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SUB-COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

REDRAFT OF PREAMBLE, MANDATE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANIZATION

PREAMBLE

Line 1 The Governments of the States parties to this
" 2 Constitution, recognizing:
" 3 that genuine refugees and displaced persons con-
" 4 stitute an urgent problem which is international in
" 5 scope and character;
" 6 that genuine refugees and
" 7 displaced persons should be assisted by international
" 8 action either to return to their countries of
" 9 nationality or former habitual residence or to find
" 10 new homes elsewhere;
" 11 that genuine refugees and displaced persons, until
" 12 such time as their repatriation or resettlement is
" 13 arranged, should be protected in their rights and
" 14 legitimate interests and should receive care and
" 15 assistance,
" 16 HAVE AGREED, for the accomplishment of the foregoing
" 17 purposes in the shortest possible time, to establish and do
" 18 hereby establish, a non-permanent organization to be called
" 19 the International Refugee Organization, a Specialized Agency
" 20 related to the United Nations, and accordingly,
" 21 HAVE ACCEPTED the following Constitution.

ARTICLE 1: MANDATE

" 22 The mandate of the International Refugee Organization
" 23 shall extend to all refugees and displaced persons, included

Line 1 Committee on Refugees and Displaced Persons.

ARTICLE 2: FUNCTIONS

" 2 1. The functions of the I.R.O. shall be the
" 3 repatriation, the identification, registration and
" 4 classification; the care and necessary maintenance,
" 5 the legal and political protection, the transport
" 6 and the permanent re-establishment of persons who are
" 7 the concern of the Organization as defined in
" 8 Article 1, with a view:-

" 9 (a) to facilitating the return to their
" 10 countries of nationality or former habitual
" 11 residence of those persons who desire to return.

Original text of paragraph (b) as in E/REF/ORG.FIN/W/3:

" 12 (b) to facilitating the permanent re-establishment
" 13 of other persons either by assisting their
" 14 absorption and assimilation in countries of temporary
" 15 residence; or by assisting the emigration to
" 16 other countries of individuals or family units;
" 17 or, within the resources that may be available and
" 18 as may be necessary and practicable, and subject to
" 19 the relevant financial regulations, by assisting
" 20 towards the investigation, promotion or execution,
" 21 as may be deemed expedient, of projects of group
" 22 settlement or group colonization.

United States Amendment to paragraph (b)

" 23 (b) to facilitating the re-establishment of other
" 24 persons in countries of temporary residence, the
" 25 emigration to and re-establishment in other countries
" 26 of individuals or family units, and, within the
" 27 resources that may be available and as may be
" 28 necessary and practicable, and subject to the

Line 1 relevant financial regulations, the investigation,
" 2 promotion, or execution of projects of group
" 3 settlement.

Polish Amendments to United States amendment.

Amendment (i):

Insert the words "by assisting" in line 1 (page 3)
between "financial regulations" and "the investigation".

Amendment (ii):

Insert the word "and" in line 1 (page 3) between
"investigation" and "promotion" (line 2, page 3),
and delete the words "or execution" in line 2 (page 3).