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Agenda item 20 (b)

**Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions**

**Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Israel and Nicaragua: draft resolution**

**Emergency assistance to Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 42/169 of 11 December 1987, 43/202 of 20 December 1988, 44/236 of 22 December 1989, 45/185 of 21 December 1990, 46/149 of 18 December 1991, 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 48/188 of 21 December 1993, 49/22 A of 2 December 1994, 49/21 P of 18 September 1995 and 53/1 B of 5 October 1998,

*Deeply regretting* the loss of human lives and the large numbers of afflicted persons resulting from Hurricane Mitch in Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama between 26 and 29 October 1998,

*Conscious* of the tremendous material losses sustained to crops, homes, basic infrastructure and tourist and other areas,

*Acknowledging* the efforts of the Governments of Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama to minimize the human losses and to rapidly assist the affected population,

*Noting* the enormous effort that will be required to rebuild the affected areas and to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

*Aware* that the work of reconstruction will require broad, coordinated support, as well as solidarity, from the international community,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Government and peoples of Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the members of the international community which have so far provided support to the rescue and assistance effort for the affected population;

3. *Appeals* to all Member States and all organs and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to provide speedy support to the relief, rehabilitation and assistance effort for the affected countries;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General and all organs and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as international financial institutions and development agencies, to assist Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama in assessing their needs and to help ensure the rehabilitation and recovery of the economy and the affected population in the short, medium and long term;

5. *Further requests* the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations to increase their support and assistance for building the disaster-preparedness capacity of the countries concerned;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session a report on the collaborative effort referred to in paragraph 4 above and on progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama.

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