

make the necessary preparations for the programme of that meeting;

8. *Encourages* Governments in a position to do so to include in their delegations participating in the above-mentioned commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly persons from their respective countries who were associated with the drafting of the Declaration.

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#### 42/132. Assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Malawi

*The General Assembly,*

*Having heard* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees regarding the refugee situation in Malawi,<sup>151</sup>

*Expressing its appreciation* for the efforts of the Government of Malawi in providing shelter and asylum to thousands of refugees and displaced persons,

*Recognizing* the consequences of the social and economic burden placed on the Government and people of Malawi as a result of the influx of refugees and displaced persons and the subsequent impact on national development and the infrastructure of that country,

*Noting with appreciation* the action already taken by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other international humanitarian organizations in establishing a programme of emergency assistance to the refugees and displaced persons in Malawi,

*Noting* that a United Nations inter-agency team is currently visiting Malawi to discuss with the Government ways and means of strengthening its capacity to cope with the burden imposed on its economy, vital resources and public services by the presence of refugees and displaced persons and to prepare a comprehensive programme of assistance, which will respond both to refugee-related humanitarian and to development needs for eventual submission to the international community,

1. *Commends* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme for their timely action in sending an inter-agency mission to Malawi to ascertain the needs of the refugees and displaced persons in Malawi and the magnitude of assistance required;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to give the report of the inter-agency mission the widest possible circulation to all States, all pertinent international organizations and voluntary agencies;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to mobilize international assistance and to launch an international appeal for generous contributions to the projects and programmes recommended in the report of the inter-agency mission;

4. *Appeals* to Member States, the High Commissioner, the organizations concerned within the United Nations system and voluntary agencies to render maximum finan-

cial and material assistance to the Government of Malawi in its efforts to provide shelter, food and other services to the growing number of refugees and displaced persons in that country;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1988 and to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 42/133. Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 40/142 of 13 December 1985 and 41/147 of 4 December 1986,

*Recalling also* Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1986/18 of 10 March 1986<sup>1</sup> and 1987/25 of 10 March 1987,<sup>26</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved and proposed for signature, ratification or accession the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

*Reaffirming once again its conviction* that genocide is a crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>152</sup>

1. *Once again strongly condemns* the crime of genocide;

2. *Reaffirms* the necessity of international co-operation in order to liberate mankind from such an odious crime;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* that many States have ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide or have acceded thereto;

4. *Expresses its conviction* that implementation of the provisions of the Convention by all States is necessary for the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide;

5. *Urges* those States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto without further delay;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the status of the Convention.

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#### 42/134. Need to enhance international co-operation in the field of the protection of and assistance for the family

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the resolve of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being, which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations between nations,

*Recalling* that, in accordance with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,<sup>13</sup> the

<sup>151</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Third Committee, 45th and 50th meetings, and corrigendum, see also A/AC.96/693 (Part I) and Corr.1 and Add.1, paras. 1.10.1-1.10.7*

<sup>152</sup> A/42/391.