

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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832 (IX). International assistance to refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problems of refugees within the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the light of his report¹ to the General Assembly at its ninth session,

Having noted with satisfaction the work accomplished for refugees,

Noting that, in spite of the efforts made, there is little hope that—at the present rate of repatriation, resettlement, or integration—a satisfactory solution to these problems will be reached within a reasonable period of time,

Considering that, while the ultimate responsibility for the refugees within the mandate of the High Commissioner falls in fact upon the countries of residence, certain of these countries have to face particularly heavy burdens as a result of their geographical situation, and some complementary aid has been shown to be necessary to accelerate the implementation of a programme for permanent solutions.

Recalling resolution 728 (VIII) of the General Assembly and resolution 549 (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Supplements Nos. 13 and 13 B.*

Considering that the programme outlined in the report of the High Commissioner contains a number of constructive elements for an effective attempt at achieving a permanent solution to the problems of certain groups of the refugees who are the concern of the High Commissioner, having special regard to family groups,

1. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner, in accordance with his Statute, to undertake a programme designed to achieve permanent solutions within the period of his current mandate for the refugees included within the proposals² in his report to the General Assembly at its ninth session;

2. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to negotiate with the Governments of Member and non-member States for voluntary contributions towards a fund based on the proposals of the High Commissioner (the amount to be determined by the High Commissioner's Advisory Committee at its next session), to be devoted principally to the promotion of permanent solutions, and also to permit emergency assistance to the most needy cases, such fund to incorporate the fund authorized by the General Assembly in resolution 538 B (VI);

3. *Authorizes* the High Commissioner to make appeals for funds for the purposes set forth in paragraph 2 above;

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 13*, chapter IV, section 4, and *Supplement No. 13 B*, paras. 1 to 11 inclusive.

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, not later than its nineteenth session and in the light of proposals to be submitted to it by the High Commissioner upon the advice of his Advisory Committee, either to establish an Executive Committee responsible for giving directives to the High Commissioner in carrying out his programme and for exercising the necessary controls in the use of funds allotted to the Office of the High Commissioner or to revise the terms of reference and composition of the Advisory Committee in order to enable it to carry out the same duties;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare, for presentation to the inter-governmental body mentioned in paragraph 4 above, detailed proposals for projects designed to achieve permanent solutions, including plans for adequate financial or other contributions from sources within the countries of residence;

6. *Requests* the Governments concerned, in the negotiation of agreements with the High Commissioner for the projects for permanent solutions under this programme, to give assurances that they will assume full financial responsibility should any of the refugees within the scope of the programme still require assistance at the end of the stipulated period;

7. *Urges* Member and non-member States to cooperate with the High Commissioner to the fullest extent in this programme;

8. *Requests* the High Commissioner to include in his annual report a statement on the measures which he has taken under the terms of the present resolution.

*495th plenary meeting,
21 October 1954.*

833 (IX). Draft international covenants on human rights

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the draft international covenants on human rights³ prepared by the Commission on Human Rights and transmitted⁴ by the Economic and Social Council and expressing its gratitude to that Commission for the work accomplished,

Having considered these draft international covenants on human rights at its ninth session,

Reaffirming that it is important that these draft international covenants should be adopted in their final form as soon as possible,

Considering that it is desirable to give Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations and the specialized agencies time to make a full study of these draft international covenants and to submit, if they so desire, amendments or additions thereto, or further observations thereon,

Considering that it is desirable for each Government to be informed in good time of the views of other Governments and of the specialized agencies concerning the provisions to be included in the draft international covenants on human rights so that it may take due account of these views in determining its own attitude,

Considering that it is desirable that public opinion should continue to express itself freely on the draft international covenants on human rights,

³ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7*, annexes I, II and III.

⁴ See Economic and Social Council, resolution 545 B (XVIII).

1. Invites:

(a) Governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session of the General Assembly, any amendments or additions to the draft international covenants on human rights or any observations thereon;

(b) The specialized agencies to communicate to the Secretary-General, within six months after the end of the present session, any observations they may wish to make with regard to the draft international covenants on human rights;

(c) The non-governmental organizations concerned with the promotion of human rights, including those in the Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories, to stimulate public interest in the draft international covenants on human rights by all possible means in their respective countries;

2. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare and distribute to Governments, as early as possible, a concise annotation of the text of the draft international covenants on human rights, taking account of the observations made before and during the ninth session of the General Assembly, including those made in the Economic and Social Council and in the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) To distribute to Governments, as soon as they are received, the communications which may be made by Governments and by the specialized agencies during the next six months;

(c) To prepare as a working paper a compilation of all the amendments and proposed new articles which may be submitted by Governments during that period;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give the draft international covenants on human rights the widest possible publicity through all the media of information available to him, and within the limits of his budget;

4. *Recommends* that, during the tenth session of the General Assembly, the Third Committee give priority and devote itself mainly to the discussion, article by article, in an agreed order, of the draft international covenants on human rights with a view to their adoption at the earliest possible date. The discussion shall also cover any new articles which may be proposed.

*504th plenary meeting,
4 December 1954.*

834 (IX). United Nations Narcotics Laboratory

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 548 D (XVIII) of 12 July 1954 on the subject of the establishment of a United Nations Narcotics Laboratory,

Having considered the Secretary-General's note⁵ of 15 October 1954 which sets out the comparative cost of setting up such a laboratory at Headquarters and at Geneva,

Noting the statement by the Secretary-General in the above note that he "would regard it as important that the laboratory should be situated in the same place, and preferably in the same building, as the Division of Narcotic Drugs as a whole",

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/C.3/573.