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OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

The situation of African refugees

Algeria, Benin, Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Kenya,  
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Papua  
New Guinea, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Swaziland,  
Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire and Zambia: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees on the activities of his office (A/34/12),

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

Taking note of the resolution of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity (CM/Res. 727 (XXXIII)) endorsed by the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government at their sixteenth Summit Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa and on perspective solutions to their problems in the 1980s,

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

Expressing its appreciation of the hospitality and assistance 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 number about 4,000,000.
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 of the United Nations 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 United Nations specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental organizations and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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