

tion to refugees and to promote durable and speedy solutions through voluntary repatriation or return, and subsequent assistance in rehabilitation, in consultation with the countries concerned, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner;

5. *Urges* Governments to intensify their support for activities which the High Commissioner is carrying out in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, especially by:

(a) Facilitating his efforts in the field of international protection by observing the principle of asylum and *non-refoulement* relating to refugees;

(b) Supporting his efforts to promote, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations, durable solutions to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, including those in urgent need, whenever emergencies occur;

6. *Welcomes* the steps already taken in implementing the recommendations of the Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 7 to 17 May 1979, urges all States to provide the utmost support for the envisaged International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa⁴⁰ and recommends that the High Commissioner should substantially increase, subject to the availability of funds, the assistance programmes allocated to Africa in order to respond effectively to the manifested needs;

7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the role of the High Commissioner in the repatriation of Zimbabwean refugees and in the co-ordination of the United Nations humanitarian assistance programme for the initial settlement and rehabilitation of returnees and displaced persons in Zimbabwe;

8. *Stresses* the importance of maintaining the relief efforts and the resettlement momentum for boat and land cases in South-East Asia and urges all Governments to provide opportunities for durable solutions to these refugees;

9. *Urges* the High Commissioner to explore the further elaboration of arrangements in order to facilitate the prompt and unhindered disembarkation of refugees rescued at sea and their resettlement;

10. *Recognizes* the High Commissioner's leading responsibility in emergency situations regarding refugees and takes note of his efforts to contribute to the improvement of the co-ordination and effectiveness of the action of United Nations bodies and other relevant organizations in providing international humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons of concern to his Office;

11. *Urges* all Governments in a position to do so to contribute generously in order to provide the High Commissioner with the necessary means to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programme, taking into account that the over-all financial requirements of the High Commissioner are on the order of \$500 million in 1980 and that the same amount might well be required in 1981.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, 2956 B (XXVII) of 12 December 1972 and 3271 B (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 in connexion with the Emergency Fund of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Noting recommendation F of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner,⁴¹

Authorizes the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to allocate from the Emergency Fund up to \$10 million annually for refugees and displaced persons in emergency situations for which there is no provision in the programmes approved by the Executive Committee, it being understood that the amount made available for one single emergency shall not exceed \$4 million in any one year and that the Fund is maintained at not less than \$4 million.

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35/42. International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/61 of 29 November 1979,

Taking note of resolution CM/Res.814 (XXXV) concerning the situation of refugees in Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held at Freetown from 18 to 28 June 1980,⁴²

Having heard the statements of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees⁴³ on the serious situation of refugees in Africa,

Gravely concerned at the growing number of refugees on the African continent, who now constitute over half the population of refugees in the world,

Aware of the consequent social and economic burden placed on African countries of asylum as a result of the increased influx of refugees and the subsequent impact on their development,

Bearing in mind the heavy sacrifices that the countries of asylum are making, despite their limited resources, to alleviate the plight of those refugees,

Appreciating the contributions made by donor countries as well as the assistance that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations International Children's Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme and other intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies have provided to refugees in Africa,

Noting with deep regret the inadequacy of the assistance provided to the growing number of African refugees,

Recognizing the universal collective responsibility to share the urgent and overwhelming burden of the

⁴¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/35.12/Add.1)*, para. 69.

⁴² See A/35/463 and Corr.1, annex I.

⁴³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Third Committee, 51st meeting, paras. 1-8.*

⁴⁰ See resolution 35/42 below.

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.

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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.