

**1996/33. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Reaffirming* the guiding principles and coordinating mechanisms for providing emergency humanitarian assistance as outlined in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991,

*Recalling* other relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 47/168 of 22 December 1992, 48/57 of 14 December 1993, 49/139 A of 20 December 1994 and 50/57 of 12 December 1995, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/56 of 28 July 1995,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>95</sup>

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with relevant organizations of the United Nations

system, to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1997, a comprehensive analytical report, including options, proposals and recommendations for a review and strengthening of all aspects of the capacity of the United Nations system for humanitarian assistance;

2. *Calls upon* the Inter-Agency Standing Committee to adopt clear work plans and timetables for the working groups established in the follow-up to Council resolution 1995/56 in order that the Secretary-General may have sufficient time to consider their recommendations;

3. *Urges* all relevant organizations of the United Nations system to actively participate in the follow-up process established for Council resolution 1995/56;

4. *Also urges* the governing bodies of the relevant agencies to complete their consideration of the follow-up to Council resolution 1995/56 in good time, no later than their first regular sessions of 1997, in order that the Secretary-General may have sufficient time to consider their recommendations;

5. *Calls upon* the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to provide a conference room paper on the status of the discussions of the working groups of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee prior to each meeting of the governing bodies of the agencies, funds and programmes at which the follow-up to Council resolution 1995/56 is to be discussed, so that governing body discussions can build on each other and on the work of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee;

6. *Encourages* Governments to ensure coherence in the direction given to the governing bodies of relevant agencies, organizations, funds and programmes of the United Nations system with the aim of improving the coordination and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance within the United Nations system;

7. *Calls upon* the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, in this context, to continue to convene regular, informal and open-ended information meetings with Member States, observer States and relevant intergovernmental and other organizations on the review of the above-mentioned issues, so as to ensure that they are coherently addressed and appropriately reflected in the report of the Secretary-General.

*50th plenary meeting  
25 July 1996*

<sup>95</sup> A/51/172-E/1996/77.