

tional Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,²² taking due account of reporting guidelines developed by the Sessional Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;⁷⁶

8. *Reaffirms* the importance of maintaining summary records of the substantive proceedings of the bodies supervising implementation of United Nations instruments on human rights, in particular for the presentation and consideration of reports by States parties;

9. *Endorses* the Secretary-General's proposals to arrange, within existing resources and taking into account the priorities of the programme of advisory services, training courses for those regions experiencing the most serious difficulties in meeting reporting obligations under United Nations instruments on human rights;⁸³

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-second session a separate item entitled "Reporting obligations of States parties to United Nations instruments on human rights".

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41/122. Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its resolutions, particularly resolution 40/117 of 13 December 1985, relating to the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees in Africa,⁸⁴

Mindful that the fundamental purpose of the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa, held at Geneva from 9 to 11 July 1984,⁸⁵ was to launch collective action by the international community aimed at achieving lasting solutions,

Gravely concerned at the persistent and serious problem of large numbers of refugees on the African continent,

Aware of the heavy burden borne by African countries of asylum on account of the presence of these refugees and its consequences for their economic and social development, and of the great sacrifices made by them, despite their limited resources,

Deeply concerned that the refugee situation has been severely affected by the critical economic situation in Africa, as well as by drought and other natural disasters,

Bearing in mind the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990,⁸⁶ adopted by the General Assembly at its thirteenth special session, the special session devoted to the critical economic situation in Africa, which refers in particular to the need for the speedy implementation of the recommendations of the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa,

Recognizing that the efforts of the countries of asylum require the concerted support of the international community to meet the needs for emergency relief, and for medium-term and long-term development aid,

Taking note of the declarations, decisions and resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its twenty-second ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 28 to 30 July 1986,¹⁵ and of the resolutions adopted by the Council of Ministers of that organization at its forty-fourth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 21 to 26 July 1986,¹⁶ on the situation of refugees in Africa,

Emphasizing the collective responsibility of sharing the urgent and overwhelming burden of the problem of African refugees through effective mobilization of additional 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 those countries, as well as to assist the countries of origin in rehabilitating voluntary returnees,

Reiterating once again the vital importance of the complementarity between refugee aid and development assistance,

Deeply concerned that many of the projects submitted to the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa have yet to be funded and implemented,

Desirous of ensuring the speedy implementation of the recommendations and pledges made at the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa,

1. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to African host countries, which are the biggest donors, for their generous contribution and continuous efforts to alleviate the plight of refugees in spite of their critical economic situation;

2. *Reiterates its appreciation* to all donor countries, the organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, regional organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their initial support and response to the projects submitted to the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;⁸⁷

3. *Urges* the international community to maintain the momentum created by the Conference and to translate into reality the projects submitted as well as the principles of the Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the Conference;

4. *Emphasizes* the vital importance of the complementarity of refugee aid and development assistance and of achieving durable solutions to the problem of refugees in Africa and the necessity of providing assistance for the strengthening of the social and economic infrastructures of African countries receiving refugees and returnees;

5. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to keep the situation of refugees in Africa under constant review so as to ensure that adequate assistance is available for care and maintenance and for bringing about durable solutions;

6. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme to increase its efforts to mobilize additional resources for refugee-related development projects and, in general, to promote and co-ordinate with the host countries and the donor community the integration of refugee-related activities into national development planning;

7. *Calls upon* all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, as well as relevant regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their support for the speedy im-

⁸³ See A/41/510, sect. IV.

⁸⁴ A/41/572.

⁸⁵ A/39/402, annex.

⁸⁶ Resolution S-13/2, annex.

⁸⁷ See A/41/572, annex.

plementation of the recommendations and pledges made at the Conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Declaration and Programme of Action, to monitor, in consultation and close co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme, the follow-up to the Conference;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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41/123. Measures of assistance provided to South African and Namibian refugee women and children

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,⁸⁸

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on measures of assistance provided to women inside South Africa and Namibia and to women outside South Africa and Namibia who have become refugees as a result of the practice of *apartheid*,⁸⁹

Recalling its resolutions 34/93 K of 12 December 1979, 35/206 N of 16 December 1980 and 36/172 K of 17 December 1981 on women and children under *apartheid*,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/25 of 23 May 1986 on measures of assistance provided to South African, Namibian and refugee women,

Noting with regret that during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, the status of women living under *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia deteriorated,

Concerned about the special needs of women and children forced to flee from South Africa and Namibia who have become refugees as a result of the practice of *apartheid*,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/25 on measures of assistance provided to South African, Namibian and refugee women;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to intensify their support for and solidarity with refugee women and children outside South Africa and Namibia and in front-line States, in particular:

(a) To provide for the widest possible dissemination of information about the situation of refugee women and children;

(b) To provide legal, humanitarian and other assistance to refugee women and children and their families who are victims of *apartheid*;

(c) To provide assistance to women in the national liberation movements to enable them to attend major inter-

national conferences and seminars and to undertake speaking tours further to promote international solidarity with the oppressed women;

(d) To support the projects and activities of the southern African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, particularly those involving refugee women and children;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure close co-ordination between United Nations bodies, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the Centre against *Apartheid*, the Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations Council for Namibia, as well as the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, with a view to maximizing publicity on the situation of refugee women and children;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to include in its programme of work for 1988 the organization of a seminar on the special needs of South African and Namibian refugee women and children and ways of increasing measures of assistance to them, in co-operation with other relevant United Nations bodies;

5. *Decides* to consider the measures of assistance provided to South African and Namibian refugee women and children under the item entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" of the provisional agenda of its forty-second session.

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41/124. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office,⁹⁰ as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on the work of its thirty-seventh session,⁹¹ and having heard the statements made by the High Commissioner on 7 and 11 November 1986,⁹²

Recalling its resolution 40/118 of 13 December 1985,

Reaffirming the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner,

Noting with satisfaction that, following recent accessions, one hundred and one States are now parties to the 1951 Convention⁹³ and the 1967 Protocol⁹⁴ relating to the Status of Refugees, and endorsing the Geneva Declaration thereon adopted by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner at its thirty-seventh session,⁹⁵

Deeply concerned that refugees and displaced persons of concern to the High Commissioner continue to face distressingly serious problems in all parts of the world,

Particularly concerned that in various regions the safety and welfare of refugees and asylum-seekers continue to be

⁹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/41/12).*

⁹¹ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12A (A/41/12/Add.1).*

⁹² *Ibid., Forty-first Session, Third Committee, 39th meeting, paras. 9-16 and 42nd meeting, paras. 98-103.*

⁹³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 150.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

⁹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/41/12/Add.1), para. 127.*

⁸⁸ *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10).

⁸⁹ E/CN.6/1986/5.