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Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Somalia,
Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
draft resolution

International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the continuing humanitarian and other problems posed by the presence of large numbers of refugees, displaced persons and those seeking refuge in the south-east Asian region,

Recognizing that the problem of refugees, displaced persons and those seeking refuge is of international concern,

Convinced that there is an urgent need for the international community to find a comprehensive and durable solution to the problem, which is acceptable to all parties concerned,

Appreciating the continuing efforts of the south-east Asian countries aimed at solving this problem as well as the endeavours of the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees, displaced persons and those seeking refuge in south-east Asia,

Taking note of the call in that Joint Ministerial Statement of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations at their Twenty-first Ministerial Meeting, held at Bangkok on 4 and 5 July 1988, 1/ for the convening of

1/ See A/43/510-S/20091. annex, para. 33.

an International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees at the ministerial level, in early 1989, to be preceded by a preparatory conference at the senior official level.

Noting the expressions of support given to the convening of the conference by all States concerned, including those of the south-east Asian region,

Taking note of the decision by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its thirty-ninth session to endorse the proposal for the convening of such a conference, 2/

Bearing in mind the need for adequate preparation by the parties concerned to ensure the success of the Conference,

1. Welcomes the call by the Association of South-East Asian Nations for the convening of an International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees and expresses the strong desire that the Conference takes place at the ministerial level at the earliest possible date during the first half of 1989;
2. Welcomes the decision by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its thirty-ninth session endorsing the proposal for the convening of the Conference;
3. Requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations and other States concerned, to convene the Conference and to extend all possible assistance to the parties concerned for the organization of the Conference;
4. Appeals to all States, the specialized agencies and regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide all the necessary support and resources needed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the preparation and the holding of the Conference;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1989, and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 12A, (A/43/12/Add.1), sect. III.F.