

1500 (XV). Refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia

The General Assembly,

Having examined chapter IV of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,²

Recalling its resolution 1389 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Considering the action taken by the High Commissioner and the encouraging results achieved during the World Refugee Year,

Noting with appreciation the progress made on behalf of refugees from Algeria in Morocco and Tunisia,

Regretting that the situation which is the cause of this problem continues,

Recognizing that the living conditions of these refugees, and in particular those of the children, remain precarious and require constant improvement,

Recommends that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should:

(a) Continue his present action;

(b) Use his influence to ensure the continuation of the operation carried out jointly by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the League of Red Cross Societies, and, should this prove impossible, draw up and execute a programme for the assumption by the Office of the High Commissioner of responsibility for these refugees from 1 July 1961.

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5 December 1960.*

1501 (XV). Expression of appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Noting with regret that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will shortly leave office,

Considering that remarkable and encouraging progress has been made during his years in office in solving many of the problems of refugees, both under his mandate and through the use of his good offices,

Confident that these achievements will lead to further improvement of the refugee situation under the Office of the High Commissioner,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to Mr. Auguste Lindt and its admiration for the brilliant and important work he has performed during his years as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

2. *Extends its good wishes* to Mr. Lindt for equally great success in all his future undertakings.

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1502 (XV). World Refugee Year

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1285 (XIII) of 5 December 1958 and 1390 (XIV) of 20 November 1959 on the World Refugee Year,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the World Refugee Year,³

² *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 11 (A/4378/Rev.1).

³ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 33, document A/4546.

Noting with gratification the remarkable success of the World Refugee Year in many parts of the world, not only financially but also in promoting solutions of problems relating to large numbers of refugees, particularly those who are handicapped,

Noting further that the World Refugee Year has focused the attention of world opinion on the problems of refugees,

Believing that the enthusiasm and interest aroused by the World Refugee Year can, if maintained, make a vital contribution to this end,

1. *Expresses its thanks* to all Governments, national committees, non-governmental organizations and private individuals who have contributed to the success of the World Refugee Year, as well as to the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for the World Refugee Year, for their efforts in this regard;

2. *Requests* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as international non-governmental organizations, to continue their efforts to assist refugees on a purely humanitarian basis, especially by:

(a) Increased co-operation with the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(b) Efforts to maintain the public interest aroused by the World Refugee Year in the solution of refugee problems;

(c) The encouragement of additional opportunities for permanent refugee solutions through voluntary repatriation, resettlement or integration in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the refugees themselves;

(d) The further encouragement of financial contributions for international assistance to refugees including contributions from non-governmental organizations and the general public;

3. *Expresses the hope* that all people everywhere will take into consideration the problems of refugees and the need for sustained and increased efforts for their ultimate solution.

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1507 (XV). United Nations Children's Fund

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the action of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund in elaborating the activities to be undertaken by the Fund, within the framework of its responsibilities, in helping countries give effect to the high principles proclaimed in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child,

Recognizing the significant contribution the Fund is making to better living conditions in developing countries and the manner in which it reinforces the effectiveness of other measures taken to this end,

Noting that the Fund is taking steps to ascertain the priority needs of children in present changing conditions and to identify the fields in which it might assist in order to contribute to the greatest possible extent to the present and future welfare of children,

1. *Commends* the United Nations Children's Fund on its achievements;