

Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

75th plenary meeting
8 December 1988

43/143. Emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/128 of 7 December 1987 on emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad, as well as all its previous resolutions on this question,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad,¹⁵¹

Deeply concerned about the persistence of the harmful effects of the drought, desertification, floods and infestations of locusts and grasshoppers, which are compounding the already precarious food and health situation in Chad,

Conscious that the large number of voluntary returnees and displaced persons resulting from the war and the drought in Chad poses a serious problem of their integration into society,

Considering that the mass return of returnees to Chad and of displaced persons in the northern region poses serious social and economic problems for the Government of Chad,

Bearing in mind the many appeals made by the Government of Chad for international emergency assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad,

1. *Endorses* the appeals made by the Government of Chad for emergency assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

2. *Reiterates its appeal* to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support, by generous contributions, the efforts being made by the Government of Chad to assist and resettle the voluntary returnees and displaced persons;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the action undertaken by the various organizations of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies with a view to mobilizing emergency humanitarian assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

4. *Again requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to mobilize emergency humanitarian assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

5. *Calls upon:*

(a) The Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize special humanitarian assistance for the resettlement of displaced persons in the northern region of Chad;

(b) The international community to support the efforts made by the Government of Chad to implement the programmes for repatriating and resettling the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to

report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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43/144. Assistance to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its resolutions, in particular resolution 42/139 of 7 December 1987, as well as all those of the Economic and Social Council, on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia,¹⁵²

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,⁸⁷

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

Deeply concerned about the massive flow of refugees and voluntary returnees into the country and the enormous burden this has placed on the country's infrastructure and meagre resources,

Deeply concerned also about the grave consequences this has entailed for the country's capability to grapple with the effects of the prolonged drought,

Aware of the heavy burden placed on the Government of Ethiopia and of the need for adequate assistance to refugees, voluntary returnees and victims of natural disasters,

1. *Commends* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and intergovernmental organizations and voluntary agencies for their assistance in mitigating the plight of the large number of refugees and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

2. *Appeals* to Member States and to international organizations and voluntary agencies to provide adequate material, financial and technical assistance for relief and rehabilitation programmes for the large number of refugees and voluntary returnees in Ethiopia;

3. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his efforts in mobilizing humanitarian assistance for the relief, rehabilitation and resettlement of voluntary returnees and the large number of refugees in Ethiopia;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1989, of the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.

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43/145. Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights²⁰ and the humanitarian rules laid down in the Geneva Con-

¹⁵¹ A/43/593 and Add.1.

¹⁵² A/43/595.

ventions of 12 August 1949¹⁴² and Additional Protocols I and II thereto, of 1977,¹⁵³

Reaffirming that it is the duty of the Governments of all Member States to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms and to fulfil the obligations which they have assumed under the relevant international instruments,

Recalling that, in its resolutions 35/192 of 15 December 1980, 36/155 of 16 December 1981, 37/185 of 17 December 1982, 38/101 of 16 December 1983, 39/119 of 14 December 1984, 40/139 of 13 December 1985, 41/157 of 4 December 1986 and 42/137 of 7 December 1987, it expressed its deep concern at the situation of human rights in El Salvador,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 32 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981,⁵⁵ in which the Commission decided to appoint a special representative on the situation of human rights in El Salvador, and resolutions 1982/28 of 11 March 1982,⁵⁶ 1983/29 of 8 March 1983,⁵⁷ 1984/52 of 14 March 1984,⁵⁸ 1985/35 of 13 March 1985,⁵⁹ 1986/39 of 12 March 1986,⁶⁰ 1987/51 of 11 March 1987,⁶¹ as well as Commission resolution 1988/65 of 10 March 1988,²⁷ in which it extended the mandate of the Special Representative for another year and requested him to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session and the Commission at its forty-fifth session,

Considering that an armed conflict of a non-international character continues to exist in El Salvador in which the parties involved are under an obligation to apply the minimum standards of protection of human rights and humanitarian treatment provided for in article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and in Additional Protocol II thereto, of 1977,

Noting that the Special Representative points out in his report¹⁵⁴ that the question of human rights continues to be an important element of the current policy of the Government of El Salvador,

Concerned, however, because, as the Special Representative has pointed out in his report, there has been an increase in the number of violations of human rights in El Salvador, particularly in the form of threats to human life and integrity, frequent violations of the humanitarian rules of war as well as the systematic destruction of the economic infrastructure as a consequence of the armed conflict,

Concerned also about information reported by the Special Representative regarding the activities of the so-called "death squads",

Recalling that on 7 August 1987 at Guatemala City the Central American Governments signed the agreement on the "Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America",¹⁰¹ thus manifesting the political will and good faith to fulfil its provisions in order to achieve peace and stability in the region,

Convinced that the strict fulfilment of the commitments assumed by the Government of El Salvador in the agreement signed at Guatemala City will contribute to the promotion, respect and realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country,

Deeply concerned about the interruption of the dialogue between the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional-Frente Democrático Revolucionario, the resumption of which in

the context of the agreement signed at Guatemala City is one of the best ways of achieving a solution that will help to improve the situation of human rights of the Salvadorian people,

Aware that a negotiated political solution of the Salvadorian conflict can be cut short if external forces do not support the resumption of the dialogue but instead seek in different ways to spur the intensification or prolongation of the war, with ensuing grave effects on the situation of human rights and the possibilities of economic recovery in El Salvador,

1. *Commends* the Special Representative for his report on the situation of human rights in El Salvador;

2. *Notes with interest and emphasizes* that it is important that the Special Representative has indicated in his report that the Government of El Salvador continues to be committed to a policy of respect for human rights, although difficulties are being encountered with regard to the implementation of that policy;

3. *Expresses its concern*, nevertheless, at the fact that there has been an increase in the number of violations of human rights in El Salvador and that non-observance of the humanitarian rules of war continues to be a frequent occurrence;

4. *Recognizes* the efforts made by the Government of El Salvador related to the investigations designed to determine the responsibility of the instigators of serious violations of human rights, and expresses its profound concern at the fact that the capacity of the judicial system in El Salvador continues to be extremely unsatisfactory, despite the efforts of the Government, and consequently urges the competent authorities to accelerate the adoption of the reforms and measures necessary for ensuring its effectiveness;

5. *Notes with satisfaction* the comments of the Special Representative to the effect that new forces have been incorporated into the Salvadorian political process, in a context of pluralistic, representative and participatory democracy;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that, with the consent of the Government, there have been a number of mass returns of refugees who have decided of their own free will to resettle in rural areas of conflict, and urges the competent authorities to allow and ensure that such persons are assisted in respect of their most basic health and food needs;

7. *Requests*, in accordance with the recommendations of the Special Representative, that the Government of El Salvador and all the authorities, courts and political forces of the country, including the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional-Frente Democrático Revolucionario, should adopt appropriate measures to eliminate attacks on the lives and integrity of persons, independently of, during and as a result of combat situations, as well as attacks on the economic infrastructure and, in general, all types of action constituting a violation of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Salvadorian people;

8. *Calls upon* the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional-Frente Democrático Revolucionario, within the framework of the agreement signed at Guatemala City, to make every possible effort to create conditions that would make it possible to renew a magnanimous and open dialogue, leading to the achievement of a global political solution that will end the armed conflict and promote the implementation and strengthening of a pluralistic and participatory democratic process that will involve the promotion of social justice, respect for human rights, and the full exercise of the right of the Salvadorian people to deter-

¹⁵³ A/32/144, annexes I and II.

¹⁵⁴ See A/43/736.

mine freely and without external interference of any kind its economic, political and social system, as recognized in the recent "National Debate";

9. *Trusts* that the fulfilment of the commitments assumed in the agreement on the "Procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace in Central America" will lead to improving the situation of human rights in El Salvador;

10. *Renews its appeal* to all States to refrain from intervening in the internal situation of El Salvador and, instead of seeking in different ways to spur the prolongation and intensification of the armed conflict, to stimulate dialogue until a just and lasting peace is attained;

11. *Requests* the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional-Frente Democrático Revolucionario, with a view to humanizing the conflict, to continue ensuring that the agreements for the evacuation of the war-wounded and war-injured for medical attention will not be made contingent on further prisoner exchanges and negotiations;

12. *Requests* the competent bodies of the United Nations system to provide such advice and assistance as the Government of El Salvador may require in order to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

13. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fifth session to consider the situation of human rights in El Salvador and the mandate of its Special Representative, taking into account the evolution of the situation of human rights in El Salvador and the developments linked to the fulfilment of the agreement signed at Guatemala City;

14. *Decides* to keep under consideration, during its forty-fourth session, the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador in order to re-examine this situation in the light of the information provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council.

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43/146. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming once more the permanent validity of the principles and standards set forth in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² the International Covenants on Human Rights,²⁰ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination³ and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,¹¹⁸

Bearing in mind the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the importance of the task carried out in connection with migrant workers and their families in other specialized agencies and in various organs of the United Nations,

Reiterating that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles and standards, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the situation and

ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling its resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, in which it decided to establish a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/198 of 15 December 1980, 36/160 of 16 December 1981, 37/170 of 17 December 1982, 38/86 of 16 December 1983, 39/102 of 14 December 1984, 40/130 of 13 December 1985, 41/151 of 4 December 1986 and 42/140 of 7 December 1987, in which it renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and requested it to continue its work,

Having examined the progress made by the Working Group at its seventh inter-sessional meeting, held from 31 May to 10 June 1988, and at the current session of the General Assembly, from 27 September to 7 October 1988, during which the Working Group continued with the second reading of the draft convention,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the two most recent reports of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families¹⁵⁵ and, in particular, of the progress made by the Working Group on the drafting, in second reading, of the draft convention;

2. *Decides* that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the Working Group shall again hold an inter-sessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the two most recent reports of the Working Group so as to enable the members of the Working Group to continue the drafting, in second reading, of the draft convention during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in the spring of 1989, as well as to transmit the results obtained at that meeting to the General Assembly for consideration during its forty-fourth session;

4. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations and to the international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the Working Group;

5. *Decides* that the Working Group shall meet during the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, to conclude, if possible, the second reading of the draft international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to do everything possible to ensure adequate Secretariat services for the Working Group for the timely fulfilment of its mandate, both at its inter-sessional meeting to be held after the first regular session of 1989 of the Economic and Social Council and during the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

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¹⁵⁵ A/C.3/43/1 and A/C.3/43/7.