

Mindful of the fact that the recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations¹⁴¹ will be further discussed at the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1982, in accordance with Council decisions 1981/175 and 1981/176 of 23 July 1981, in which the Secretary-General was requested to prepare and submit comments on the feasibility, programme and co-ordination implications, as well as the resource implications, of the main recommendations submitted by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council, in the light of its above-mentioned decisions, to give at its first regular session in 1982 due consideration to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Social Aspects of the Development Activities of the United Nations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", a report on the implementation of the relevant decisions of the Economic and Social Council pertaining to the recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report.

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36/160. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers¹⁴²

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the permanent validity of the principles and standards embodied in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹⁴³ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,¹⁴⁴ the International Covenants on Human Rights¹⁴⁵ and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,¹⁴⁶

Taking into account the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the importance of the task carried out in connection with migrant workers and their families in other specialized agencies and in various organs of the United Nations,

Reiterating that, in spite of the existence of a body of principles and standards already established, there is need to make further efforts to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling its resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, in which it decided to create a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling also its resolution 35/198 of 15 December 1980, in which it renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and requested it to continue its work,

¹⁴¹ E/1981/3.

¹⁴² See also sect. X.B.4, decision 36/434.

¹⁴³ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹⁴⁴ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

¹⁴⁵ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹⁴⁶ Resolution 34/180, annex.

Having examined the progress made by the Working Group during its intersessional meeting held from 11 to 22 May 1981 and the contributions of various Governments,¹⁴⁷

Having also examined the report of the Working Group¹⁴⁸ during the current session of the General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and expresses its satisfaction with the substantial progress that the Working Group has so far made in the accomplishment of its mandate;

2. *Decides* that, in order to enable the Working Group to complete its task as soon as possible, the Working Group shall hold again an intersessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, in May 1982, immediately after the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the report of the Working Group so as to allow the members of the Working Group to continue their task during the intersessional meeting to be held in May 1982, as well as to transmit the results obtained in that meeting in order that the General Assembly may consider them during its thirty-seventh session;

4. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations and to international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the Working Group;

5. *Decides* that the Working Group shall meet during the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly to continue and, if possible, to complete the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

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36/161. Assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/91 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/54 of 24 July 1980,

Having heard the statements of the representative of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁴⁹

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,¹⁵⁰ prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/8 of 28 April 1980,

Taking note also of the appeal of the Secretary-General in his note verbale of 11 November 1980,

Deeply concerned that the appeals of the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly have yet to meet adequate response,

1. *Endorses once again* the appeals of the Secretary-General and the Economic and Social Council concerning assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia;

2. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his efforts to mobilize humanitarian

¹⁴⁷ See A/36/378 and A/36/383.

¹⁴⁸ See A/C.3/36/10.

¹⁴⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Third Committee*, 50th meeting.

¹⁵⁰ A/35/360 and Corr.1-3.