

his Office through voluntary repatriation and assistance in rehabilitation of returnees, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries as needed;

5. *Further urges* Governments to facilitate the efforts of the High Commissioner in the field of international protection, *inter alia*:

(a) By considering accession to the relevant international and regional instruments established for the benefit of refugees;

(b) By elaborating appropriate procedures at the national level for the effective implementation of the provisions of these instruments;

(c) By following humanitarian principles with respect to the granting of asylum and ensuring that these are scrupulously observed, including the principle of *non-refoulement* of refugees;

6. *Calls upon* Governments to contribute generously towards the financing of the High Commissioner's humanitarian activities in view of the universal character of the problems facing his Office and the need for a wider financial support of the programmes being undertaken by him.

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32/68. Continuation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2957 (XXVII) of 12 December 1972, in which it decided to review, not later than at its thirty-second session, the arrangements for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1978,

Recognizing the need for concerted international action on behalf of the increasing numbers of refugees and displaced persons of concern to the High Commissioner,

Considering the outstanding work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner in providing international protection and material assistance to refugees and displaced persons as well as in promoting permanent solutions to their problems,

Noting with deep appreciation the effective manner in which the Office of the High Commissioner has been dealing with various essential humanitarian tasks entrusted to it,

1. *Decides* to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a further period of five years from 1 January 1979;

2. *Decides* to review, not later than at its thirty-seventh session, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1983.

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32/69. Expression of appreciation to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep regret that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will shortly be relinquishing his duties,

Recognizing the progress achieved under his guidance in promoting humanitarian solutions to the problems of refugees and displaced persons in various parts of the world,

Considering his unrelenting efforts to alleviate human suffering through the special humanitarian tasks entrusted to him in addition to the original functions of his Office,

1. *Expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks* to Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan for the effective and dedicated manner in which he has performed his functions as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

2. *Extends* its good wishes to him for success in his future undertakings.

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32/70. Assistance to refugees in southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Noting the information provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the assistance activities of his Office on behalf of refugees in southern Africa,³⁹

Noting with deep concern the increasing number of refugees from Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe and recognizing the burden thus imposed upon the receiving countries,

Noting the continuing efforts of the High Commissioner to extend adequate assistance to these refugees, particularly in neighbouring African States,

Recognizing the close co-operation existing between the Organization of African Unity and the High Commissioner,

1. *Commends* the programmes of assistance already being implemented by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and requests him further to strengthen measures for the benefit of refugees in southern Africa;

2. *Urges* Governments to contribute generously towards the programmes of the High Commissioner and to provide him with the necessary facilities required to assist the refugees in southern Africa, *inter alia* by providing opportunities for local settlement, education and vocational training;

3. *Requests* United Nations agencies and programmes, non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to extend maximum support to the High Commissioner in his efforts;

4. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue his co-operation with the Organization of African Unity

³⁹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/32/12 and Corr.1)*, chap. III.