

Rights and the Seminar on Recourse Procedures Available to Victims of Racial Discrimination and Activities to be Undertaken at the Regional Level, and, in presenting his report to the Assembly, to describe the various existing types of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights reflected in the documentation received by him and in the above-mentioned sources;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session a subitem entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights";

6. *Recommends* that Member States should associate representatives of their national institutions with the contents of the debate on the above-mentioned subitem.

*76th plenary meeting
23 November 1979*

34/59. Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, and 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 concerning the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling also its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970, containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling further its resolution 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development and Economic and Social Council resolution 2072 (LXII) of 13 May 1977 on the co-ordination of the results of the world conferences in the field of social development in the 1970s, as well as its resolution 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on the preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Conscious of the fact that further social development contributes to peaceful coexistence, détente and the strengthening of international peace and security,

Conscious of the growing importance of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development for the formulation and implementation of national policies and measures and for the undertaking of joint and individual actions to promote higher and improved standards of living, full employment and conditions conducive to rapid economic and social progress,

Strongly desirous of achieving effective realization of the provisions of the Declaration,

Noting the limited progress achieved in implementing the Declaration since its adoption and taking into account the scope of still unexploited possibilities,

1. *Recommends* that all Governments should, in their policies, plans, programmes and implementation machinery, continuously take into consideration the principles, objectives, means and methods of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

2. *Decides* that the Declaration shall be taken into account in the formulation of the international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade and in the implementation of programmes of international action to be carried out during the decade;

3. *Invites* all Governments to take into account the provisions of the Declaration in their forthcoming bilateral and multilateral co-operation;

4. *Recommends* that international organizations and agencies concerned with development should continue to utilize the provisions of the Declaration, as an important international document, in the formulation of strategies and programmes aimed at social progress and development and that those provisions should be taken into consideration in the drafting of instruments that the United Nations may employ in the field of social progress and development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue, in co-operation with Governments, to record, analyse and disseminate as widely as possible significant national and international progress made towards realizing the commendable objectives contained in the universally accepted Declaration;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in summary form in annexes to the reports on the world social situation, of the measures adopted by Governments, which may not be included in other reports provided on a regular basis, and by the international organizations concerned for the realization of the provisions of the Declaration and for the implementation of the present resolution.

*82nd plenary meeting
29 November 1979*

34/60. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office,⁵⁵ as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on its thirtieth session,⁵⁶ and having heard the High Commissioner's statement,⁵⁷

Recalling its resolution 33/26 of 29 November 1978,

Reaffirming the eminently humanitarian character of the activities of the High Commissioner for the benefit of an increasing number of refugees and displaced persons of concern to his Office,

Noting with deep concern the continued gravity of the problems of refugees and displaced persons in various parts of the world,

Commending Governments for their humanitarian approach to refugee problems, for the spirit in which they have received refugees and for their generous support of the work of the High Commissioner,

Emphasizing the continuing need to ensure the basic human rights, protection and safety of refugees, *inter alia*, through the accession to and more effective implementation of relevant international instruments,

Noting that increased financial and other support from Governments is urgently needed to assist the High

⁵⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/34/12).*

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 12A (A/34/12/Add.1).

⁵⁷ *Ibid.*, Thirty-fourth Session, Third Committee, 42nd meeting, paras. 1-13.

Commissioner in his efforts to provide vital humanitarian assistance, especially through voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement,

Welcoming the conclusions and achievements of the Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 7 to 17 May 1979, and further welcoming the request to translate the principle of "burden sharing" into action,

Noting with satisfaction the practical results in terms of additional resettlement places and financial contributions thus far achieved as a consequence of the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia, convened by the Secretary-General and held at Geneva on 20 and 21 July 1979,

1. *Commends* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the efficient manner in which they continue to discharge their many responsibilities in assisting refugees and displaced persons;

2. *Requests* the High Commissioner to continue to promote, in close co-operation with Governments, the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, durable and speedy solutions to problems of refugees and displaced persons wherever they occur;

3. *Urges* Governments to intensify their support for the humanitarian activities of the High Commissioner by, among other things:

(a) Facilitating the accomplishment of his tasks in the field of international protection, in particular by granting asylum to those seeking refuge and by scrupulously observing the principle of *non-refoulement*;

(b) Considering accession to relevant international instruments, notably the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees⁵⁸ and the 1967 Protocol⁵⁹ relating to the Status of Refugees;

(c) Facilitating his efforts to promote durable solutions through voluntary repatriation or return and assistance in the rehabilitation of persons returning to their countries, integration in countries of asylum or resettlement in other countries;

4. *Further urges* Governments:

(a) To strengthen their support for the High Commissioner's efforts on behalf of refugees and displaced persons;

(b) To provide increased opportunities for durable solutions to the problems of refugees and displaced persons, in particular those who are in Africa, Asia and Latin America;

5. *Calls upon* Governments to continue to contribute generously towards the financing of the High Commissioner's activities in order to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programmes.

*82nd plenary meeting
29 November 1979*

34/61. Situation of African refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office,⁶⁰

⁵⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 150.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/34/12) and Supplement No. 12A (A/34/12/Add.1).*

Taking note with satisfaction of the conclusions of the Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa, held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, from 7 to 17 May 1979,

Taking note of the resolution on the situation of refugees in Africa and on prospective solutions to their problems in the 1980s adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 6 to 20 July 1979, and endorsed by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixteenth ordinary session, held at Monrovia from 17 to 20 July 1979,⁶¹

Deeply concerned about the constantly deteriorating living conditions and the ever-increasing number of African refugees,

Expressing its appreciation of the hospitality and assistance provided to the large number of refugees on the continent of Africa,

Noting with deep regret the inadequacy of the assistance provided to the growing number of African refugees,

Stressing the evident necessity to allocate assistance proportional to their number and needs,

Emphasizing the need for increased financial support from the international community to provide adequate care for the large number of refugees in Africa,

1. *Fully endorses* the recommendations adopted by the Arusha Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his staff for the work they have done in the care of African refugees;

3. *Calls attention* to the urgent need for increased resources to care for the ever-growing number of African refugees which to date is about four million;

4. *Appeals* to all Governments, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to intensify their activities and programmes in support of African refugees;

5. *Stresses* the urgent necessity for consideration by the international community of ways and means by which a constant flow of resources to the Office of the High Commissioner can be secured for the implementation of long-term programmes;

6. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to assist the High Commissioner in giving the widest possible dissemination of information on the plight of the African refugees;

7. *Requests* the High Commissioner to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session on the contributions made by his Office towards the implementation of the recommendations of the Arusha Conference on the Situation of Refugees in Africa;

8. *Further requests* the High Commissioner to make every effort to mobilize additional resources for African refugees in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned and non-governmental organizations and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

*82nd plenary meeting
29 November 1979*

⁶¹ A/34/552, annex I, resolution CM/Res.727 (XXXIII).