

4. *Urges* the United Nations University to embark on its full activities as soon as possible and establish appropriate links with interested and qualified institutions all over the world, particularly those of developing countries, so as to respond to the mounting expectations of the world university, scientific and other intellectual communities;

5. *Stresses* the need for full co-operation and co-ordination, within the framework established by the Charter of the United Nations for co-ordinating policies and activities in the economic, social, cultural and humanitarian fields, between the United Nations University and the appropriate agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, in the elaboration of the programmes of the University with a view to avoiding duplication of effort and permitting utilization of the available expertise in the most effective and economical manner;

6. *Appeals* to all Member States to give financial and other support to the United Nations University in the form of grants to its Endowment Fund and, where possible, for specific programmes, and to co-operate fully towards the realization of the University's global network of institutions;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Rector of the United Nations University, the Council of the University and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, further to intensify his efforts to raise more funds for the University from Governments and non-governmental sources, including foundations, universities and individuals, in accordance with the Charter of the University, and to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session on the results of his efforts, together with the annual report of the Council of the University.

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**3440 (XXX). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971, 3152 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973 and 3243 (XXIX) of 29 November 1974,

*Recalling also* section II, paragraph 14, of its resolution 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1972 (LIX) of 30 July 1975,

*Recognizing* that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude requiring maximum use of available resources for the prevention and mitigation of such calamities,

*Aware* that the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, in addition to being strengthened as provided for in General Assembly resolution 3243 (XXIX), should be given the requisite means to take more effective and continuing action against disasters, including emergency relief, pre-disaster planning and promotion of disaster prevention activities,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the reports of the Secretary-General concerning the activities of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator<sup>42</sup> and the statement made before the Second Committee by the Co-ordinator on the activities of his Office,<sup>43</sup> as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,<sup>44</sup>

1. *Decides* to expand the trust fund established under its resolution 3243 (XXIX) to strengthen the capability of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, so as to fulfil the following additional purposes:

(a) To provide instantly emergency assistance for countries stricken by natural disasters or other disaster situations;

(b) To provide, as an interim measure and pending review at a future date of alternative sources of financing, including the United Nations Development Programme, technical assistance to Governments for the elaboration of national plans for natural disaster prevention and preparedness;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish an honorary committee, composed of distinguished persons particularly interested in and concerned with disaster relief, to assist the Secretary-General in mobilizing financial resources for disaster-related activities and to advise and counsel him in this regard;

3. *Invites* all States to make voluntary contributions to the expanded trust fund in order to permit implementation of effective, significant and continuing action by the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to help disaster-stricken and disaster-prone countries;

4. *Further invites* all States to encourage the setting up of national fund-raising committees to promote voluntary contributions for disaster-related activities, bearing in mind the co-ordinating role of the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator;

5. *Requests* the United Nations organs and other bodies concerned to co-operate with the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator in the formulation of an international strategy for disaster prevention and, in due time, to assist the Office in the dissemination of the results achieved;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-first session and to the General Assembly at its thirty-first session.

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**3441 (XXX). Assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with deep concern* the persistence of drought in many parts of Ethiopia,

<sup>42</sup> A/10079 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

<sup>43</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirtieth Session, Second Committee*, 1691st meeting, paras. 2-6.

<sup>44</sup> *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 8A (A/10008/Add.1-28)*, document A/10008/Add.5.