
INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF IMMIGRATION
WHICH IS LIKELY TO DISTURB FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN
NATIONS

REPORT OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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1. On 1 October 1947, the General Assembly referred to the Third Committee, for consideration and report, the item on its agenda submitted by the delegations of Egypt, Irak and Lebanon dealing with international co-operation for the prevention of immigration which is likely to disturb friendly relations among nations.
2. The Committee took up this item at its seventy-sixth meeting held on Tuesday, 4 November, when it examined the two draft resolutions submitted by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (document A/C.3/174) and by Egypt, Irak and Lebanon (A/C.3/191).
3. At its seventy-seventh meeting, the Committee examined in addition a draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom (A/C.3/192), which this delegation had withdrawn from the ad hoc Committee on Palestine where it had been presented previously. At its seventy-ninth meeting, the Committee received a draft resolution submitted by India (A/C.3/196) with a view to conciliating the various points of view expressed in the previous resolutions.
4. At its eightieth meeting, the Committee set up a drafting Sub-Committee of thirteen members, which elected the representative of Lebanon, Mr. Charles Malik, as its Chairman.
5. The Sub-Committee, composed of representatives of Belgium, Canada, Cuba, Egypt, India, Irak, Lebanon, Panama, Poland, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, United States of America and Yugoslavia, held four meetings and agreed to take as a basis for its discussions a new draft resolution (A/C.3/199) which the representative of India had prepared in an effort to reach agreement.
5. At its eighty-second meeting, the Third Committee examined the report of its Sub-Committee (A/C.3/204) and the draft resolution which the Sub-Committee had adopted by ten votes to none with three abstentions. An amendment submitted by the United Kingdom (A/C.3/201) was adopted by thirty-six votes to seven with six abstentions. The resolution as amended was then adopted by the Committee by

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thirty-three votes to one with twelve abstentions.

7. The Third Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING NOTED that its resolutions of 8(I) of 12 February and 62(I) of 15 December 1946 on the question of refugees, and its resolution 103(I) of 19 November 1946 condemning racial and religious discrimination, have not been fully implemented, and that hundreds of thousands of victims of aggression remain in displaced persons camps;

RECALLING that one of the principles of the International Refugee Organization is that it "should exercise special care in cases in which the re-establishment or resettlement of refugees or displaced persons might be contemplated, either in countries contiguous to their respective countries of origin or in non-self-governing countries. The Organization should give due weight, among other factors, to any evidence of genuine apprehension and concern felt in regard to such plans, in the former case, by the country of origin of the persons involved, or, in the latter case, by the indigenous population of the non-self-governing country in question":

INVITES the Member States to implement the General Assembly resolution of 19 November 1946;

REAFFIRMS its position that the main task concerning displaced persons is to encourage and assist in every possible way their early return to their countries of origin, in accordance with the General Assembly resolution of 12 February 1946, and that no obstacles be placed in the way of the early fulfilment of this task;

INVITES the Member States not to accord aid and protection to individuals or organizations which are engaged in the promoting or operating of illegal immigration, or in activities designed to promote illegal immigration;

RECOMMENDS each Member of the United Nations to adopt urgent measures for the early return of the repatriable refugees and displaced persons to their countries of origin, having regard to the General Assembly resolution of 12 February 1946, and for settling a fair share of the non-repatriable refugees and displaced persons in its country; to inform the Secretary-General without delay of the results of the

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consideration it has given, in implementation of resolution 62(I) of the General Assembly, paragraph (e), to receiving, in conformity with the principles of the International Refugee Organization, its fair share of non-repatriable persons; and to collaborate with other nations, for instance through the International Refugee Organization or its Preparatory Commission, in the development of overall plans to accomplish this end;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General to submit, in collaboration with the Director-General of the International Refugee Organization, or the Executive Secretary of its Preparatory Commission, a report on the progress and prospect of repatriation, resettlement and immigration of the refugees and displaced persons, for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its seventh session.
