

2000/212. Devastation caused by the floods in Mozambique

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 9 March 2000, the Economic and Social Council decided to authorize its President to transmit immediately to the Government of Mozambique and through it to the people of Mozambique, his statement on the devastation caused by the floods in that country (see annex).

Annex

Statement by the President of the Economic and Social Council to the Government and people of Mozambique

On behalf of the members of the Economic and Social Council, I should like to extend to the Government and people of Mozambique our heartfelt sympathy for the horrific loss of life and property resulting from the furious flood waters that have swept across your nation. We endorse wholeheartedly the appeal of the Government of Mozambique to the international community for assistance, and we pay tribute to the Government and people of Mozambique for their untiring and intensive efforts to respond to the devastation that has occurred.

The Economic and Social Council, as the Charter body of the United Nations concerned with coordination of humanitarian assistance, also expresses its appreciation to the international community for its support to Mozambique. It calls upon all Governments that are in a position to do so, to continue and intensify their relief efforts to assist the Government and people of Mozambique in recovering from the devastation caused by the floods and in launching efforts designed for the reconstruction and development of the country.

The members of the Economic and Social Council recognize, with appreciation, the ongoing efforts of the United Nations and its bodies, the specialized agencies, the international financial institutions, interregional and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The members call upon all of them to accelerate their efforts, in a coordinated manner, to provide a continuum of relief and assistance to the Government and people of Mozambique.

To this end, the Economic and Social Council shall ensure that its next humanitarian affairs segment, of its substantive session of 2000, addresses the issue of coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations to Mozambique.