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1666 (XVI). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Having made progress in the preparation of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights,

Not having been able, however, to complete its work relating to the Covenants at its sixteenth session,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Draft International Covenants on Human Rights" as soon as possible at its seventeenth session and at that session to devote as many meetings as possible to the consideration of that item.

*1075th plenary meeting,
11 December 1961.*

1671 (XVI). Problem raised by the situation of Angolan refugees in the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having been apprised of the situation of the refugees from Angola in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville),

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Government of the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), in co-operation with the United Nations in the Congo, the League of Red Cross Societies and other voluntary organizations, to provide those refugees with immediate assistance and to help them to become self-supporting until they can return to their own homes,

Recognizing that it is desirable to maintain unity of action in the further provision of assistance in an area where the needs of the refugees cannot, in practice, be separated from those of the local population,

1. *Recommends* that the United Nations in the Congo, in close liaison with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the organizations mentioned above, should continue to provide emergency assistance for as long as is necessary and enable the refugees to become self-supporting as soon as possible;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to lend his good offices in seeking appropriate solutions to the problem arising from the presence of Angolan refugees in the Republic of the Congo (Leopoldville), *inter alia*, by facilitating, in close collaboration with the authorities and organizations directly concerned, the voluntary repatriation of those refugees;

3. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to make available to the competent organs of the United Nations the means required for the measures of assistance mentioned above.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1672 (XVI). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹

Recalling its resolutions 1389 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 and 1500 (XV) of 5 December 1960,

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,

Observing with regret that the problem which is the cause of this situation has not yet been solved,

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

Considering the temporary nature of the situation of those refugees,

Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to:

(a) Continue his present action jointly with the League of Red Cross Societies until those refugees return to their homes;

(b) Use the means at his disposal to assist in the orderly return of those refugees to their homes and consider the possibility, when necessary, of facilitating their resettlement in their homeland as soon as circumstances permit;

(c) Persist in his efforts to secure the resources which will enable him to complete this task.

*1081st plenary meeting,
18 December 1961.*

1673 (XVI). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees² and having heard his statement before the Third Committee,³

Taking note of the progress achieved in respect of the international protection of refugees and in seeking permanent solutions to refugee problems through voluntary repatriation, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts made by the High Commissioner to complete in the near future the major aid programmes for "old" refugees in Europe,

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/4771/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/4771/Rev.1/Add.1).*

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*, Sixteenth Session, Third Committee, 1112th meeting.

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the High Commissioner in his various fields of activity for groups of refugees for whom he lends his good offices,

Noting further with satisfaction the assistance he can give those refugees in handling the contributions designed to provide for their assistance and in utilizing the emergency fund established under General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957,

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to pursue his activities on behalf of the refugees within his mandate or those for whom he extends his good offices, and to continue to report to the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme and to abide by directions which that Committee might give him in regard to situations concerning refugees;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to continue to lend their support to the alleviation of refugee problems still awaiting solution:

(a) By improving the legal status of refugees residing in their territory;

(b) By facilitating the voluntary repatriation, resettlement or local integration of refugees;

(c) By providing the High Commissioner with the necessary financial means for the accomplishment of the tasks incumbent upon him and, in particular, by enabling him to reach the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme.

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18 December 1961.*

1674 (XVI). Balanced and co-ordinated economic and social development

The General Assembly,

Affirming its belief that economic development and social development are interrelated and that the fullest possible satisfaction of social needs must be the ultimate goal of all measures designed to foster economic development,

Recalling its resolution 1392 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the interrelationship of the economic and social factors of development,

Recalling also its resolution 1161 (XII) of 26 November 1957 on balanced and integrated economic and social progress, as well as its resolution 1258 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 requesting the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, to consider social programmes and policies designed to accelerate economic growth, meet the problems resulting from economic and technological change, and raise standards of living by, *inter alia*, avoiding an inequitable distribution of national income,

Being conscious, therefore, of the importance of planning for balanced and co-ordinated development in the economic and social fields,

Noting the useful work on this subject accomplished so far by some organs of the United Nations, including the regional economic commissions,

Considering that further study of this question may be of particular value to the economically less developed countries,