

(h) Issuing of human rights postage stamps, first-day covers and special cancellations during 1983;

(i) Encouragement of non-governmental organizations to participate fully in the celebration and to organize activities of their own;

(j) Undertaking of activities within the framework of and in support of current Decades and International Years being prepared on human rights issues;

(k) Organization of a special essay competition for secondary or high school children on the topic "What the Universal Declaration of Human Rights should mean to our generation".

2. It is recommended that the following measures, among others, should be taken at the United Nations level:

(a) Organization of commemorative events at United Nations Headquarters, at the United Nations Office at Geneva and at the Vienna International Centre on or around 10 December 1983;

(b) Organization in 1983 at Geneva of a special international seminar to discuss the experiences of different countries in the implementation of international standards on human rights;

(c) Dissemination by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat of appropriate public information, broadcasting and audiovisual material designed to draw attention to and emphasize the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the role played and work done by the United Nations to ensure the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(d) Issuance of updated versions in all official languages of the United Nations of the publications *Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments of the United Nations* and *United Nations Action in the Field of Human Rights*;

(e) Design and distribution of an appropriate United Nations poster to commemorate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

### 36/170. Assistance to student refugees in southern Africa

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolution 35/184 of 15 December 1980, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to organize and implement an effective programme of educational and other appropriate assistance for student refugees from Namibia and South Africa who had taken asylum in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General<sup>180</sup> containing the review by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees of the assistance programmes for student refugees from Namibia and South Africa,

Satisfied that some of the projects recommended in the report on assistance to student refugees in southern Africa have been successfully completed,

Noting with concern the continued influx into Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia of student refugees from South Africa as well as from Namibia,

Convinced that the discriminatory policies and repressive measures being applied in Namibia and South Africa will lead to a further exodus of student refugees from these countries,

Conscious of the burden placed on the limited financial, material and administrative resources of the host countries by the presence of those student refugees,

Appreciating the efforts of host countries to deal adequately with their present student refugee populations and also to be prepared to meet any new emergency by sharing the responsibilities and obligations with the international community,

Noting with satisfaction that provisions were made to allow former student refugees from Zimbabwe to complete their education in the country of asylum or to continue with their studies until alternative arrangements can be made for the completion of their education in their own country,

1. Endorses the assessments and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General and commends him and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for their efforts to mobilize resources and organize the programme of assistance to student refugees in the host countries of southern Africa;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia for continuing to grant asylum and make educational and other facilities available to the student refugees in spite of the pressure which the continuing influx of those refugees exerts on facilities in their countries;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia for the co-operation which they have extended to the Secretary-General and to the High Commissioner on matters concerning the welfare of those refugees;

4. Notes with appreciation the financial and material support provided for the student refugees by Member States, the High Commissioner, other bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to continue to organize and implement an effective programme of educational and other appropriate assistance for student refugees from Namibia and South Africa who have taken asylum in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia;

6. Urges all Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute generously to the assistance programmes for the student refugees, through financial support of the regular programmes of the High Commissioner, the projects identified in the report of the Secretary-General and the projects and programmes submitted to the International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa;<sup>181</sup>

7. Appeals to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Food Programme, the World Bank and the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as other international and non-governmental bodies, to provide humanitarian and development assistance to expedite the resettlement and integration of refugee families from South Africa who have been given asylum in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia;

8. Calls upon all agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to co-operate with the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner in the implementation of humanitarian programmes of assistance for the student refugees in southern Africa;

9. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to continue to keep the matter under review, to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1982, of the current status of the programmes and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>180</sup> A/36/423.

<sup>181</sup> See A/36/316.