

Assembly on decolonization, racism and self-determination,

Strongly deploring the intensification of armed repression and wanton slaughter of peoples under colonial and alien domination and acts of aggression committed by colonialists and alien forces against a number of sovereign States and peoples struggling for their self-determination, which obstruct the full enjoyment of human rights,

Noting the urgent need, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, for providing maximum material, humanitarian and moral assistance to the peoples of the liberated areas, colonial territories and territories under alien subjugation,

1. *Reaffirms* the right of all peoples, notably of those mentioned in General Assembly resolution 2787 (XXVI), to self-determination, freedom and independence, as well as the legitimacy of their struggle for liberation from colonial and alien domination and foreign subjugation by all available means consistent with the Charter and the resolutions of the United Nations;

2. *Strongly condemns* all those Governments, particularly the Governments of Portugal and South Africa, which persistently refuse to implement General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other pertinent resolutions;

3. *Strongly condemns* the policies of those States members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other Powers which assist Portugal and other racist régimes in Africa and elsewhere in their suppression of peoples' aspirations for, and enjoyment of, human rights;

4. *Decides* to examine concrete ways and means of extending maximum humanitarian and material assistance to the peoples of the liberated areas, colonial territories and territories under alien subjugation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-eighth session, indicating the present scope and nature of assistance being provided to colonial countries and peoples, as well as those in the liberated areas, from relevant existing voluntary funds and other forms of assistance by relevant organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, regional intergovernmental organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations after consultation with the Council Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, in order to assist in the examination of areas and of ways and means of further promoting humanitarian and material assistance, account being taken of the need for co-ordination;

6. *Invites* the aforementioned organizations to co-operate with the Secretary-General in the implementation of paragraph 5 above.

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**2956 (XXVII). Report of the United Nations
High Commissioner for Refugees**

A

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees concerning his current activities⁹ and having heard his statement,¹⁰

Commending the results obtained by the High Commissioner in the accomplishment of his humanitarian task of providing international protection to refugees within his mandate and promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with appreciation the manner in which the High Commissioner has, at the request of the Secretary-General and in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, co-ordinated, or participated in, essential humanitarian actions undertaken by the organizations in the United Nations system,

Recognizing the importance of voluntary repatriation as a permanent solution to the refugee problem and the useful role that United Nations bodies and non-governmental agencies have been playing in facilitating the rehabilitation of groups of refugees who have voluntarily returned to their countries of origin,

Considering the increasing and fruitful co-operation between the High Commissioner and other members of the United Nations system in the field of rural settlement, education and training of refugees, particularly in Africa, which results in better co-ordination of action and greater efficiency,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing number of Governments contributing to the High Commissioner's assistance programme and the substantial increase in some of those contributions,

Commending the growing number of accessions to the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees of 1951¹¹ and the Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees of 1967,¹²

1. *Expresses its deep satisfaction* at the efficient manner in which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff continue to accomplish their humanitarian task;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to participate, at the invitation of the Secretary-General, in those humanitarian endeavours of the United Nations for which his Office has particular expertise and experience;

3. *Requests* the High Commissioner to pursue his efforts, in co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and voluntary agencies, to promote permanent and speedy solutions to the problems of refugees who are his concern through voluntary repatriation, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to provide international protection and assistance to refugees who are his concern, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme;

5. *Urges* Governments to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian action by:

(a) Facilitating his efforts in the field of international protection;

⁹ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712) and Supplement No. 12A (A/8712/Add.1).

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1954th meeting.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 137.

¹² *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

(b) Co-operating in the promotion of permanent solutions to refugee problems;

(c) Providing the necessary means to attain the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee.

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B

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, as mentioned in paragraph 169 of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹³

1. *Decides* that the Emergency Fund established under General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 shall henceforth be maintained at its ceiling of \$500,000 by replenishments from the Working Capital and Guarantee Fund and by voluntary contributions made for that purpose;

2. *Authorizes* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to allocate from the Emergency Fund, under the general directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, up to \$1 million annually for emergency situations, it being understood that the amount made available for one single emergency shall not exceed \$500,000 in any one year.

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2957 (XXVII). Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁴

Recalling its resolution 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, in which it decided to review, not later than at its twenty-seventh session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1973,

Recognizing the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection to refugees and in promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with appreciation the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with special emergencies,

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1974;

2. *Decides* to review, not later than at its thirty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the

¹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712).

¹⁴ Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/8712) and Supplement No. 12A (A/8712/Add.1).

High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1978.

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2958 (XXVII). Assistance to Sudanese refugees returning from abroad

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁵

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan in the peaceful settlement of the southern Sudan question;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for his efficient role in the co-ordination of relief and resettlement operations of refugees and other displaced persons;

3. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1655 (LII) and 1705 (LIII) in which the Council, *inter alia*, urged the organizations associated with the United Nations and all Governments to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan in the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Sudanese refugees coming from abroad and other displaced persons.

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2959 (XXVII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

The General Assembly,

Recalling previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council relating to disaster relief, in particular Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,¹⁶ and having heard the introductory statement made by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator before the Third Committee,¹⁷

Noting with appreciation the action already taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator since the establishment of his Office,

Reaffirming the vital importance, in order to lessen the impact of disasters, of assistance to disaster-prone countries in preventive measures, disaster contingency planning and preparedness,

Considering that the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator should continue to explore ways of strengthening and developing national contingency plans and machinery for disaster relief co-ordination at the national level and that, therefore, he should be provided with the means and resources necessary for him to carry out his action in this area of disaster preparedness,

¹⁵ Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1954th meeting.

¹⁶ A/8854.

¹⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1959th meeting.