

(d) The only beneficiaries of assistance from the Fund shall be representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations and communities:

- (i) Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations described in subparagraph (e) below;
- (ii) Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the sessions of the Working Group without the assistance provided by the Fund;
- (iii) Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems affecting indigenous populations and who would secure a broad geographical representation;

(e) The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other relevant provisions set forth in the annex to the note by the Secretary-General,<sup>169</sup> with the advice of a Board of Trustees composed of five persons with relevant experience on issues affecting indigenous populations, who will serve in their personal capacity; the members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year term renewable in consultation with the current Chairman of the Sub-Commission; at least one member of the Board shall be a representative of a widely-recognized organization of indigenous people.

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#### 40/132. Assistance to refugees in Somalia

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/180 of 15 December 1980, 36/153 of 16 December 1981, 37/174 of 17 December 1982, 38/88 of 16 December 1983 and 39/104 of 14 December 1984 on the question of assistance to refugees in Somalia,

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to refugees in Somalia,<sup>170</sup> in particular section IV of that report,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees in Africa,<sup>171</sup>

*Deeply concerned* that the refugee problem in Somalia has not yet been resolved,

*Aware* of the additional burden imposed by the new influx of refugees and the consequent urgent need for additional international assistance,

*Aware* of continuing and serious shortfalls in the provision of food assistance, which have resulted in dangerous ration restrictions, epidemics related to malnutrition, other shortages and extreme hardship in refugee camps in Somalia,

*Recognizing* from the recommendations contained in the report of the High Commissioner that there remains an urgent need for increased assistance in the provision of food, water and medicines, in the areas of transport and logistics, shelter and domestic items, construction, the strengthening of health and educational facilities, and the expansion of the number of self-help schemes and small-scale farming and settlement projects necessary for the promotion of self-reliance among the refugees,

*Aware* of the continued consequences of the social and economic burden placed on the Government and people of

Somalia as a result of the continued presence of refugees and new refugee flows and the consequent impact on national development and the infrastructure of the country,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for their continued efforts to mobilize international assistance on behalf of the refugees in Somalia;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the assistance rendered to refugees in Somalia by various Member States, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;<sup>171</sup>

4. *Appeals* to Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to render maximum and timely material, financial and technical assistance to the Government of Somalia in its efforts to provide all necessary assistance to the refugees;

5. *Appeals* to the donor community to give urgent and favourable consideration to the development-related refugee projects submitted by the Government of Somalia to the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa,<sup>172</sup> held at Geneva from 9 to 11 July 1984, and to fulfil the pledges undertaken at or after that Conference;

6. *Requests* the High Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1986, of the refugee situation in Somalia;

7. *Also requests* the High Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### 40/133. Assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/91 of 5 December 1980, 36/161 of 16 December 1981, 37/175 of 17 December 1982, 38/91 of 16 December 1983 and 39/105 of 14 December 1984, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1980/54 of 24 July 1980 and 1982/2 of 27 April 1982,

*Recalling also* the report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/8 of 28 April 1980,<sup>173</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,<sup>174</sup>

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>175</sup>

*Recognizing* the increasing number of voluntary returnees and refugees in Ethiopia,

*Deeply concerned* at the plight of displaced persons and voluntary returnees in the country, which has been aggravated by the devastating effect of the prolonged drought,

*Aware* of the heavy burden placed on the Government of Ethiopia in caring for displaced persons and victims of natural disasters, as well as for returnees and refugees.

<sup>169</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/1983/20

<sup>170</sup> A/40/586.

<sup>171</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/40/12)*, chap. II, sect. C, and A/40/586, sect. III.

<sup>172</sup> See A/CONF.125/1, para. 33.

<sup>173</sup> A/35/360 and Corr.1-3.

<sup>174</sup> A/40/587.