

Commissioner in his efforts to provide vital humanitarian assistance, especially through voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement,

Welcoming the conclusions and achievements of the Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 7 to 17 May 1979, and further welcoming the request to translate the principle of "burden sharing" into action,

Noting with satisfaction the practical results in terms of additional resettlement places and financial contributions thus far achieved as a consequence of the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia, convened by the Secretary-General and held at Geneva on 20 and 21 July 1979,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the efficient manner in which they continue to discharge their many responsibilities in assisting refugees and displaced persons;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to promote, in close co-operation with Governments, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, durable and speedy solutions to problems of refugees and displaced persons wherever they occur;

3. *Urges* Governments to intensify their support for the humanitarian activities of the High Commissioner by, among other things:

(a) Facilitating the accomplishment of his tasks in the field of international protection, in particular by granting asylum to those seeking refuge and by scrupulously observing the principle of *non-refoulement*;

(b) Considering accession to relevant international instruments, notably the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees⁵⁸ and the 1967 Protocol⁵⁹ relating to the Status of Refugees;

(c) Facilitating his efforts to promote durable solutions through voluntary repatriation or return and assistance in the rehabilitation of persons returning to their countries, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

4. *Further urges* Governments:

(a) To strengthen their support for the High Commissioner's efforts on behalf of refugees and displaced persons;

(b) To provide increased opportunities for durable solutions to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, in particular those who are in Africa, Asia and Latin America;

5. *Calls upon* Governments to continue to contribute generously towards the financing of the High Commissioner's activities in order to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programmes.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office,⁶⁰

Taking note with satisfaction of the conclusions of the Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 7 to 17 May 1979,

Taking note of the resolution on the situation of refugees in Africa and on prospective solutions to their problems in the 1980s adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979, and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixteenth ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 17 to 20 July 1979,⁶¹

Deeply concerned about the constantly deteriorating living conditions and the ever-increasing number of African refugees,

Expressing its appreciation of the hospitality and assistance provided to the large number of refugees on the continent of Africa,

Noting with deep regret the inadequacy of the assistance provided to the growing number of African refugees,

Stressing the evident necessity to allocate assistance proportional to their number and needs,

Emphasizing the need for increased financial support from the international community to provide adequate care for the large number of refugees in Africa,

1. *Fully endorses* the recommendations adopted by the Arusha Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the work they have done in the care of African refugees;

3. *Calls attention* to the urgent need for increased resources to care for the ever-growing number of African refugees which to date is about four million;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to intensify their activities and programmes in support of African refugees;

5. *Stresses* the urgent necessity for consideration by the international community of ways and means by which a constant flow of resources to the Office of the High Commissioner can be secured for the implementation of long-term programmes;

6. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to assist the High Commissioner in giving the widest possible dissemination of information on the plight of the African refugees;

7. *Requests* the High Commissioner to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the contributions made by his Office towards the implementation of the recommendations of the Arusha Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa;

8. *Further requests* the High Commissioner to make every effort to mobilize additional resources for African refugees in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental organizations and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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⁵⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 150.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

⁶⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/34/12) and Supplement No. 12A (A/34/12/Add.1).

⁶¹ A/34/552, annex I, resolution CM/Res.727 (XXXIII).