

3. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to continue its consideration of the question of the further promotion and encouragement of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

4. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should, in studying the question of transferring the resources released as a result of disarmament, bear in mind the economic needs of all countries, particularly of the less developed countries, in order to help them to achieve the safeguarding of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

*1381st plenary meeting,
18 November 1965.*

2034 (XX). Assistance in cases of natural disaster

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1049 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964 requesting the Secretary-General to make a study of the types of assistance the United Nations might appropriately provide, the order of magnitude of the resources the Secretary-General might require for the purpose and the alternative methods of providing such resources, including the establishment of a United Nations fund for assistance in cases of natural disaster, financed through voluntary contributions, and to report to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session,

Recalling that in resolution 1049 (XXXVII) the Economic and Social Council also requested the Secretary-General to consider possible improvements in the arrangements for co-ordinating international assistance and to report to the Council at its thirty-ninth session,

Having^a considered the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session,³ the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon⁴ and the report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-ninth session,⁵

Noting the Secretary-General's readiness to be at the disposal of international non-governmental organizations concerned with emergency relief to assist them in pursuing the question of co-ordination,

Further noting that, in co-operation with the League of Red Cross Societies, the United Nations can offer both guidance and technical assistance in formulating pre-disaster plans to countries requesting it, and also assistance, immediately after a disaster, in drawing up comprehensive plans for rehabilitation and reconstruction,

Welcoming the Secretary-General's statement that the procedures set out in the twenty-eighth report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination⁶ for the co-ordination of assistance from members of the United Nations family are working satisfactorily,

1. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the In-

ternational Atomic Energy Agency which have not already done so:

(a) To consider the advisability of setting up appropriate national planning and operating machinery most suited to their own conditions, and designed to determine the degree and character of the relief required and to give unified direction to relief operations, United Nations resident representatives being suitably associated with such work;

(b) To consider setting up national Red Cross or Red Crescent societies;

2. *Requests* Member States, when offering emergency assistance in cases of natural disaster, to inform and make use of the appropriate standing machinery set up in the stricken countries and to inform the Secretary-General of the type of emergency assistance they are in a position to offer;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the existing arrangements which the United Nations and the specialized agencies have for providing emergency assistance, including their relationships with non-governmental organizations, particularly with the League of Red Cross Societies;

4. *Invites* the executive heads of the organizations and programmes within the United Nations system, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to continue and intensify their efforts to ensure the full co-ordination of the assistance made available by and through those organizations and programmes to countries stricken by natural disasters;

5. *Approves* the proposal of the Secretary-General that he be authorized to draw on the Working Capital Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for emergency aid in any one year, with a normal ceiling of \$20,000 per country in the case of any one disaster;

6. *Decides* to review at its twenty-third session the experimental arrangements referred to in paragraph 5 above.

*1390th plenary meeting,
7 December 1965.*

2035 (XX). World social situation

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General concerning the measures taken to implement General Assembly resolution 1916 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963,⁷

Taking note with satisfaction of Economic and Social Council resolution 1086 E (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, by which the Council, *inter alia*, invited the Social Commission to re-examine, at its seventeenth session, the role which it should play within the framework of United Nations programmes in order to meet the needs of Member States, and to submit its proposals regarding the action to this effect to the Council at its forty-first session,

Recalling its resolution 1916 (XVIII) which, *inter alia*, requested the Economic and Social Council to review its resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953 entitled "Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies" in the light of the *Report on the World Social Situation, 1963*,⁸ and of the objectives of the United Nations Development Decade,

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, document A/6016.*

⁸ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 63.IV.4.

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 53, document A/5845.*

⁴ *Ibid.*, document A/5883.

⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 5, document E/4036.*

⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda items 4 and document E/3765.*