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Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 98th plenary meeting, on 8 December 1977, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/32/401/Add.1) elected Mr. Poul Hartling United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a five-year term beginning on 1 January 1978 and ending on 31 December 1982 (decision 32/314).
2. At its 59th meeting, on 1 December 1982, the Third Committee adopted a draft resolution (A/37/692, draft resolution II), according to which the General Assembly would decide to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1984. Since the draft resolution was adopted without a vote, it is likely to be adopted also by the Assembly.
3. The Secretary-General proposes that the term of office of Mr. Poul Hartling as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees be extended for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1983 and ending on 31 December 1985.