

1500 (XV). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia

The General Assembly,

Having examined chapter IV of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,²

Recalling its resolution 1389 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Considering the action taken by the High Commissioner and the encouraging results achieved during the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the progress made on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia,

Regretting that the situation which is the cause of this problem continues,

Recognizing that the living conditions of these refugees, and in particular those of the children, remain precarious and require constant improvement,

Recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should:

(a) Continue his present action;

(b) Use his influence to ensure the continuation of the operation carried out jointly by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the League of Red Cross Societies, and, should this prove impossible, draw up and execute a programme for the assumption by the Office of the High Commissioner of responsibility for these refugees from 1 July 1961.

935th plenary meeting,

5 December 1960.

1501 (XV). Expression of appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Noting with regret that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will shortly leave office,

Considering that remarkable and encouraging progress has been made during his years in office in solving many of the problems of refugees, both under his mandate and through the use of his good offices,

Confident that these achievements will lead to further improvement of the refugee situation under the Office of the High Commissioner,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to Mr. Auguste Lindt and its admiration for the brilliant and important work he has performed during his years as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

2. *Extends its good wishes* to Mr. Lindt for equally great success in all his future undertakings.

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5 December 1960.

1502 (XV). World Refugee Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1285 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and 1390 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the World Refugee Year,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the World Refugee Year,³

Noting with gratification the remarkable success of the World Refugee Year in many parts of the world, not only financially but also in promoting solutions of problems relating to large numbers of refugees, particularly those who are handicapped,

Noting further that the World Refugee Year has focused the attention of world opinion on the problems of refugees,

Believing that the enthusiasm and interest aroused by the World Refugee Year can, if maintained, make a vital contribution to this end,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to all Governments, national committees, non-governmental organizations and private individuals who have contributed to the success of the World Refugee Year, as well as to the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for the World Refugee Year, for their efforts in this regard;

2. *Requests* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as international non-governmental organizations, to continue their efforts to assist refugees on a purely humanitarian basis, especially by:

(a) Increased co-operation with the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(b) Efforts to maintain the public interest aroused by the World Refugee Year in the solution of refugee problems;

(c) The encouragement of additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves;

(d) The further encouragement of financial contributions for international assistance to refugees including contributions from non-governmental organizations and the general public;

3. *Expresses the hope* that all people everywhere will take into consideration the problems of refugees and the need for sustained and increased efforts for their ultimate solution.

935th plenary meeting,

5 December 1960.

1507 (XV). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the action of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in elaborating the activities to be undertaken by the Fund, within the framework of its responsibilities, in helping countries give effect to the high principles proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,

Recognizing the significant contribution the Fund is making to better living conditions in developing countries and the manner in which it reinforces the effectiveness of other measures taken to this end,

Noting that the Fund is taking steps to ascertain the priority needs of children in present changing conditions and to identify the fields in which it might assist in order to contribute to the greatest possible extent to the present and future welfare of children,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Children's Fund on its achievements;

² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/4378/Rev.1).

³ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 33, document A/4546.

2. *Encourages* the Fund to increase aid to countries passing through difficult transitional stages, particularly in Africa, without prejudicing the level of aid to other countries requiring assistance;

3. *Expresses the hope* that the Fund will receive the necessary financial support to enable it not only to continue its successful work but also increasingly to meet the challenge of extending its services.

*943rd plenary meeting,
12 December 1960.*

1508 (XV). Low-cost housing and related community facilities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1393 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 regarding low-cost housing,

Having noted section I of chapter V of the report of the Economic and Social Council⁴ on progress made towards the implementation of the long-range programme of concerted international action in the field of housing and related community facilities,

Recognizing the importance of adequate housing and community facilities and services for a rise in the levels of living of the lower income groups in the congested urban areas,

Recognizing the significant role of Governments in the planning, financing and execution of programmes for low-cost housing and community facilities,

Considering that, owing to limited resources, the developing and newly independent countries have difficulty in meeting demands for simultaneous investment in economic development projects and in housing, health and education,

Recognizing the need to utilize more fully the peoples' own resources and the local sources of materials and finances for the solution of the housing and urban development problem,

1. *Requests* Member States to review their housing requirements, policies and programmes as well as the extent of investment in this field from all sources in their countries, and to indicate to the United Nations the areas in which outside assistance is most needed;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in connexion with the concerted programme of practical action in this field, to investigate in consultation with interested Member States the possibility of obtaining technical services, equipment and funds for establishing or multiplying pilot projects:

(a) In low-cost housing and related community facilities, services and utilities in the areas of rapid urbanization in the developing countries;

(b) In the production from local sources of suitable materials, accessories and construction elements and equipment for the execution of housing and urban development programmes;

3. *Further requests* the Economic and Social Council to investigate, on the basis of work already done by its functional commissions and regional economic commissions, the possibilities for domestic and international financing of low-cost housing programmes in less developed countries;

4. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly a report on the implementation of the present resolution together with the com-

ments of the Social Commission, the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies concerned.

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12 December 1960.*

1509 (XV). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Taking note of section VIII of chapter VI of the report of the Economic and Social Council⁴ and of Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 concerning United Nations assistance for the advancement of women in under-developed countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1163 (XII) of 26 November 1957 concerning the work of the Commission on the Status of Women and the progress achieved in the field of women's rights,

Noting with satisfaction that the Commission is showing a special interest in the condition of women in developing countries,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the Governments of Member States, and particularly those of the developing countries, will take full advantage of existing United Nations programmes designed to improve the status of women, that they will collaborate with the Secretary-General in the study which he has undertaken in compliance with Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) and that the United Nations and the specialized agencies will, for their part, direct their programmes to a greater extent towards achieving this end;

2. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women to pursue their efforts in the matter and take, in connexion with this study, appropriate measures that would lead to special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in the developing countries.

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1510 (XV). Manifestations of racial and national hatred

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the fundamental purposes of the United Nations are to maintain international peace and security and to develop friendly relations among nations and that, to this end, it is necessary to strengthen co-operation among peoples and nations and to educate the younger generation in this spirit,

Noting with gratification that the manifestations of racial and national hatred, religious intolerance and racial prejudice which still exist in the world have been consistently condemned by the United Nations,

Sharing the grave concern of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities about these manifestations,

Being alarmed by the fact that tendencies to racial and national hatred are still not sufficiently combatted in many parts of the world by orienting youth in accordance with the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations,

⁴ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4415).