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RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS

Statement submitted by the World Federation of United Nations
Associations, a non-governmental organization in
Category A consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following
statement which is circulated in accordance with
paragraphs 22 and 23 of Council resolution 203 B (X):

THE FIFTH PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF WFUNA,

FULLY RECOGNISING the magnificent work accomplished by the International
Refugee Organisation in the resettlement of refugees, nevertheless deplores the
prospect that when its work is terminated, tens of thousands of refugees, many
of them able-bodied or partially disabled but fit for employment and all of whom
wishing to be moved, will be left against their will in Germany, and that there
are many other refugees in Western Europe in need of material aid,

The Assembly therefore:

- (a) RECALLS and REAFFIRMS the resolutions adopted by the Third and
Fourth Plenary Assemblies,
- (b) TAKES NOTE of the recommendations of the eleventh session of the
Economic and Social Council concerning refugees and stateless
persons,
- (c) URGES that all governments should once more consider the
possibility of admitting additional refugees, including especially
on compassionate grounds those who were disabled in the last war,
as well as family groups hitherto excluded on account of the
illness or incapacity of one member of the family, and other
"Hard Core" cases.

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- (d) STRESSES the necessity for countries which have given asylum to refugees to give recognition to the right to work, as defined in the draft Convention on Refugees and Stateless Persons,
- (e) WARMLY WELCOMES the decision of the United Nations General Assembly at its Fourth Regular Session to appoint a High Commissioner for Refugees and trusts that he will be given adequate status, powers, and resources to enable him effectively to perform his task, and that this will include continuing action for the resettlement of the remaining refugees,
- (f) STRESSES the urgent necessity for establishing an International Fund prior to the High Commissioner taking over his duties, and to which all countries will contribute to enable the High Commissioner to assist refugees,
- (g) ASKS that this Fund be available for distribution to refugees who will find themselves in dire need without aid or with insufficient aid from governments and charities,
- (h) EXPRESSES its concern that, as a result of recent political developments in several parts of the world, there exist grave refugee problems which surpass the capacities of the countries concerned as especially in India, Pakistan, the Middle East and Far East,
- (i) INSTRUCTS the Secretary-General to communicate the above resolution together with the resolutions concerning refugees and displaced persons adopted by the Third and Fourth Plenary Assemblies to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the International Refugee Organisation.
