

176(XV). International assistance to the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Noting with deep regret the extensive loss of life and property and the destruction of much of the economic and social infrastructure caused by the rains and floods in Democratic Yemen in March and April 1989,

Having taken note of the statement by the representative of Democratic Yemen concerning the magnitude of this disaster and the efforts that are being made by that Government to cope with it, and having taken note of the report of the secretariat on the subject,^{1/}

Deeply concerned that, despite the immediate relief assistance offered so far, the magnitude of the damage caused by the rains and floods and the enormity of the reconstruction and rehabilitation requirements have confronted the Government with severe difficulties in meeting the needs of a large number of victims, in spite of the adoption of rehabilitation and reconstruction measures for the stricken areas,

Recalling its resolution 107(IX) of 11 May 1982 on international assistance to the flood-stricken areas of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, which provided a framework for the offer of aid and assistance to those areas at that time,

1. Expresses its gratitude to the donor States and agencies and requests them, especially the States members of the Commission, to offer more aid and voluntary contributions with a view to alleviating the destruction occasioned by the disaster;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to formulate a programme, in accordance with available resources, with a view to assisting in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood-stricken areas in Democratic Yemen, and to seek financing for this programme from the agencies concerned;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to devise a system in the secretariat to deal with natural disasters with a view to expediting the offer of immediate assistance when such disasters occur;

4. Also requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its sixteenth session.

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^{1/} E/ESCWA/C.1/15/12.