

538 (VI). Assistance to and protection of refugees**A**

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of part I and part II of the annual report² of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees submitted through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Statute of his office;³

2. *Expresses its satisfaction* at the conclusion of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees;⁴

3. *Invites* Member States and non-member States which have demonstrated their interest in the solution of the refugee problem to become parties to that Convention as soon as possible;

4. *Reiterates* its call upon governments to co-operate with the High Commissioner as recommended in its resolution 428 (V) of 14 December 1950.

*371st plenary meeting,
2 February 1952.*

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The General Assembly,

Taking note of the communication⁵ of the General Council of the International Refugee Organization on residual refugee problems and the observations⁶ of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in his report on the problem of assistance submitted in accordance with resolution 430 (V) of 14 December 1950,

Having noted the serious unsolved problems which in certain areas will face refugees who will not have been repatriated or resettled by the end of the operations of the International Refugee Organization,

Bearing in mind the urgency of finding solutions for the refugee problem, including the repatriation to their countries of origin of refugees who express the desire to return there,

1. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner, under paragraph 10 of the Statute of his Office, to issue an appeal for funds for the purpose of enabling emergency aid to be given to the most needy groups among refugees within his mandate;

2. *Recommends* all States directly affected by the refugee problem, as well as the appropriate specialized agencies and other inter-governmental agencies concerned, to pay special attention to this problem when drawing up and executing programmes of economic reconstruction and development; and requests the High Commissioner to contribute to the promotion of activities in this field, paying due regard to the desirability of repatriating to their countries of origin refugees who express the desire to return there;

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 19.*

³ See resolution 428 (V) adopted on 14 December 1950 by the General Assembly.

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 19, part II.*

⁵ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda items 30 and 31, document A/1948.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 19, part III.

3. *Appeals* to States interested in migration to give to refugees within the mandate of the High Commissioner every possible opportunity to participate in and benefit from projects to promote migration.

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539 (VI). Draft Protocol relating to the Status of Stateless Persons

The General Assembly,

Considering that the progress of proceedings at its sixth regular session does not allow it time to devote adequate attention to item 58 of its agenda, entitled "Draft Protocol relating to the Status of Stateless Persons",

Decides to defer consideration of this item until its seventh regular session.

*373rd plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

540 (VI). Observance of human rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that, notwithstanding the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁷ violations of human rights have continued to occur,

Considering that it is the responsibility of the Members of the United Nations, individually and collectively, to see that human rights and freedoms shall be enhanced throughout the world,

Recommends that Members of the United Nations intensify their efforts for the observance of human rights and freedoms in their own territories and in the Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories.

*374th plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

541 (VI). Freedom of information**A**

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the consideration that they deserve cannot be given at the sixth regular session to the contents of documents A/C.3/L.239, A/C.3/L.244, A/C.3/L.242/Rev.1 and A/C.3/L.243,

Decides to postpone until its seventh regular session consideration of the points raised in those documents relating to questions of freedom of information.

*374th plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

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The General Assembly,

Regretting that the progress of the proceedings at its sixth regular session does not allow it to devote a detailed discussion to the problems of freedom of information, and especially to the study of the draft convention on freedom of information,

Decides to place consideration of all these problems on the provisional agenda of its seventh regular session for early discussion.

*374th plenary meeting,
4 February 1952.*

⁷ See resolution 217 (III) adopted on 10 December 1948 by the General Assembly.