

specialized agencies and other members of the United Nations system, a speedy and satisfactory solution to the refugee problems;

3. *Urges* Governments to continue to lend their support to the High Commissioner's humanitarian task, particularly by providing the necessary means to enable the financial targets, established with the approval of the Executive Committee, to be reached.

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2595 (XXIV). Creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2062 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2333 (XXII) of 18 December 1967 and 2437 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 relating to the creation of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1237 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 on the establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner's Office for Human Rights and the amendments submitted thereto by the United Republic of Tanzania,⁴² and Council resolution 1238 (XLII) of 6 June 1967 on the question concerning the implementation of human rights through a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or some other appropriate international machinery,

Noting also the views expressed in the current general debate on that question,

Considering that there has not been sufficient time at its twenty-fourth session to complete the consideration of this matter,

1. *Decides* to give the highest priority to the consideration of this item with a view to the possibility of concluding such consideration at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session with an analytical study relating to Economic and Social Council resolution 1237 (XLII) and the amendments thereto, and Council resolution 1238 (XLII) on this subject.

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2596 (XXIV). Freedom of information

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 in which, *inter alia*, it decided to hasten the conclusion, among other instruments, of a convention on freedom of information,

Recalling further its resolution 2448 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 by which it decided, pending completion of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information, to give priority at its twenty-fourth session to the consideration and adoption of the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information,

Regretting that, despite this decision, it has not been possible to do so owing to the heavy programme of work at the twenty-fourth session,

1. *Decides* to give priority to the consideration of this item at its twenty-fifth session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session with all the relevant information available concerning the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information and the draft Convention on Freedom of Information.

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2597 (XXIV). Respect for human rights in armed conflicts

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 2444 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968 by which it recognized, *inter alia*, the necessity of applying the basic humanitarian principles in all armed conflicts,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General,⁴³

Noting also the relevant resolutions concerning human rights in armed conflicts adopted at the XXIst International Conference of the Red Cross,

Considering that there has not been time at its twenty-fourth session for consideration of the item entitled "Respect for human rights in armed conflicts",

Recognizing that the study requested in resolution 2444 (XXIII) should be continued with a view to including further data and developments, thus facilitating the presentation of concrete recommendations for the full protection of civilians, prisoners and combatants in all armed conflicts and for the prohibition and limitation of the use of certain methods and means of warfare,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the study initiated under General Assembly resolution 2444 (XXIII), giving special attention to the need for protection of the rights of civilians and combatants in conflicts which arise from the struggles of peoples under colonial and foreign rule for liberation and self-determination and to the better application of existing humanitarian international conventions and rules to such conflicts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult and co-operate closely with the International Committee of the Red Cross in regard to the studies being undertaken by the Committee on this question;

3. *Requests* Member States to extend all possible assistance to the Secretary-General in the continuation of the study requested in paragraph 1 above;

4. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights and to the Economic and Social Council for their comments to be submitted to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session;

5. *Decides* to give the highest priority to this question at its twenty-fifth session;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit a further report on this subject to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

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16 December 1969.

⁴² *Ibid.*, Twenty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 61, document A/6699, annex III.

⁴³ A/7720.