

34/62. Report of the Secretary-General on the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia, held at Geneva on 20 and 21 July 1979⁶² under his chairmanship, and having heard his statement,⁶³

Taking note of the progress mentioned in the Secretary-General's report, indicating a decrease in the number of boat cases arriving in other South-East Asian countries since August 1979,

Expressing its deep concern with the serious plight of the refugees and displaced persons in South-East Asia and the severe burden that the problem causes for many countries and territories, particularly the developing countries of South-East Asia,

Noting that further action is required to deal adequately with the land cases,

Gravely concerned about the large number of refugees recently arrived in the region and their urgent need of prompt and effective international assistance,

Noting the results of the Pledging Conference for Emergency Humanitarian Relief to the People of Kampuchea, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 November 1979 under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General,⁶⁴

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his initiative in convening and for his chairmanship of the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia and the Pledging Conference for Emergency Humanitarian Relief to the People of Kampuchea;

2. Also commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his Office as the competent organ in the United Nations system for their active role;

3. Further commends Governments and international relief organizations for their assistance and pledges to increase such assistance, in cash and kind, for the immediate relief of the refugees in South-East Asia;

4. Urges all Governments concerned to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations agencies in humanitarian activities to deal with this problem, while avoiding any action that may cause human suffering and while ensuring safe and orderly departures; such humanitarian activities should serve the needs of civilian refugees and displaced persons and not any other purpose;

5. Further urges the resettlement countries and other countries in a position to do so to increase the number and speed of their intake of refugees and displaced persons from Indo-China, with due priority given to those already in camps in South-East Asia and adjacent territories, for resettlement in their countries;

6. Requests specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned to give priority, without prejudice to assistance provided to refugees and country programmes in other regions, to their participation in rendering assistance to alleviate the problem, and to

co-operate closely with Governments to find durable solutions to the problem;

7. Also requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to follow the situation closely and to submit a report to the Member States if the situation so requires.

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34/151. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978, by which it decided to proclaim an international youth year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the establishment of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international co-operation and understanding,

Emphasizing that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Considering that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation, needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

Confident that an international youth year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to

⁶² A/34/627 and Corr.1.

⁶³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Third Committee, 42nd meeting, paras. 14-19.

⁶⁴ See S9/CONF.1/SR.1 and 2.