

(b) Co-operating in the promotion of permanent solutions to refugee problems;

(c) Providing the necessary means to attain the financial targets established with the approval of the Executive Committee.

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The General Assembly,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, as mentioned in paragraph 169 of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹³

1. *Decides* that the Emergency Fund established under General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 shall henceforth be maintained at its ceiling of \$500,000 by replenishments from the Working Capital and Guarantee Fund and by voluntary contributions made for that purpose;

2. *Authorizes* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to allocate from the Emergency Fund, under the general directives of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme, up to \$1 million annually for emergency situations, it being understood that the amount made available for one single emergency shall not exceed \$500,000 in any one year.

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2957 (XXVII). Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Noting the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁴

Recalling its resolution 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, in which it decided to review, not later than at its twenty-seventh session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1973,

Recognizing the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection to refugees and in promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with appreciation the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with special emergencies.

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1974;

2. *Decides* to review, not later than at its thirty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the

¹³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/8712).

¹⁴ Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/8712) and Supplement No. 12A (A/8712/Add.1).

High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1978.

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2958 (XXVII). Assistance to Sudanese refugees returning from abroad

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁵

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1655 (LII) of 1 June 1972 and 1705 (LIII) of 27 July 1972,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Sudan in the peaceful settlement of the southern Sudan question;

2. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for his efficient role in the co-ordination of relief and resettlement operations of refugees and other displaced persons;

3. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1655 (LII) and 1705 (LIII) in which the Council, *inter alia*, urged the organizations associated with the United Nations and all Governments to render the maximum possible assistance to the Government of the Sudan in the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of Sudanese refugees coming from abroad and other displaced persons.

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2959 (XXVII). Assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations

The General Assembly,

Recalling previous resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council relating to disaster relief, in particular Assembly resolution 2816 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance in cases of natural disaster and other disaster situations,¹⁶ and having heard the introductory statement made by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator before the Third Committee,¹⁷

Noting with appreciation the action already taken by the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator since the establishment of his Office,

Reaffirming the vital importance, in order to lessen the impact of disasters, of assistance to disaster-prone countries in preventive measures, disaster contingency planning and preparedness,

Considering that the Disaster Relief Co-ordinator should continue to explore ways of strengthening and developing national contingency plans and machinery for disaster relief co-ordination at the national level and that, therefore, he should be provided with the means and resources necessary for him to carry out his action in this area of disaster preparedness,

¹⁵ Ibid., Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1954th meeting.

¹⁶ A/8854.

¹⁷ Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Third Committee, 1959th meeting.