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OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Finland, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Lesotho, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Senegal, Sweden, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela and Zaire: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office and having heard his statement,

Recalling its resolution 33/26 of 29 November 1978,

Reaffirming the eminently humanitarian character of the activities of the High Commissioner for the benefit of an increasing number of refugees and displaced persons of concern to his Office,

Noting with deep concern the continued gravity of the problems of refugees and displaced persons in various parts of the world,

Commending Governments for their humanitarian approach to refugee problems, for the spirit in which they have received refugees and for their generous support to the work of the High Commissioner,

Emphasizing the continuing need to ensure the basic human rights, protection and safety of refugees, including the accession to and more effective implementation of relevant international instruments,

Noting that increased financial and other support from Governments is urgently needed to assist the High 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 to the Situation of Refugees in Africa held from 7 to 17 May 1979 in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, and further welcoming the request to translate the principle of "burdensharing" into action,

Noting with satisfaction the practical results in terms of additional resettlement places and financial contributions so far achieved as a consequence of the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia, convened by the Secretary-General and held in 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 among other things by:

(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 Refugees and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees;

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

4. Further urges Governments to:

(a) Strengthen their support to the High Commissioner's efforts on behalf of refugees and displaced persons;

(b) Provide increased opportunities for durable solutions for refugees and displaced persons in particular of 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.