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**Contributions**

The following governments contributed to the DHA's on-line services:

Austria, Finland, Italy, Japan, Sweden  
United Kingdom, United States.



**RELIEFWEB- Highlights of the UN Resolution**  
**Strengthening of the Coordination of Emergency Humanitarian Assistance of the United Nations**  
 UNITED NATIONS General Assembly ; A/RES/51/194, 10 February 1997; Fifty-first session; Agenda item 21 (a)

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,**  
**Reaffirming** its resolutions 46/182 of 19 December 1991, 47/168 of 22 December 1992, 48/57 of 14 December 1993, 49/139 A and B of 20 December 1994, 50/57 of 12 December 1995 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1995/56 of 28 July 1995 and 1996/33 of 25 July 1996,

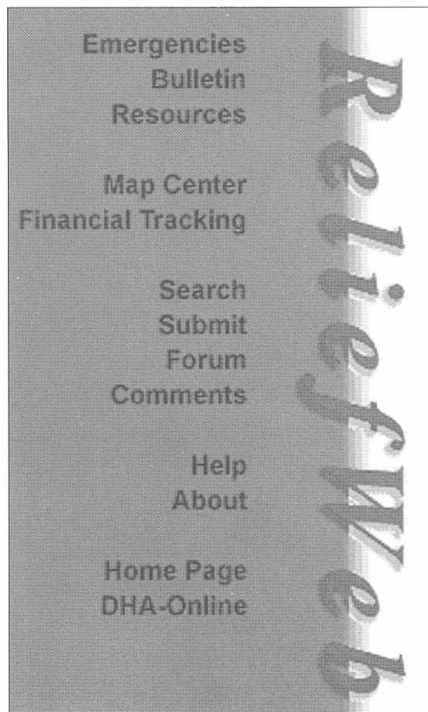
[...]

**Taking note** of the report of the Secretary-General, in particular of the attention paid by the Secretary-General to effectiveness, accountability and transparency in humanitarian assistance under increasingly complex operational environments and the need for further efforts to identify and support the smooth transition from relief to rehabilitation, reconstruction and long-term development,

**Taking note** of the establishment, within the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, of **Reliefweb**, for the dissemination of reliable and timely information on natural disasters and other emergencies,

[...]

**Reaffirming** also that each State has the responsibility first and foremost to take care of the victims of natural disasters and other emergencies occurring on its territory, and hence, the affected State has the primary role in the initiation, organization coordination and implementation of



humanitarian assistance within its territory,

[...]

**Concerned** about the impediments created by natural disasters and similar emergencies to the development efforts of the affected countries, and welcoming the efforts of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, in the context of the **International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction**, to promote disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness measures,

[...]

**10. Calls upon** States to respond quickly and generously to consolidated appeals for humanitarian assistance, taking

into account the importance for donors to be flexible in their response to the specific requirements of affected populations, for rapid-response as well as for early rehabilitation and recovery:

[...]

**13. Requests** the Secretary-General to further develop **Reliefweb** as the global humanitarian

information system for the dissemination of reliable and timely information on emergencies and natural disasters, and encourages all Governments, the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and other relevant organizations, including non-governmental organizations, to support **Reliefweb** and actively participate in the **Reliefweb** information exchange, through the Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

**14. Encourages** the Secretary-General to develop further the Humanitarian Early Warning System, to make it fully operational as soon as possible and to consult all States on the use to which the database could be put, as well as its further development, taking into account that early warning information should be made available in an unrestricted and timely manner to all interested Governments and authorities concerned;

[...]

*87th plenary meeting 17 December 1996*