

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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1038 (XI). Membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 610 B (XXI) of 1 May 1956,

Noting that the number of Governments making voluntary contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund has increased steadily since 1950, and has thus far in 1956 reached seventy-eight,

Considering that it would be desirable to separate the membership of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund from the membership of the Social Commission in order to provide for the direct election of all members of the Executive Board,

Decides to replace paragraph 6 (a) of General Assembly resolution 417 (V) of 1 December 1950 by the following:

"That the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund shall be reconstituted as from 1 January 1957 to consist of thirty States, Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, to be designated by the Economic and Social Council for appropriate periods, without prejudice to the terms of the States already elected and with due regard to geographical distribution and to the representation of the major contributing and recipient countries".

*612th plenary meeting,
7 December 1956.*

1039 (XI). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

A

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹ covering the activities of his Office between May 1955 and May 1956,

Taking note in particular of the addendum to his report dealing with the effect of the shortfall in governmental contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund,²

Bearing in mind that, under the Statute of his Office,³ the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is charged with the duty of seeking solutions for the problems of refugees through voluntary repatriation, resettlement and integration,

Bearing in mind the provisions of section II of General Assembly resolution 1006 (ES-II) of 9 November 1956 and General Assembly resolution 1129 (XI) of 21 November on the problem of Hungarian refugees, the appeals of the Government of Austria for assistance in dealing with this problem, and the response of Governments to these appeals,

Taking note of the statements of the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees⁴ on the steps so far taken by the Office to deal with the problem of Hungarian refugees and on the impact of this problem on the programme of the United Nations Refugee Fund,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the efforts of the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees to implement the programme for permanent solutions of the existing refugee problem and to deal with the emergency situation created by the problem of Hungarian refugees;

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/3123/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11 A (A/3123/Rev.1/Add.1 and 2).*

² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 A (A/3123/Rev.1/Add.1 and 2), addendum 1.

³ *Ibid.*, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20, resolution 428 (V), annex.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Third Committee, 690th and 692nd meetings.

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Austria for the part it has played in receiving and assisting the refugees who have entered its territory;

3. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his efforts to effect solutions in accordance with the Statute of his Office and the programme of the United Nations Refugee Fund, under due safeguards in accordance with his responsibility under the said Statute to provide international protection to refugees within his mandate;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary-General and with the Governments concerned, to develop a comprehensive assessment of the needs, both material and financial, of the Hungarian refugees, to be submitted to the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee for its approval at the earliest possible date;

5. *Expresses grave concern* at the shortfall in the governmental contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund established at \$16 million;

6. *Urges* all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies to give early and serious consideration to making contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund in order that the target for 1956 and 1957 may be reached and the High Commissioner enabled fully to implement the programme planned under that Fund;

7. *Requests* the High Commissioner to study with the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee the appropriate means to ensure the full implementation of the programme of the Fund.

643rd plenary meeting,
23 January 1957.

B

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 628 (XXII) of 13 July 1956,

Recalling with gratitude the work accomplished by Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and mindful of his devoted and untiring efforts,

Recording its deep regret at his untimely death,

1. *Decides* that a plaque to the memory of Dr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart shall be placed in the Palais des Nations in Geneva;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for this purpose;

3. *Urges* Governments actively to support the work on behalf of refugees in the spirit of the United Nations Charter.

643rd plenary meeting,
23 January 1957.

1040 (XI). Convention of the Nationality of Married Women

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is appropriate to conclude, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international convention on the nationality of married women, designed to eliminate conflicts of law arising out of provisions concerning the loss or acquisition of nationality by women as a result of marriage, of its dissolution, or

of the change of nationality by the husband during marriage,

Decides to open the Convention annexed to the present resolution for signature and ratification at the end of the eleventh session of the General Assembly.

647th plenary meeting,
29 January 1957.

ANNEX

CONVENTION ON THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN

The Contracting States,

Recognizing that, in article 15 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed that "everyone has the right to a nationality" and that "no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality",

Desiring to co-operate with the United Nations in promoting universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to sex,

Hereby agree as hereinafter provided:

Article 1

Each Contracting State agrees that neither the celebration nor the dissolution of a marriage between one of its nationals and an alien, nor the change of nationality by the husband during marriage, shall automatically affect the nationality of the wife.

Article 2

Each Contracting State agrees that neither the voluntary acquisition of the nationality of another State nor the renunciation of its nationality by one of its nationals shall prevent the retention of its nationality by the wife of such national.

Article 3

1. Each Contracting State agrees that the alien wife of one of its nationals may, at her request, acquire the nationality of her husband through specially privileged naturalization procedures; the grant of such nationality may be subject to such limitations as may be imposed in the interests of national security or public policy.

2. Each Contracting State agrees that the present Convention shall not be construed as affecting any legislation or judicial practice by which the alien wife of one of its nationals may, at her request, acquire her husband's nationality as a matter of right.

Article 4

1. The present Convention shall be open for signature and ratification on behalf of any State Member of the United Nations and also on behalf of any other State which is or hereafter becomes a member of any specialized agency of the United Nations, or which is or hereafter becomes a Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, or any other State to which an invitation has been addressed by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2. The present Convention shall be ratified and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 5

1. The present Convention shall be open for accession to all States referred to in paragraph 1 of article 4.

2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.