

with a view to facilitating the Secretary-General's task in the elaboration of the report on the subject which he is to submit to the General Assembly at its thirtieth session;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to draw up a programme of work taking into account the reports of the Secretary-General, the replies of Governments and other relevant sources, with a view to undertaking in particular the formulation of standards in the areas which would appear to be sufficiently analysed, without prejudice to other activities carried out pursuant to the above-mentioned resolutions, and to transmit that programme to the Economic and Social Council at its sixtieth session;

6. *Invites* the organs referred to in paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1897 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, in the event that it is decided to convene a further United Nations conference on science and technology, to take into consideration, in their preparatory work, the question of promoting human rights.

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3269 (XXIX). Draft declaration on the use of scientific and technological progress in the interests of peace and for the benefit of mankind

The General Assembly,

Having considered the draft declaration on the use of scientific and technological progress in the interests of peace and for the benefit of mankind,⁴⁰

1. *Decides* to defer further consideration of the draft declaration until its thirtieth session and to take it up at that session as a matter of priority;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the draft declaration and the amendments thereto⁴¹ to the attention of Member States for any comments or suggestions they may wish to make on them.

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3270 (XXIX). Status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁴²

The General Assembly,

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴³

Recalling its resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966 and 3142 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, and in particular its belief that the coming into force of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant

on Civil and Political Rights and its Optional Protocol will greatly enhance the ability of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, and will contribute to the attainment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation that following its appeal several Member States have acceded to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Recalling also its resolution 3060 (XXVIII) of 2 November 1973 relating to the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in which the General Assembly invited States which had not yet done so to ratify, *inter alia*, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Desiring to assist in hastening the process of ratification and bringing into force those instruments,

1. *Recommends* that Member States should give special attention to the possibilities of accelerating as far as possible the internal procedures that would lead to the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

2. *Expresses the hope* that the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will come into force in the near future, if possible by the thirtieth session of the General Assembly, and thus promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, pursuant, to General Assembly resolutions 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, 2788 (XXVI) of 6 December 1971 and 3142 (XXVIII) of 14 December 1973, to prepare, on the basis of communications from Governments, and submit to the Assembly at its thirtieth session a report on the progress of the ratification of the International Covenants on Human Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

4. *Invites* all States to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights.

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3271 (XXIX). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office⁴⁴ and having heard his statement,⁴⁵

⁴⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Annexes, agenda item 56, document A/9937, para. 11.*

⁴¹ *Ibid.*, paras. 13, 14 and 15.

⁴² See also p. 95, item 58.

⁴³ A/9720 and Add.1.

⁴⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/9612 and Corr.1), Supplement No. 12A (A/9612/Add.1), Supplement No. 12B (A/9612/Add.2) and Supplement No. 12C (A/9612/Add.3).*

⁴⁵ *Ibid.*, Twenty-ninth Session, Third Committee, 2098th meeting, paras. 1-12.

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the High Commissioner in carrying out his duties, including the special humanitarian tasks undertaken by him,

Noting with satisfaction the positive trends in Africa that open the possibility for the voluntary repatriation of large numbers of refugees from Territories emerging from colonial rule,

Recognizing the importance of permanent solutions to refugee problems, including voluntary repatriation, and of the role played by the High Commissioner in co-operation with other members of the United Nations system and non-governmental agencies,

Noting the generous attitude adopted by Governments in supporting and contributing towards the activities of the High Commissioner,

Commending accessions to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951,⁴⁶ the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967⁴⁷ and other relevant instruments,

1. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* at the efficient manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff continue to accomplish their humanitarian tasks;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his activities on behalf of those of concern to his Office and takes note, in this connexion, of the decision of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme inviting the High Commissioner, within the framework of programme budgeting, to report to the Executive Committee on his special humanitarian tasks in the same manner as he reports on other activities financed from trust funds under his regular programme;⁴⁸

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to take appropriate measures, in agreement with the Governments concerned, to facilitate the voluntary repatriation of refugees from Territories emerging from colonial rule and, in co-ordination with other competent bodies of the United Nations, their rehabilitation in their countries of origin;

4. *Further requests* the High Commissioner to continue his efforts, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and voluntary agencies, to promote permanent and speedy solutions through voluntary repatriation and assistance in rehabilitation, where necessary, through integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

5. *Urges* Governments to intensify their support for the High Commissioner's humanitarian tasks by:

(a) Facilitating the accomplishment of his tasks in the field of international protection;

(b) Co-operating in the promotion of permanent solutions to the problems faced by his Office;

(c) Providing the necessary financial means to attain the objectives of his programmes.

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⁴⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 137.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

⁴⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 12 A (A/9612/Add.1)*, para. 38.

B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 and 2956 B (XXVII) of 12 December 1972 in connexion with the Emergency Fund of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Noting the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, as mentioned in paragraph 80 (k) of the addendum to the report of the United Nations High Commissioner,⁴⁹

Authorizes the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to allocate from the Emergency Fund, under the general directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, up to \$2 million annually for emergency situations, it being understood that the amount made available for one single emergency shall, as heretofore, not exceed \$500,000 in any one year.

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3272 (XXIX). Elaboration of a draft Convention on Territorial Asylum

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the question of territorial asylum,⁵⁰

Reaffirming the importance it attaches to the international protection of refugees as a principal function of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Noting the view of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme⁵¹ that a conference of plenipotentiaries on territorial asylum should be called as soon as possible,

Further noting the recommendation of the Executive Committee⁵¹ that the conference should be preceded by a meeting of a group of governmental experts to review the present text of the draft Convention on Territorial Asylum,⁵²

1. *Decides* to consider at its thirtieth session the question of holding a conference of plenipotentiaries on territorial asylum;

2. *Further decides* to establish a Group of Experts on the Draft Convention on Territorial Asylum, composed of representatives of not more than twenty-seven States, designated by the President of the General Assembly after consultation with the different regional groups, on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to convene the Group of Experts, not later than May 1975 and for a maximum of ten working days, to review the present text of the draft Convention on Territorial Asylum;

4. *Decides* that the costs of convening the Group of Experts be met from the voluntary funds which are at the disposal of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/9612/Add.1).

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12C (A/9612/Add.3).

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/9612/Add.1), para. 52 (f).

⁵² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12C (A/9612/Add.3), annex.