



Twelfth session

REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 727 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, the General Assembly decided to review, not later than at its twelfth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958.

2. At its fifth session, the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee^{1/} unanimously decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the Office of the High Commissioner should be continued for a further period beyond 31 December 1958.

3. Following its consideration of the annual report of the High Commissioner for Refugees (A/3585) the Economic and Social Council, at its twenty-fourth session, adopted resolution 650 (XXIV) of 24 July 1957, part B of which reads as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 727 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, decided to review, not later than at its twelfth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958,

"Noting that the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, in paragraph 79 of the report on its fifth session, unanimously decided to recommend that the Office of the High Commissioner be continued for a further period beyond 31 December 1958,

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, twelfth session, Supplement No. 11, (A/3585), annex I, para. 79.

"Recognizing that the need for international action on behalf of refugees will persist after that date,

"Appreciating the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in this regard,

"1. Considers that the Office of the High Commissioner should be continued for a period of five years from 1 January 1959;

"2. Recommends that the General Assembly review, not later than at its seventeenth regular session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner, with a view to determining whether the Office should be further continued."