

Declaration and of the purposes of the United Nations set forth in the Charter.

All youth organizations should conform to the principles set forth in this Declaration.

Principle VI

A major aim in educating the young shall be to develop all their faculties and to train them to acquire higher moral qualities, to be deeply attached to the noble ideals of peace, liberty, the dignity and equality of all men, and imbued with respect and love for humanity and its creative achievements. To this end the family has an important role to play.

Young people must become conscious of their responsibilities in the world they will be called upon to manage and should be inspired with confidence in a future of happiness for mankind.

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7 December 1965.*

2038 (XX). Dedication of United Nations Day, 1966, to the cause of refugees

The General Assembly,

Considering the decision taken by a group of voluntary agencies to promote a fund-raising campaign from 24 to 31 October 1966, to benefit refugees mainly in Africa and Asia,

Considering the support given to this initiative by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the wish expressed by that Committee¹³ that in 1966 United Nations Day, 24 October, be dedicated to the cause of refugees,

1. *Expresses its keen satisfaction* for the action thus undertaken, as well as for the attachment shown by its promoters to the ideals and objectives of the United Nations in choosing 24 October as the launching date for the campaign;

2. *Decides* that, in 1966, United Nations Day will be dedicated to the cause of refugees.

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2039 (XX). Reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees¹⁴ and having heard his statement,¹⁵

Noting the increasingly universal character of refugee problems,

Taking note of the difficulties encountered by the High Commissioner in obtaining the funds required to finance his programmes,

Considering that a greater effort could and should be made by the international community to provide the High Commissioner with the financial means required by the tasks incumbent upon him,

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 11A (A/6011/Rev.1/Add.1), part Two, para. 25 (5) (d) and (e).*

¹⁴ *Ibid., Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/5811/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/5811/Rev.1/Add.1); ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/6011/Rev.1) and Supplement No. 11A (A/6011/Rev.1/Add.1).*

¹⁵ *Ibid., Twentieth Session, Third Committee, 1359th meeting.*

1. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to pursue his efforts with a view to ensuring an adequate international protection of refugees and to providing satisfactory permanent solutions to the problems affecting the various groups of refugees within his competence;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies:

(a) To increase their support to the humanitarian action of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and to continue to co-operate with the High Commissioner in this respect;

(b) To make available to the High Commissioner the financial means required to ensure the full implementation of his programmes.

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2040 (XX). Assistance to refugees in Africa

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the fact that major refugee problems continue to arise in various parts of Africa,

Realizing that substantial resources must be mobilized in order to provide the refugees with immediate assistance and constructive aid so that they can support themselves in the host country until they can return to their country of origin,

Noting with satisfaction that the African States are showing a continuing interest in the problems of refugees by generously receiving refugees in a truly humanitarian spirit and by acceding in increasing numbers to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees,¹⁶

Having taken note with satisfaction of the efforts made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Food Programme, the specialized agencies and many non-governmental organizations to solve the problems of refugees in Africa,

Having regard to the need to provide the means essential to uninterrupted continuation of the work of assisting refugees in Africa,

1. *Commends* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations for their untiring efforts on behalf of refugees in Africa;

2. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to devote special attention to the problems of refugees in Africa and to co-operate actively with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees by placing the necessary means at his disposal, particularly in the form of increased financial contributions to the programmes of the High Commissioner's Office.

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7 December 1965.*

2041 (XX). Expression of appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Being informed that Mr. Félix Schnyder, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, will relinquish his post in the near future,

¹⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189 (1954), No. 2545.

Expresses its sincere appreciation to Mr. Schnyder for his work during the years he has served as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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2057 (XX). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 57 (I) of 11 December 1946, 417 (V) of 1 December 1950, 802 (VIII) of 6 October 1953, 1773 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and 1919 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963,

1. *Applauds* the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for 1965 to the United Nations Children's Fund, which reinforces understanding of the importance for peace in the world of the welfare and rearing of children in a spirit of friendship among nations;

2. *Endorses* the policy of the United Nations Children's Fund in supporting the importance of viewing the needs of the child as a whole, and of making, in national programmes for economic and social development, adequate provision for children and young people and thereby preparing them for their future participation in their country's development;

3. *Notes with approval* the programmes of the United Nations Children's Fund, which now include assistance to Governments in the fields of maternal and child health, disease control, nutrition, social welfare, education and vocational training, and which are carried out in close co-operation with the technical agencies concerned in the United Nations family;

4. *Welcomes* the emphasis of the United Nations Children's Fund on assistance to young children of pre-school age, and on the improvement and extension of elementary education;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the decision of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund that in seeking the most effective uses of Fund aid stress should continue to be placed on developing the basic services which benefit children, on priority programmes directed at their main problems and on the training of national personnel as an essential element of programmes, and the decision that full advantage should be taken of the relevant experience of all countries in seeking ways of meeting the problems of children and youth;¹⁷

6. *Welcomes* the decision of the United Nations Children's Fund to hold the next regular session of its Executive Board in Africa in May 1966;¹⁸

7. *Urges* Governments and private groups to intensify their efforts substantially to increase the resources of the United Nations Children's Fund.

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16 December 1965.*

2058 (XX). Town twinning as a means of international co-operation

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1028 (XXXVII) of 13 August 1964,

Considering that experience in recent years has shown the great value of town twinning, practised without any discrimination,

Considering that town twinning promotes the achievement of the great ideals enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Considering that the first African Conference of World-wide Inter-Community Co-operation, held at Dakar from 1 to 3 April 1964, laid special emphasis on "twinning co-operation",

1. *Considers* town twinning to be one of the means of co-operation which the United Nations should encourage, both in connexion with the International Co-operation Year and on a permanent basis;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in collaboration with the appropriate non-governmental organizations in consultative status and taking into consideration the decisions of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on town twinning, to prepare a programme of measures through which the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization might take concrete steps to encourage further the achievement of the largest possible number of twinned towns;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session a report on the programmes of action that have been taken to comply with the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take, through his offices, all suitable measures to encourage this form of co-operation.

*1397th plenary meeting,
16 December 1965.*

2059 (XX). United Nations assistance for the advancement of women

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 771 H (XXX) of 25 July 1960 and General Assembly resolution 1509 (XV) of 12 December 1960 concerning special assistance by the United Nations and the specialized agencies for the advancement of women in developing countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1777 (XVII) of 7 December 1962 and 1920 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963,

Reaffirming Economic and Social Council resolution 1068 A (XXXIX) of 16 July 1965, in which the Council took note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its eighteenth session,¹⁹ which was held at Teheran from 1 to 20 March 1965,

Recognizing the importance of the work accomplished by the Commission on the Status of Women,

Recognizing the contribution of the specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations in the matter of improving the status of women,

Believing that the co-ordination and development of the various programmes concerning the status of women should be implemented through a unified, long-term United Nations programme for the advancement of women,

Recognizing that it is appropriate to draw the attention of world public opinion to the importance of the contribution which women can make to national development and to the consequent need to solve the problem of the status of women and their emancipation,

¹⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (E/4083/Rev.1), para. 74.*

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, para. 237.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 7 (E/4025).