

problem of African refugees through effective mobilization of resources to meet the urgent and long-term needs of the refugees and to strengthen the capacity of countries of asylum to provide adequately for the refugees while they remain in their countries, as well as to assist the countries of origin in the rehabilitation of genuine voluntary returnees,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/55 of 24 July 1980 in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to consult the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on appropriate ways and means of convening an international pledging conference for refugees in Africa,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General⁴⁴ on his consultations with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees concerning the organization of an international conference on assistance to refugees in Africa,

1. *Notes with profound regret* that the international community has not given sufficient attention to the plight of refugees in Africa;

2. *Requests*, consequently, the international community to contribute substantially to programmes designed to help those refugees;

3. *Approves* the report of the Secretary-General calling for an international conference to mobilize assistance for refugees in Africa, as well as the measures proposed for a concerted programme of information and publicity by the relevant bodies of the United Nations system in support of the conference;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to convene at Geneva on 9 and 10 April 1981, at the ministerial level, an International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General in the process of preparing for the Conference, and in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to assist the concerned African countries in identifying priorities and preparing necessary documents and programmes for assistance to African refugees;

6. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to meet the expenses for organization of the Conference under the regular budget of the United Nations;

7. *Appeals* to the international community, all Member States, the specialized agencies, regional and intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide the utmost support for the Conference with a view to offering maximum financial and material assistance to refugees in Africa;

8. *Further appeals* to the international community to provide all necessary assistance to the countries of asylum to enable them to strengthen their capacity to provide the necessary facilities and services essential to the care and well-being of the refugees and to assist the countries of origin in the rehabilitation of genuine voluntary returnees;

9. *Urges* the international community to continue to support the annual programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and of other United

Nations agencies co-operating with the High Commissioner on behalf of refugees in Africa;

10. *Requests* the High Commissioner, in close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, to keep under constant review the situation of refugees in Africa in order to ensure maximum international assistance on a global basis;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*73rd plenary meeting
25 November 1980*

35/125. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the need to achieve international co-operation in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, as provided in the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁴⁵ and article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁴⁶ which proclaim that everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,

Convinced of the need for the elaboration of an international instrument on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief,

Recalling its resolution 3267 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, a single draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

Recalling also its resolutions 33/106 of 16 December 1978 and 34/43 of 23 November 1979,

Taking note with appreciation of Commission on Human Rights resolution 35 (XXXVI) of 12 March 1980,⁴⁷ in which the Commission decided to establish again, at its thirty-seventh session, an open-ended working group and to allot more time to that working group in order that it might complete the formulation of a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

Taking note also of Economic and Social Council decision 1980/140 of 2 May 1980 concerning meeting services for the Commission on Human Rights,

1. *Welcomes* the progress so far made by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions in its drafting of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and its decision to give the matter the highest priority and to complete the formulation of that draft at its thirty-seventh session;

⁴⁵ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁴⁶ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*

⁴⁴ A/35/606.

2. *Urges* the Commission on Human Rights to complete its work on the matter at its thirty-seventh session with a view to submitting to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a single draft Declaration;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" and to give it high priority.

92nd plenary session
11 December 1980

35/126. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/151 of 17 December 1979 by which it decided to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of mankind and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the implementation of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for self-determination and national independence, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of the young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Reaffirming the necessity for better co-ordination of efforts in dealing with problems confronting young people and in examining the manner in which those problems are being treated by the specialized agencies and by various United Nations bodies,

Considering that the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation, needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

Confident that the International Youth Year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels in order to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order and to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,⁴⁸

Recalling also in this connexion its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on the question of international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the International Youth Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Noting with great satisfaction the interest of Member States, of various United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and youth organizations in the decision to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,⁴⁹

1. *Invites* all States, all the specialized agencies and all other United Nations bodies and the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year and to undertake in this respect specific actions in accordance with their experience, conditions and priorities;

2. *Stresses* the importance of active and direct participation of youth organizations in the activities organized at the local, national, regional and international levels for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in accordance with the proposals made by Member States and in consultation with all the specialized agencies and interested international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as youth organizations, a draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene three sessions of the Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year in the period 1981-1985 so that it may formulate, for consideration by the General Assembly, a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the Year on the basis of the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to invite the States which are not members of the Advisory Committee, the specialized agencies, the concerned intergovernmental organizations and the concerned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to participate as observers in the work of the Advisory Committee;

⁴⁸ See sect. V, resolution 35/56, annex.

⁴⁹ See A/35/361 and Add.1.