

(b) Implementation of United Nations resolutions relating to the right of peoples under colonial and foreign domination to self-determination;¹⁷

and expresses its thanks to their authors;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give maximum publicity to the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to give the widest possible publicity to the struggle being waged by oppressed peoples for the realization of their self-determination and national independence;

17. *Decides* to consider this item again at its thirty-fourth session on the basis of the reports that Governments, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations have been requested to submit concerning the strengthening of assistance to colonial Territories and peoples under foreign domination and control.

63rd plenary meeting
29 November 1978

33/25. Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which it provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as its resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 and 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, in which it provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the interest in the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the range of refugee problems confronting the Office,

Noting that the Executive Committee has at present a membership of thirty-one States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies,

1. *Decides* to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme by up to nine additional members;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1979, to elect, in consultation with the regional groups, up to nine additional members of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme from those States with a demonstrated interest in and devotion to the solution of the refugee problem.

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33/26. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office¹⁸ and having heard his statement,¹⁹

Recalling its resolutions 32/67 and 32/70 of 8 December 1977 and noting the gravity of the problems continuing to face the High Commissioner in his efforts to assist refugees and displaced persons in many parts of the world,

Reaffirming that the activities of the High Commissioner are eminently humanitarian in character and that there is need to assist, on as wide a basis as possible, his efforts to promote permanent solutions through voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement in other countries,

Commending Governments for the humanitarian spirit in which they have received refugees and for the generous manner in which they have contributed to alleviating suffering,

Deploring the fact that refugees often face the threat of *refoulement*, arbitrary detention and the denial of asylum and noting that it is necessary to ensure their basic human rights, protection and safety, *inter alia*, through further accessions to and more effective implementation of international instruments, notably the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees²⁰ and the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees,²¹

Noting that the increased needs of the refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office require the widening of financial and other support from Governments and the closest co-operation of United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the efficient manner in which they continue to discharge their many responsibilities in assisting refugees and displaced persons and takes note with appreciation of the report of the High Commissioner, including the report of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme on its twenty-ninth session;¹⁸

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to intensify his efforts to assist refugees and displaced persons of concern to his Office, especially with a view to providing urgent humanitarian assistance to the large and increasing numbers in need in Africa, Asia and Latin America;

3. *Further requests* the High Commissioner to continue to promote permanent and speedy solutions, in close co-operation with Governments, United Nations bodies and non-governmental organizations;

4. *Commends* Governments that are actively encouraging voluntary repatriation or return as a solution to the problems in their area and requests the High Commissioner to render all possible assistance in such situations in lending help in the rehabilitation of the returnees;

5. *Urges* Governments to continue to co-operate closely with the High Commissioner in efforts to achieve the self-sufficiency and, where possible, the integration of refugees in countries of asylum, and to accept for resettlement, on the widest possible basis, refugees from countries of first asylum;

6. *Further urges* Governments to continue to facilitate the work of the High Commissioner in the field

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, Thirty-third Session, Third Committee, 43rd meeting, paras. 1-13; and *ibid.*, Third Committee, Sessional Fascicle, corrigendum.

²⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 150.

²¹ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

¹⁷ E/CN.4/Sub.2/405 (vols. I and II).

¹⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/33/12) and Supplement No. 12A (A/33/12/Add.1).*

of international protection by considering accessions to relevant instruments for the benefit of refugees, the effective implementation of these instruments and the scrupulous observance of humanitarian principles with respect to the granting of asylum and the *non-refoulement* of refugees;

7. *Commends* the increasing number of contributors to the High Commissioner's programmes and, emphasizing the need for a wider sharing of the financial burden, calls upon Governments to provide him with necessary funds to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programme.

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29 November 1978

33/47. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/37 of 30 November 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Bearing in mind that the establishment and growth of co-operatives is one of the important instruments for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society,

Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;²²

2. *Reiterates* the necessity of an international exchange of experience as a contribution to the growth and diversification of the co-operative movement;

3. *Stresses* the role of co-operatives in the development of weaker sections of the community and in over-all social and economic advancement, particularly in developing countries;

4. *Recognizes* that co-operatives are an important means of increasing employment opportunities for women and integrating them, as active members of society, into the development process;

5. *Stresses also* the important social role of co-operatives in involving people at the grass-roots level in the planning and decision-making which affect their daily lives;

6. *Invites* Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to pay special attention to the training and education aspects of the co-operative movement at the local, national and international levels;

7. *Also invites* Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to submit follow-up reports on their experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development;

²² E/1978/15 and Corr.2.

8. *Invites* those Member States which have not already done so to submit reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a follow-up report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development, based on data already available and on additional contributions from Member States and relevant specialized agencies;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and to consider under this item the follow-up report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement.

84th plenary meeting
14 December 1978

33/48. World social development

The General Assembly,

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Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and 31/84 of 13 December 1976 on the world social situation,

Recalling also its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Convinced that the improvement of the living conditions of peoples, particularly in the developing countries, depends on their rapid economic and social progress,

Considering, however, that the desired pace of socio-economic progress in the developing countries is hindered because of the magnitude of their economic difficulties arising from the unjust international economic order which has existed hitherto,

Considering also that the world socio-economic situation is characterized by the deterioration of the economic situation in the developing countries and the continually widening gap between the developing countries and the developed countries,

Considering further that the objective of increasing the real national income of the developing countries and their social progress necessitates far-reaching changes in the structure of the existing world economic system as provided in the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,