

national Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Noting also that the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) is responsible for organizing the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/41 of 23 May 1986,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* that millions of people do not enjoy the right to adequate housing;
2. *Reiterates* the need to take, at the national and international levels, measures to promote the right of all persons to an adequate standard of living for themselves and their families, including adequate housing;
3. *Calls upon* all States and international organizations concerned to intensify their efforts to achieve the objectives and goals of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;
4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council to give special attention during the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless to the question of the realization of the right to adequate housing;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pay appropriate attention to the question of promoting the right to adequate housing in the information he is to provide to the General Assembly on the results of the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

*97th plenary meeting
4 December 1986*

41/147. Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved and proposed for signature and ratification or accession the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Reaffirming its conviction that genocide is a crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations,

Expressing its conviction that implementation of the provisions of the Convention by all States is necessary for the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹³⁶
2. *Once again strongly condemns* the crime of genocide;
3. *Reaffirms* the necessity of international co-operation in order to liberate mankind from such an odious crime;
4. *Takes note with appreciation* of the fact that ninety-six States have ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide or have acceded thereto;
5. *Urges* those States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto without further delay;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-second session a report on the status of the Convention.

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41/148. Human rights and mass exoduses

The General Assembly,

Mindful of its general humanitarian mandate under the Charter of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Deeply disturbed by the continuing scale and magnitude of exoduses of refugees and displacements of population in many regions of the world and by the human suffering of millions of refugees and displaced persons,

Conscious of the fact that human rights violations are one of the multiple and complex factors causing mass exoduses of refugees, as indicated in the study of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on this subject,¹³⁷

Considering the efforts which have been made to address this subject within the United Nations, in particular by the Commission on Human Rights,

Aware of the recommendations concerning mass exoduses made by the Commission on Human Rights to its Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and to special rapporteurs when studying violations of human rights in any part of the world,

Deeply preoccupied by the increasingly heavy burden being imposed upon the international community as a whole, particularly upon developing countries with limited resources of their own, by these sudden mass exoduses and displacements of population,

Stressing the need to improve international co-operation aimed at the prevention of new massive flows of refugees in parallel with the provision of durable solutions to actual refugee situations,

Taking note of the final report of the Group of Governmental Experts on International Co-operation to Avert New Flows of Refugees,⁹⁹

Taking note once again of the report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses,¹³⁸

Recalling its resolutions 35/196 of 15 December 1980, 37/186 of 17 December 1982, 38/103 of 16 December 1983, 39/117 of 14 December 1984 and 40/149 of 13 December 1985 and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 30 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980,²⁵ 29 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981,²⁶ 1982/32 of 11 March 1982,²⁷ 1983/35 of 8 March 1983,²⁸ 1984/49 of 14 March 1984,²⁹ 1985/40 of 13 March 1985³⁰ and 1986/45 of 12 March 1986,³¹

Welcoming the steps taken by the Secretary-General to establish an early warning system, as mentioned in his report on the work of the Organization¹³⁹ submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-first session,

1. *Welcomes* the steps taken so far by the United Nations to examine the problem of massive outflows of refu-

¹³⁷ E/CN.4/1503*.

¹³⁸ A/38/538.

¹³⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 1 (A/41/1).*