

lief Co-ordinator, on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other United Nations organizations and specialized agencies to continue and intensify their assistance to Ethiopia in its relief and rehabilitation efforts, particularly the Government's resettlement programme, in their respective areas of competence and to implement promptly and fully the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, 3441 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/172 of 21 December 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1833 (LVI) of 8 May 1974, 1876 (LVII) of 16 July 1974, 1971 (LIX) of 30 July 1975, 1986 (LX) of 6 May 1976, 1978/2 of 2 May 1978 and 1980/2 of 16 April 1980;

3. *Appeals* to the Governments of Member States and to intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to continue and increase their assistance to the Government of Ethiopia for relief, rehabilitation and recovery of the drought-stricken areas;

4. *Decides* to keep the matter under review.

*15th plenary meeting
6 May 1981*

1981/34. Inclusion of Guinea-Bissau in the list of the least developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its decision 1980/161 of 24 July 1980, in which it requested the Committee for Development Planning to expedite the review of the economic situation of Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Tonga and certain newly independent developing countries, with a view to their inclusion in the list of the least developed countries, and to make recommendations concerning those countries to the Council at its first regular session of 1981,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/106 of 5 December 1980, in which the Assembly decided to authorize the Economic and Social Council to consider, at its first regular session of 1981, the recommendations of the Committee for Development Planning on the above-mentioned countries and, accordingly, to add any of those countries to the list of the least developed countries on the basis of existing criteria and the most recent data relating to the above-mentioned countries, and in which the Assembly further decided that that exercise should be without prejudice to any future overall review of the list of the least developed countries which might be authorized a later date by the Assembly in accordance with established procedures,

Taking note of chapter IV of the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its seventeenth session⁵⁷ and statements made in the Council in this regard,

Decides to add Guinea-Bissau to the list of the least developed countries.

*18th plenary meeting
8 May 1981*

⁵⁷ See E/1981/L.14 and Corr.1. For the full text of the report, *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 7 (E/1981/27)*.

1981/35. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families

The Economic and Social Council,

Mindful of the need for international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and in developing and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling in that regard the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁵⁸ of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁵⁹ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁶⁰

Mindful of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of the host countries,

Noting, in particular, that the problems of migrant workers, which are becoming more serious in some regions for political and economic reasons and for social and cultural reasons, constitute a matter of grave concern and continue to be of the greatest importance to certain countries,

Mindful of the important contribution made by the International Labour Organisation in the protection of the rights of all migrant workers,

Appreciating also the efforts of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in matters relating to migrant workers,

Deeply concerned at the fact that, despite the general effort made by Member States, regional intergovernmental organizations and various United Nations bodies, migrant workers are still unable fully to exercise their rights in the social field and in the labour field as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing, therefore, the efforts that must still be made effectively to protect the rights of all migrant workers and their families and to improve their living conditions,

Recalling its resolution 1981/21 of 6 May 1981, recommended for adoption by the Commission for Social Development, and resolution 37 (XXXVII) of 12 March 1981 of the Commission on Human Rights,⁶¹

Recalling its resolution 1980/16 of 30 April 1980,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families, established in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, began its work during the thirty-fifth session of the Assembly;

2. *Expresses its conviction* that the drafting of that convention will further facilitate the exchanges of views needed for protecting the human rights and improving the situation of migrant workers and their families;

3. *Expresses the hope* that substantial progress will be made by the Working Group during the intersessional meeting to be held in May 1981 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/198 of 15 December 1980, so that the Working Group may fully discharge its mandate and complete the drafting of the

⁵⁸ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

⁵⁹ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁶⁰ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁶¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.*