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The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly requested the Council to establish the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as subsequent Assembly resolutions by which the membership of the Executive Committee was increased:

(a) Takes note of the requests to enlarge the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees contained in the note verbale dated 20 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General¹ and the note verbale dated 7 July 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;²

(b) Recommends that the General Assembly, at its seventy-first session, decide on the question of enlarging the membership of the Executive Committee from 98 to 100 States.

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

¹ E/2016/61.

² E/2016/78.

