

- (a) The participation of women;
- (b) The physical and intellectual development of children;
- (c) The preservation of ethnic and cultural values;
- (d) The protection of the environment;

6. *Reaffirms its conviction* that the voluntary repatriation of refugees and the return of displaced persons to their countries or communities of origin is one of the most positive signs of the progress of peace in the region;

7. *Expresses its conviction* that the process of return to and reintegration in the countries and communities of origin should take place in conditions of dignity and security and with the necessary guarantees to ensure that the affected populations are included in the respective national development plans;

8. *Reaffirms* the validity of the Concerted Plan of Action as a framework for solving the problems posed in the affected countries by the massive presence of uprooted populations of the Central American region, while recognizing that it constitutes only an initial response to the many problems to which uprootedness gives rise;

9. *Expresses its appreciation* for the resources committed to finance the proposals submitted by the Governments of Central America, Belize and Mexico at the First International Meeting of the Follow-Up Committee, and welcomes with satisfaction the willingness expressed by the Follow-Up Committee to give favourable consideration to future projects submitted by the affected countries within the Conference framework and to explore all possible sources for funding them;

10. *Stresses* in particular the need to support the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme in the discharge of the special function assigned to them by the Secretary-General within the framework of the International Support and Verification Commission in order to provide them with the resources required for assistance for and voluntary repatriation and reintegration of members of the Nicaraguan resistance and their families, as well as of the Nicaraguan refugees being repatriated voluntarily;

11. *Urges* Member States and organs, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as regional and subregional organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations involved in humanitarian tasks in favour of the Central American refugees, returnees and displaced persons, to continue and increase their assistance to and support for the responsible authorities of the affected countries in the implementation and follow-up of the guidelines, goals and objectives of the Concerted Plan of Action, and expresses its gratitude to all the national and international organizations engaged in assistance to the uprooted populations and in the development of the region;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Office of the High Commissioner and the United Nations Development Programme to continue their support for the affected countries in the implementation of the Concerted Plan of Action, especially through the activities of the Joint Support Unit of the Conference;

13. *Urges* the responsible authorities to continue and strengthen measures to ensure the efficient implementation of the proposed programmes;

14. *Stresses* the importance of strengthening and developing the follow-up and promotion mechanisms established under the Concerted Plan of Action, in particular the support groups, in order to ensure co-ordination and co-operation between all the parties involved, and calls upon the Governments of the region to take the necessary measures to facilitate this process;

15. *Recognizes* the importance of the role played by non-governmental organizations, as well as by the affected populations, in identifying their needs and participating in the planning and execution of projects in co-ordination with national committees and in accordance with the Concerted Plan of Action, and urges them to continue in this humanitarian and non-political endeavour;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in collaboration with the High Commissioner, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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14 December 1990*

45/142. Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁵ and article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,³³ both of which provide that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Recalling further its resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and called upon all Governments to consider signing and ratifying the Convention as a matter of priority, as well as its subsequent resolutions on the status of the Convention, most recently its resolution 44/144 of 15 December 1989, as well as the Commission on Human Rights resolutions on the subject, most recently resolution 1990/28 of 2 March 1990,³

Mindful of the relevance, for the eradication of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials²²³ and of the Principles of Medical Ethics relevant to the role of health personnel, particularly physicians, in the protection of prisoners and detainees against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,²²⁴

²²³ Resolution 34/169, annex.

²²⁴ Resolution 37/194, annex.

Recalling the adoption of the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,²²⁵

Seriously concerned about the alarming number of reported cases of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment taking place in various parts of the world,

Determined to promote the full implementation of the prohibition, under international and national law, of the practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Taking note of the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1990/34 of 2 March 1990³ to extend for two years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee against Torture;²²⁵

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;²²⁶

3. *Stresses* the importance of strict adherence by States parties to the obligations under the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee against Torture, thus enabling it to carry out in an effective and efficient manner all the functions entrusted to it under the Convention, so as to ensure the long-term viability of the Committee as an essential mechanism for overseeing the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

4. *Welcomes* the attention that the Committee against Torture has given to the development of an effective system of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by States parties, and especially its revision of its general guidelines for the submission of initial reports by States parties;

5. *Welcomes also* the continuing close contacts and exchange of information, reports and documents between the Committee against Torture and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on questions relating to torture;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee against Torture;

7. *Reiterates its request* to all States to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;

8. *Once again invites* all States, upon ratification of or accession to the Convention, or subsequently, to consider the possibility of making the declarations provided for in articles 21 and 22 of the Convention;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

10. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled

“Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment”.

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14 December 1990*

45/143. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁵ which states that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,²²⁷

Recalling with satisfaction the entry into force on 26 June 1987 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,⁸⁷

Recalling its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981, in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture took place in various countries, recognized the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit and established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Alarmed at the widespread occurrence of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes the provision of assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and members of their families,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,²²⁸

1. *Expresses its gratitude and appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for initial as well as further contributions to the Fund;

3. *Invites* Governments to make contributions to the Fund, preferably on a regular basis, in order to enable the Fund to provide continuous support to projects that depend on recurrent grants;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments that pledged a contribution to the Fund at the 1990 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include the Fund on an annual basis among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the work it has carried out;

7. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees

²²⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 44 and corrigendum (A/45/44 and Corr.1).

²²⁶ A/45/405.

²²⁷ Resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.

²²⁸ A/45/633.