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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

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Solidarity with and support for the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as neighbouring countries affected by the impact of the eruptions of La Soufrière volcano

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming its resolution [46/182](#) of 19 December 1991, the annex to which contains the guiding principles for the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations system, as well as all its resolutions on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, and recalling the resolutions of the humanitarian segments of the substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming also the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence for the provision of humanitarian assistance,

Deeply concerned about the serious consequences of the explosive eruptions of La Soufrière volcano in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines since 9 April 2021, which have resulted in the displacement of residents and the loss of livelihoods, food security and nutrition, health security and access to social infrastructure, and about the urgent need to restore normal conditions for the population,

Concerned about the effects of the ongoing eruptions of La Soufrière volcano on basic infrastructure and other areas and on the economies of the neighbouring countries, which could adversely affect the economic and social development plans of those countries,



Noting with concern the elevated public health risk of the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) among persons offered refuge both within and beyond the national territory of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, in particular in the absence of the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines,

Underlining the special needs and challenges of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the affected neighbouring countries as small island developing States, and recognizing the additional challenges and constraints facing those countries in the aftermath of the eruptions of La Soufrière volcano,

Recognizing that the great efforts that the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is making to improve the quality of life for all Vincentians and the implementation of the country's National Economic and Social Development Plan (2013–2025), in line with the Sustainable Development Goals,¹ have been hampered by this natural disaster,

Welcoming the generous and immediate assistance that has been provided by the Caribbean Community and neighbouring countries, and by other States and national, regional and international organizations, in particular the United Nations system, to alleviate this emergency situation in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines,

Welcoming also the launch of a United Nations funding appeal and response plan by the United Nations team for the Eastern Caribbean to mobilize the solidarity of the international community in extending humanitarian assistance and recovery support to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as neighbouring countries affected by the impact of the eruptions of La Soufrière volcano,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Government and people of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as affected neighbouring countries;

2. *Invites* the international community to continue efforts to increase support, and encourages the international financial institutions and organizations to continue to contribute and to respond generously for the duration of the emergency and of the rehabilitation process in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as affected neighbouring countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, to the extent of his authority, to support the rehabilitation efforts that are being made by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as well as affected neighbouring countries.

¹ See resolution [70/1](#).