

10. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-sixth session on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General.

*68th plenary meeting
14 December 1990*

45/138. Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/55 of 24 July 1990 on the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Taking note also of the note verbale dated 17 May 1990 from the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General¹⁹⁹ regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from forty-three to forty-four;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to elect the one additional member at its first regular session of 1991.

*68th plenary meeting
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45/139. Emergency humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees and displaced persons

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the civil strife that has in the past year ravaged the West African State of Liberia, decimated its population and forced thousands of Liberians to become refugees abroad or displaced persons within their own homeland,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,²⁰⁰ in which he asserts that developments in the West African subregion necessitate new emergency operations,

Deeply concerned about the mass exodus of innocent victims of the Liberian civil strife into neighbouring West African countries and the enormous burden that this movement has placed on the infrastructure and already insufficient resources of the West African countries concerned,

Aware that the majority of the refugees and displaced persons are women and children, who are particularly vulnerable to the hardship imposed on them by the unfortunate circumstances,

Noting the determined and sustained efforts being made by the Governments of the West African countries hardest hit by the crisis to cater to and restore faith

¹⁹⁹ E/1990/89.

²⁰⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/45/12).*

and hope among the Liberian refugees in their countries,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for having taken steps to encourage continued and concerted international action in favour of Liberian refugees and displaced persons;

2. *Acknowledges, with grateful appreciation,* the emergency humanitarian assistance provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the governmental and intergovernmental agencies to the thousands of Liberian refugees and displaced persons in the West African subregion;

3. *Appeals* to the organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and international and voluntary organizations, including non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to intensify urgent humanitarian and other assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of the victims of the Liberian civil strife taking refuge in neighbouring West African countries;

4. *Also appeals* to the organizations of the United Nations system, governmental and intergovernmental bodies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to provide the necessary material and financial assistance for the return and resettlement of the victims of the Liberian civil war;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his efforts to mobilize additional resources necessary for the rehabilitation of Liberian refugees and displaced persons and to find a durable solution to the problem of Liberian refugees;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

*68th plenary meeting
14 December 1990*

45/140. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office,²⁰¹ as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on the work of its forty-first session,²⁰¹ noting the statement made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the High Commissioner on 15 November 1990,²⁰² and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Indo-Chinese Refugees,²⁰³

Recalling its resolutions 44/137 and 44/138 of 15 December 1989,

Reaffirming the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the activities of the Office of the High

²⁰¹ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/45/12/Add.1).

²⁰² *Ibid.*, Forty-fifth Session, Third Committee, 43rd meeting, and corrigendum.

²⁰³ A/45/449.