

Recognizing the priority given in the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America¹⁰⁴ to the section of the emergency programme which is designed to promote activities for solving the problem of refugees, displaced persons and repatriated persons,

Recognizing that the task of seeking solutions goes further than emergency activities and is linked with aspects concerning the development of the region and assistance for the displaced populations in the countries of origin and of asylum that are directly affected by the massive presence of refugees,

Emphasizing that, among the possible solutions, voluntary repatriation is the most appropriate solution for solving the problems created by the massive presence of refugees in the countries and communities of asylum,

Recognizing that the tripartite commissions, composed of representatives of the country of asylum, the country of origin and the Office of the High Commissioner, constitute an ongoing mechanism for solving the problem of refugees and that they require support in order to continue the current voluntary repatriation programmes in conditions of personal and material security,

1. *Welcomes* the decision adopted by the countries members of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Central American Refugees to convene the Conference at Guatemala City in May 1989;

2. *Supports* the undertaking made by the countries represented in the Preparatory Committee to continue to deal with the problems relating to the refugees and their voluntary repatriation, as well as with the preparatory work for the Conference and the Conference itself, on a purely humanitarian and apolitical basis;

3. *Welcomes* the decisions in support of the Conference adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States at its eighteenth session and by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its thirty-ninth session;¹⁰⁵

4. *Urges* that, in the context of the Conference, consideration should be given to the problems of displaced persons and to the effects of the massive presence of refugees in countries of asylum, as well as to those solutions which the affected countries deem applicable;

5. *Exhorts* all Member States, organs, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as the regional and subregional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in the humanitarian task of helping Central American refugees, to participate in the Conference and to provide all the resources, co-operation and support necessary for preparing and holding it, and for following up the results;

6. *Appeals* to the international community to increase its assistance to the countries of asylum and of origin of Central American refugees in order to strengthen their capacity to provide the means and services necessary for the solution of the problem of refugees, returnees and displaced persons, in accordance with national development programmes;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite all States to participate in the Conference and to adopt the means necessary for ensuring its success;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to establish the necessary co-ordination between the Conference and the im-

plementation of the section of the Special Plan of Economic Co-operation for Central America relating to refugees, displaced persons and repatriated persons;

9. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to organize the Conference, in close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme and with the organs, specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, in co-ordination with the Preparatory Committee, bearing in mind the third point of the San Salvador communiqué on the Central American refugees;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 and to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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8 December 1988

43/119. International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned about the continuing humanitarian and other problems posed by the presence in the South-East Asian region of large numbers of refugees, displaced persons and those seeking refuge,

Recognizing that the problem of refugees, displaced persons and those seeking refuge is of international concern,

Convinced that there is an urgent need for the international community to find a comprehensive and durable solution to the problem which is acceptable to all parties concerned,

Appreciating the continuing efforts of the South-East Asian countries aimed at solving this problem, as well as the endeavours of the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees, displaced persons and those seeking refuge in South-East Asia,

Noting the call in the Joint Statement on Indo-Chinese Refugees, issued at Bangkok on 4 July 1988¹⁰⁶ by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations at their twenty-first Ministerial Meeting, for the convening of an International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees at the ministerial level, in early 1989, to be preceded by a preparatory conference at the senior official level,

Noting the expressions of support given by all States concerned, including those of the South-East Asian region, to the convening of the Conference,

Taking note of the decision by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at its thirty-ninth session to endorse the proposal for the convening of the Conference,¹⁰⁷

Bearing in mind the need for adequate preparation by the parties concerned to ensure the success of the Conference,

1. *Welcomes* the call by the Association of South-East Asian Nations for the convening of an International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees and expresses the strong desire that the Conference take place at the minist-

¹⁰⁴ A/42/949, annex.

¹⁰⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/43/12/Add.1), chap. III, sect. G.*

¹⁰⁶ See A/43/510-S/20091, annex.

¹⁰⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/43/12/Add.1), chap. III, sect. F.*

terial level at the earliest possible date during the first half of 1989;

2. *Also welcomes* the decision by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the convening of the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close cooperation with the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations and other States concerned, to convene the Conference and to extend all possible assistance to the parties concerned for the organization of the Conference;

4. *Appeals* to all States, the specialized agencies and regional, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide all the necessary support and resources needed by the High Commissioner for the preparation and the holding of the Conference;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1989 and to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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43/120. Preparation of a draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986, 42/111, 42/112 and 42/113 of 7 December 1987 and other relevant provisions,

Emphasizing the importance of the contribution that will be made by the convention in supplementing the existing international instruments on the subject, namely, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,¹⁰⁸ and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,¹⁰⁹

Underlining the importance of the appeal made in paragraph 3 of the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,¹¹⁰ in which the Conference called for the urgent and careful finalization of the preparation of the draft convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which today becomes more urgent owing to the continuous aggravation of the problem,

Noting with appreciation the progress made by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs at its tenth special session in the preparation of the draft convention,¹¹¹

Underlining the importance of the valuable contribution of the Secretary-General, the useful observations of the

Member States and the work of the open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group, which met twice during 1987 and once during 1988 and which prepared revised working papers, and the conclusions of the Review Group convened at Vienna from 27 June to 8 July 1988,¹¹²

Taking into consideration that the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1988/8 and in its decision 1988/120 of 25 May 1988 decided to convene at Vienna, from 25 November to 20 December 1988, the Conference of plenipotentiaries for the adoption of a convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General¹¹³ on the progress achieved in the preparation of the draft convention,

1. *Welcomes with appreciation* Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/8, in which it decided to convene the Review Group in mid-June 1988 at Vienna, with the mandate of continuing the preparation of the draft convention and preparing the organizational aspects of the Conference of plenipotentiaries for the adoption of a convention against illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General, and the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its tenth special session¹¹¹ and the recommendations therein, approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1988/8 and decisions 1988/118 and 1988/120 of 25 May 1988 and 1988/159 of 26 July 1988, in which it decided, *inter alia*, to convene the Conference of plenipotentiaries to adopt the convention, and to extend to ten working days the thirty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in order to allow it to consider suitable measures to be taken prior to the entry into force of the convention;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, as the principal United Nations policy-making body on drug abuse control, to identify suitable measures to be taken prior to the entry into force of the convention;

4. *Urges* all States to adopt a constructive approach with a view to resolving any outstanding differences over the text of the convention;

5. *Requests* all States, while reaffirming their commitment to the Declaration of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking¹¹⁰ as an expression of the political will of nations to combat the drug problem, to assign the highest priority to the Conference of plenipotentiaries and to participate actively in it, at the highest possible level, for the adoption of the convention;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and all related organs established by the Commission, for their effectiveness in responding to its request to prepare the draft convention;

7. *Once again urges* all States that have not yet done so to ratify or to accede to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution, particularly on the conclusions of the Conference of plenipotentiaries for the

¹⁰⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

¹⁰⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

¹¹⁰ *Report of the International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, 17-26 June 1987* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.87.I.18), chap. I, sect. B.

¹¹¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1987, Supplement No. 3 (E/1988/13)*

¹¹² See E/CONF.82/3 and Corr.1 and 3.

¹¹³ A/43/678