

the occasion of the World Refugee Year, special attention to the problems of refugees coming within the competence of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and in particular to consider the possibility of:

(a) Improving the legal status of refugees living on, or to be admitted to, their territory by, *inter alia*, acceding to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees;³

(b) Increasing the facilities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation and assimilation within new national communities, and, for resettlement of refugees, providing further opportunities through the liberalization of immigration laws and regulations and through the inclusion of refugees in resettlement schemes;

(c) Enabling the High Commissioner, through additional voluntary financial contributions, to implement the programmes of international assistance to refugees approved by the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme for 1959 and 1960;

2. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner, in respect of refugees who do not come within the competence of the United Nations, to use his good offices in the transmission of contributions designed to provide assistance to these refugees.

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1389 (XIV). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,²

Considering the efforts made by the High Commissioner and the results achieved during the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the action of the High Commissioner on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia,

Recognizing however that the situation of these refugees, and especially of the young children who constitute the majority of them, remains precarious,

Recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should continue his efforts on behalf of these refugees pending their return to their homes.

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1390 (XIV). World Refugee Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1285 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 on the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the support that has already been given to the World Refugee Year by Governments, non-governmental organizations and the general public, as well as the efforts of the Secretary-General in this endeavour,

Believing that the success of the World Refugee Year will be largely dependent on concrete responses yet to be made in many countries,

³ United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Status of Refugees and Stateless Persons, *Final Act and Convention relating to the Status of Refugees* (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 1951.IV.4), p. 11.

1. *Urges* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, in accordance with the national wishes and needs of each country and in the humanitarian spirit of the World Refugee Year:

(a) To continue to focus interest on the refugee problem;

(b) To endeavour to make additional financial contributions for international assistance to refugees and to encourage in their territory increasing contributions from non-governmental organizations and the general public;

(c) To encourage additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration, on a purely humanitarian basis and in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to assist in the promotion of the World Refugee Year.

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1391 (XIV). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter VI, section III, of the report of the Economic and Social Council,⁴

Recognizing the value of the United Nations Children's Fund in focusing international and national attention on the needs of children,

Noting the growing significance of aid given through the Fund in helping countries to initiate permanent health, nutrition and welfare services for their children, and in improving the quality and effectiveness of these services,

Considering that the aid provided through the Fund constitutes a practical way of international co-operation to help countries to carry out the aims proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,¹

Aware of the importance of the Fund as an essential element in international efforts to help countries, and in particular under-developed ones, raise their standards of living and strengthen their capacity for economic and social progress,

Impressed however with the magnitude of the many needs as yet unfulfilled, and the opportunities which exist for the effective use of additional assistance from the Fund,

Concerned that, despite continued and, in some cases, increased support from many Governments, the Fund's income for 1959 will be lower than that of 1958, thus reversing the trend of recent years,

1. *Expresses the hope* that all Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies will contribute to the United Nations Children's Fund as generously as possible;

2. *Congratulates* the Fund on its outstanding achievements.

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⁴ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fourteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/4143).*