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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

To: Members of the Staff of the United Nations

Subject: RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIAISON AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

1. Purpose

The purpose of this instruction is to redesignate responsibility within the United Nations Secretariat pursuant to Article 17 of the Statute of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 428 (V), Annex), in which the High Commissioner for Refugees and the Secretary-General are instructed to "make appropriate arrangements for liaison and consultation on matters of mutual interest". This instruction supersedes ST/AFS/AI/87, dated 26 April 1951.

2. Responsibility

The Office of the Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Social Affairs will be responsible for liaison with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees on all questions. The Executive Office of the Secretary-General will be kept constantly informed of all important matters pertaining to the Office of the High Commissioner and will be consulted in regard to questions of general policy. Technical questions involving other Departments will be referred to them by the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for Social Affairs.

The normal channel for communications with the Office of the High Commissioner will be through the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General, Department of Social Affairs. The latter should be provided with copies of communications which are forwarded directly to the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

(Signed) BYRON PRICE
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