these groups of people from discrimination based on race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin;

7. Calls upon the United Nations bodies concerned to ensure that the Committee is supplied with all relevant information on all the territories to which General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) applies and urges the administering Powers to co-operate with these bodies by providing all necessary information in order to enable the Committee to discharge fully its responsibilities under article 15 of the Convention;

8. Notes with appreciation the adoption by the Committee of the revised general guidelines concerning the form and contents of reports by States parties under article 9, paragraph 1, of the Convention 33 and invites States parties to supply the Committee, in accordance with these guidelines, with information on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention, including information on the demographic composition of their population and on their relations with the racist régime of South Africa;

9. Urges all States parties to the Convention to extend full co-operation to the Committee and notes with regret that on one occasion such co-operation was withheld by one State party;

10. Expresses its grave concern that some States parties to the Convention, owing to reasons beyond their control, are being prevented from fulfilling their obligations under the Convention in parts of their respective territories;

11. Urges all States which are not parties to the Convention to ratify or to accede to it and, pending such ratification or accession, to be guided by the basic provisions of the Convention in their internal and foreign policies;

12. Urges Member States to attend sessions of the Committee and to encourage their national mass media to give wider publicity to the Committee, as well as to the Convention;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements for the Committee to hold, as part of activities within the Programme for the Decade, one session in one of the developing countries, preferably in Africa, before the end of the Decade and to report in this regard to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

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The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office, 34 as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on its thirty-first session, 35 and having heard the High Commissioner's statement, 36

Recalling its resolutions 34/60, 34/61 and 34/62 of 29 November 1979,

Expressing concern at the persistence and gravity of the problems of refugees and displaced persons in all parts of the world, particularly in different parts of Africa and Asia,

Noting with deep appreciation the positive responses of Governments to the problems of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner through offers of asylum, resettlement, rehabilitation and financial contributions, as well as the generous support given to the Office of the High Commissioner in its humanitarian task,

Reaffirming the humanitarian character of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner,

Considering further the continuing and urgent need for a substantial international humanitarian effort to promote durable solutions to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, drawing particular attention to women and children the world over, and welcoming the recommendations on this subject in the Programme of Action for the Second Half of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace adopted at the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 37

Noting with concern that refugees encounter serious difficulties in many parts of the world in obtaining asylum and that they are exposed to the threat of refoulement, arbitrary detention and physical violence,

Deploring, in particular, the instances of physical attacks on asylum seekers at sea and of military attacks on refugee camps in southern Africa,

Drawing attention to the problem of refugees rescued at sea and the difficulties encountered for their disembarkation,

Taking note of resolution CM/Res.814 (XXXV) concerning the situation of refugees in Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session held at Freetown from 18 to 28 June 1980, 38 and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/55 of 24 July 1980 concerning the organization of an international conference on assistance to refugees in Africa,

1. Commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the dedication they have continued to demonstrate in discharging their responsibilities for protecting and assisting refugees and displaced persons throughout the world;

2. Takes note of the efforts already made by the High Commissioner to adapt the management of his services to their vastly increased tasks and encourages him to continue these efforts within the framework of comprehensive action and in close contact with the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner and on the basis of the principles and guidelines of the General Assembly;

3. Calls upon the international community to share the burden of assisting refugees and displaced persons of concern to the High Commissioner the world over, in particular in the developing countries;

4. Reaffirms the essential importance of the High Commissioner's action to provide international protec-

34 Ibid., Supplement No. 12 (A/35/12).
36 Ibid., Thirty-fifth Session, Third Committee, 51st meeting, paras. 1-8.
38 See A.35.467 and Corr.1, annex I.
VI. Resolutions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee

B

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, 2956 B (XXVII) of 12 December 1972 and 3271 B (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 in connexion with the Emergency Fund of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;


Authorizes the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to allocate from the Emergency Fund up to $10 million annually for refugees and displaced persons in emergency situations for which there is no provision in the programmes approved by the Executive Committee, it being understood that the amount made available for each single emergency shall not exceed $4 million in any one year and that the Fund is maintained at not less than $4 million.

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35/42. International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolution 34/61 of 29 November 1979,

Taking note of resolution CM/Res.814 (XXXV) concerning the situation of refugees in Africa, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-fifth ordinary session, held at Freetown from 18 to 28 June 1980,\footnote{See A/35/463 and Corr.1, annex I.}

Having heard the statements of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees\footnote{See A. 35/463 and Corr.1, annex I.} on the serious situation of refugees in Africa,

Gravely concerned at the growing number of refugees on the African continent, who now constitute over half the population of refugees in the world,

Aware of the consequent social and economic burden placed on African countries of asylum as a result of the increased influx of refugees and the subsequent impact on their development,

Bearing in mind the heavy sacrifices that the countries of asylum are making, despite their limited resources, to alleviate the plight of those refugees,

Appreciating the contributions made by donor countries as well as the assistance that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations International Children’s Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme and other intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies have provided to refugees in Africa,

Noting with deep regret the inadequacy of the assistance provided to the growing number of African refugees,

Recognizing the universal collective responsibility to share the urgent and overwhelming burden of the