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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES,
QUESTIONS RELATING TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND
HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba,
Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland,
France, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Morocco,
Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Suriname,
Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

International Conference on Central American Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 42/110 of 7 December 1987, 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/118 of 8 December 1988, 44/139 of 15 December 1989 and 45/141 of 14 December 1990,

Recalling also that the International Conference on Central American Refugees is related to the initiative of the Central American Presidents expressed in the procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America concluded at the Esquipulas II summit meeting in August 1987, 1/ as indicated in the San Salvador communiqué on the Central American refugees, of 9 September 1988, 2/

1/ A/42/521-S/19085, annex; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-second Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1987, document S/19085.

2/ A/C.3/43/6, annex.

Recognizing the importance and validity of the Concerted Plan of Action in favour of Central American Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons, agreed on at the International Conference on Central American Refugees held at Guatemala City in May 1989, the Declaration of that Conference 3/ and the Declaration of the first international meeting of the Follow-Up Committee established by the Conference, 4/ especially the framework contained in the Concerted Plan of Action,

Noting with satisfaction the concerted efforts being made by the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to find lasting solutions to the problems of the refugees, returnees and displaced persons in implementing the aims and objectives of the Concerted Plan of Action as an integral part of efforts to achieve a stable and lasting peace, and democratization of the region,

Welcoming the substantial progress in the process of pacification in EL Salvador whereby efforts are being made to consult with all national sectors; the peace dialogue in Guatemala, and the progress being made in Nicaragua in the implementation of its national reconciliation policy and in assistance to the uprooted populations, which progress continues to encourage movements of voluntary repatriation, and internal settlement of national displaced persons,

Recognizing the substantial support which the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme inter alia and the community of cooperation personnel and national and international non-governmental organizations have given the Conference since its inception,

Convinced that peace, liberty, development and democracy are essential in order to solve the problem of uprooted populations in the region,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General, 5/ and of the report submitted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; 6/

2. Welcomes with satisfaction the outcome of the meeting of the Follow-Up Committee established by the Conference, held at San José, Costa Rica, on 2 and 3 April 1991, at San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from 17 to 19 June 1991, at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 13 and 14 August 1991 and at Managua, Nicaragua, on 25 and 26 October 1991;

3/ See A/44/527 and Corr.1 and 2, annex.

4/ CIREFCA/CS/90/10.

5/ A/46/435.

6/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/46/12), paras. 146-150; and A/46/12/Add.1, para. 28.

3. Urges the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to continue implementing and following-up the programmes benefiting refugees, returnees and displaced persons in accordance with their national development plans;
4. 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;
5. Expresses its conviction that the processes 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;
6. Requests the Secretary-General, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme and other organs of the United Nations system to continue their support for and involvement in the planning, implementation, evaluation and follow-up of the programmes generated through the Conference process;
7. Welcomes with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Repatriated Persons, and urges the Central American countries to continue their determined support to ensure that the Programme achieves its aims;
8. Appeals to the international community, particularly to the community of cooperation personnel, to continue and to strengthen their support for the Conference and to continue complying with the financing offered so as to be able effectively to achieve the goals and objectives of the Concerted Plan of Action, and to consolidate the progress made thus far in humanitarian assistance to refugees, repatriated and displaced persons of the region;
9. Supports the particular attention which the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, are giving to the particular needs of refugee, repatriated and displaced women and children and to the measures being adopted to protect and improve the environment and to preserve ethnic and cultural values;
10. Supports also the decision of the Central American countries, Belize and Mexico, to convene the second international meeting of the Follow-Up Committee established by the Conference, at San Salvador in March 1992, for the purpose of evaluating the progress made thus far in the implementation of the Concerted Plan of Action and to define ways of improving its application at the meeting;
11. Supports the initiative of the Central American Governments, Belize and Mexico, to extend the duration of the International Conference process as long as may be necessary, in light of the new needs that have emerged following the changes in the region;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

