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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

At its 97th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1986, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee, decided to defer until its forty-second session consideration of the following draft resolution:

### International procedures for the protection of refugees

#### The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned by the plight of refugees in all parts of the world and in particular by the fact that traditional solutions to refugee problems, namely, voluntary repatriation, regional integration or resettlement in third countries, are still out of reach for a great number of refugees,

Wishing to establish a set of procedures providing for an orderly management of the flows of refugees,

Recognizing that the care for and the interest of the individual refugee must at all times be the primary concern,

Believing that the achievement of durable solutions to the problems facing refugees should be based on the following guiding principles in that order of priority:

- (a) Voluntary repatriation,
- (b) Regional integration,

(c) Resettlement outside the region,

it being understood that the order of priority may vary according to the concrete circumstances,

Appreciating the burden that, according to these principles, falls upon the countries of a region that may be exposed to heavy flows of refugees,

Emphasizing, therefore, the need to compensate those countries to the maximum extent possible through international assistance programmes, including the financing of the establishment and administration of regional United Nations processing centres,

Realizing also the need to establish a global United Nations scheme for receiving those refugees who cannot be repatriated or integrated on a regional basis,

Taking into account the views expressed during the debate on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. Urges all States to contribute to international assistance programmes, particularly in those countries most affected by heavy flows of refugees;
2. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to draw up a report evaluating the costs involved in setting up a sufficient number of United Nations refugee-processing centres to deal with the existing flows of refugees and indicating the number of refugees that each State Member of the United Nations, according to its population, population density and gross national product, might be able to receive;
3. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit that report to Member States inviting their comments, including comments as to how many refugees registered by the Office of the High Commissioner each Member State is willing to receive on an annual basis;
4. Decides to take up this matter on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General during the forty-second session of the General Assembly in connection with the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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