

2. *Invites* those Member States which have not yet done so to submit their comments and suggestions on the draft Code;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider the draft Code at its first regular session of 1981, taking into account the comments and recommendations submitted, with a view to presenting it to the General Assembly for adoption at the thirty-sixth session;

4. *Invites* Member States to take an active part in the future deliberations on the draft Code;

5. *Decides* to consider again the question of the draft Code of Medical Ethics at its thirty-sixth session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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35/180. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/61 of 29 November 1979 on the situation of African refugees, by which it requested the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to make every effort to mobilize additional resources to meet the needs of refugees in Africa,

Having heard the statement of the High Commissioner¹⁰⁰ on the situation of refugees in Somalia,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/9 of 28 April 1980, by which the Council, *inter alia*:

(a) Took note of the report of the interagency mission which visited Somalia from 10 to 16 December 1979 to study the refugee situation in that country and to draw up a programme of assistance to deal with the urgent humanitarian needs there,¹⁰¹

(b) Endorsed the appeal of the Secretary-General of 11 February 1980, as well as the appeals launched by the High Commissioner, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund, for urgent international assistance to help the Government of Somalia to provide the necessary care and attention to the refugees,

(c) Recognized the heavy burden placed on the Government of Somalia in caring for the refugees and the need for international assistance to share that burden,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/53 of 24 July 1980, by which the Council, *inter alia*:

(a) Noted with concern the dramatic increase in the refugee population in Somalia,

(b) Requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to consider the necessity of dispatching a review mission to Somalia to assess current developments in the refugee situation, as a follow-up to the earlier report of the interagency mission,

Recognizing the heavy burden placed on the Government of Somalia in caring for the refugees and the need for international assistance to share that burden,

Mindful that Somalia is classified as a least developed country and that its meagre resources and inadequate infrastructure are not capable of coping with the refugee situation alone, without jeopardy to its social and economic development and without endangering the general well-being of the population,

Expressing deep appreciation for the assistance which has been rendered by several Member States and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to Somalia in support of the refugee programmes,

Deeply concerned, however, that the response of the international community to date has not been commensurate with the needs of the refugees, as described in the report of the interagency mission,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for taking steps to promote continued and concerted international action to assist the Government of Somalia to provide relief aid for the refugees;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts undertaken by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to provide humanitarian assistance to the refugees in Somalia;

3. *Takes note* of the measures which the Government of Somalia is taking in order to provide shelter, food and other services to the refugees in Somalia;

4. *Endorses* the appeal of the Secretary-General of 11 February 1980 and the appeals launched by the High Commissioner, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme for urgent international assistance to help the Government of Somalia to provide the necessary care and attention to the refugees;

5. *Endorses also* the appeal of the Economic and Social Council to all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and all voluntary agencies to increase further their assistance to the Government of Somalia and to the various refugee programmes sponsored by the Office of the High Commissioner so as to ensure the adequate and continuous provision of emergency relief and humanitarian assistance to refugees in Somalia;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to dispatch a mission to Somalia to make a comprehensive review of the refugee situation in that country in the light of developments since the publication of the report of the interagency mission which visited Somalia in December 1979;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to arrange for the report of the review mission to be circulated as soon as it is published, so that the international community may have an updated report on the condition of the refugees in Somalia and an assessment of their over-all needs, including measures for strengthening the social and economic infrastructure of the country;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to continue their efforts to mobilize humanitarian assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of the refugees in Somalia;

9. *Urges* Member States, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank and intergovernmental and financial institutions to assist Somalia in strengthening its social and economic infrastructure so that essential services and facilities can be strengthened and expanded;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to submit the report of the

¹⁰⁰ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Third Committee, 51st meeting, paras. 1-8.

¹⁰¹ E/1980/44.

proposed review mission on the current refugee situation in Somalia to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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35/181. Situation of refugees in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/10 of 28 April 1980 and 1980/45 of 23 July 1980, by which the Council requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to send an interagency mission to the Sudan to assess the needs and the magnitude of assistance required for the financing of the programmes for the relief and settlement of refugees and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session,

Having heard the statement of the High Commissioner¹⁰⁰ concerning the report of the Secretary-General on the visit of the interagency mission to the Sudan from 12 to 22 June 1980,¹⁰²

Noting with appreciation that the Government of the Sudan, with the help of the High Commissioner and the international community, held an important and well-attended conference at Khartoum from 20 to 22 June 1980, entitled "International Conference on Refugees in the Sudan",

Deeply concerned that the assistance rendered to the Sudan falls far short of today's needs required to set in motion the process of rehabilitation, settlement and community development, together with the strengthening of national services to cope with the significant addition to the population caused by the continuing massive influx of refugees,

Recognizing the need for continued financial and material support from the international community to the refugees in the Sudan,

Recognizing further that the presence of large numbers of refugees in the Sudan and the continued influx of more refugees put grave pressures and strains on that country's limited resources,

1. *Commends* the Secretary-General for sending an interagency mission to the Sudan and for the comprehensive report prepared by the mission on the needs and the magnitude of assistance required for refugees in the Sudan;¹⁰³

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the assistance that has been rendered for refugees in the Sudan by several Member States, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

3. *Endorses* the report of the interagency mission to the Sudan¹⁰³ and the recommendations contained therein;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to circulate the report to Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies and to appeal to them, in close

¹⁰² A/35/410.

¹⁰³ *Ibid.*, annex.

co-ordination with the High Commissioner, to provide generous contributions to the refugees in the Sudan on the basis of the report of the mission;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to send, as a matter of urgency, follow-up missions to carry out feasibility studies with a view to strengthening the capacity of the Government of the Sudan to pursue cost-effective strategies and to plan and locate new settlements as an integral part of over-all rural and urban development, on the basis of the recommendations of the mission;

6. *Appeals* to Member States, the High Commissioner, the United Nations organizations concerned and voluntary agencies to render maximum financial and material assistance to the Government of the Sudan in its efforts to provide shelter, food and other services to the growing number of refugees in that country;

7. *Commends* the initiative and endeavours of the Sudan in convening at Khartoum the International Conference on Refugees in the Sudan to draw the attention of the international community to the plight of 473,000 refugees and to the magnitude and complexity of their situation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981 and to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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35/182. Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Having heard the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,¹⁰⁰

Taking note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁰⁴ the annex to which contains the report on the assessment of the needs of the refugees in Djibouti, as prepared by the interagency mission which visited Djibouti from 5 to 11 June 1980,

Noting with satisfaction the oral report of the High Commissioner with respect to assistance to the refugees in Djibouti,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/11 of 28 April 1980 and 1980/44 of 23 July 1980 on assistance to the refugees in Djibouti,

Aware of the consequences of the social and economic burden placed on the Government and people of Djibouti as a result of the influx of refugees and the subsequent impact on the national development and infrastructure of that country,

Noting with appreciation the concern and continued efforts of the Office of the High Commissioner, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme and the non-governmental organizations which have worked closely with the Government of Djibouti on the relief and rehabilitation programme for the refugees in that country,

1. *Appreciates* the action taken by the Secretary-General in arranging and dispatching the interagency mission to Djibouti to assess the needs of the refugees;

¹⁰⁴ A/35/409.