

the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should be substantially increased to meet urgent requirements,

*Noting with deep concern* the extreme difficulties that the Government of Ethiopia is faced with in looking after the basic needs and rehabilitation of a large number of displaced persons and voluntary returnees,

*Recognizing* the need for continued humanitarian assistance to alleviate the plight of the large number of displaced persons in Ethiopia and to rehabilitate them,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the interagency mission which visited Ethiopia to assess the extent of the problem and the magnitude of the assistance required to help the displaced persons in that country;

2. *Commends* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging for a comprehensive report on the needs of displaced persons in Ethiopia to be circulated to the international community;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to appeal to the international community and to find ways and means of mobilizing urgently humanitarian assistance for displaced persons and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

4. *Appeals* to all Member States and the appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the World Health Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme and other specialized agencies, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and voluntary agencies, to assist the Government of Ethiopia in its effort to provide relief and rehabilitation to the displaced persons in Ethiopia;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

6. *Decides* to bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session and to keep the matter under review.

*44th plenary meeting  
24 July 1980*

#### **1980/55. Situation of refugees in Africa**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* resolution CM/Res. 814 (XXXV) adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held

at Freetown, Sierra Leone, from 18 to 28 June 1980, by which it expressed its deep concern over the ever-increasing number of refugees in Africa and the alarming deterioration of their living conditions,

*Aware* that the serious situation arising from the growing number of refugees, currently estimated at five million, places a heavy social and economic burden on the host countries which provide the refugees with asylum or relief,

*Conscious* of the need for greater attention to be paid by the international community to the plight of refugees in Africa and, for that purpose, the need for the intensified dissemination of information on the problem,

*Appreciating* the assistance given so far by the international community to refugees in Africa,

*Noting*, however, that the amount of assistance received falls far short of the over-all requirements to meet the needs of the refugees,

1. *Takes note* of resolution CM/Res. 814 (XXXV) of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity, in particular paragraph 8 thereof, relating to the need for an international pledging conference for refugees in Africa;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to consult the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on appropriate ways and means of convening such a conference;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to arrange for consultation with the competent United Nations agencies and bodies for the purpose of preparing an adequate publicity programme giving special attention to the conditions and needs of refugees in Africa;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the progress of his consultations;

5. *Appeals*, meanwhile, to all Member States and appropriate United Nations organizations and programmes to provide the maximum financial and material assistance to refugees in Africa, as well as to the Governments of the countries of asylum, in order that the latter may strengthen their capacity to act as hosts to the refugees and to provide the necessary services for their care, rehabilitation and resettlement.

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#### **1980/56. Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee of the Economic Commission for Latin America**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee was created in 1975 by the Economic Commission for Latin America to act as a coordinating body for activities relating to development and co-operation and as a consultative organ of the Commission.