

plementation of the recommendations and pledges made at the Conference;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Declaration and Programme of Action, to monitor, in consultation and close co-operation with the Organization of African Unity, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme, the follow-up to the Conference;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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41/123. Measures of assistance provided to South African and Namibian refugee women and children

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,⁸⁸

Taking note also of the report of the Secretary-General on measures of assistance provided to women inside South Africa and Namibia and to women outside South Africa and Namibia who have become refugees as a result of the practice of *apartheid*,⁸⁹

Recalling its resolutions 34/93 K of 12 December 1979, 35/206 N of 16 December 1980 and 36/172 K of 17 December 1981 on women and children under *apartheid*,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/25 of 23 May 1986 on measures of assistance provided to South African, Namibian and refugee women,

Noting with regret that during the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, the status of women living under *apartheid* in South Africa and Namibia deteriorated,

Concerned about the special needs of women and children forced to flee from South Africa and Namibia who have become refugees as a result of the practice of *apartheid*,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/25 on measures of assistance provided to South African, Namibian and refugee women;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to intensify their support for and solidarity with refugee women and children outside South Africa and Namibia and in front-line States, in particular:

(a) To provide for the widest possible dissemination of information about the situation of refugee women and children;

(b) To provide legal, humanitarian and other assistance to refugee women and children and their families who are victims of *apartheid*;

(c) To provide assistance to women in the national liberation movements to enable them to attend major inter-

national conferences and seminars and to undertake speaking tours further to promote international solidarity with the oppressed women;

(d) To support the projects and activities of the southern African national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity, particularly those involving refugee women and children;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure close co-ordination between United Nations bodies, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, the Centre against *Apartheid*, the Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations Council for Namibia, as well as the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, with a view to maximizing publicity on the situation of refugee women and children;

4. *Requests* the Special Committee against *Apartheid* to include in its programme of work for 1988 the organization of a seminar on the special needs of South African and Namibian refugee women and children and ways of increasing measures of assistance to them, in co-operation with other relevant United Nations bodies;

5. *Decides* to consider the measures of assistance provided to South African and Namibian refugee women and children under the item entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" of the provisional agenda of its forty-second session.

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41/124. Office 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,⁹⁰ as well as the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner on the work of its thirty-seventh session,⁹¹ and having heard the statements made by the High Commissioner on 7 and 11 November 1986,⁹²

Recalling its resolution 40/118 of 13 December 1985,

Reaffirming the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner,

Noting with satisfaction that, following recent accessions, one hundred and one States are now parties to the 1951 Convention⁹³ and the 1967 Protocol⁹⁴ relating to the Status of Refugees, and endorsing the Geneva Declaration thereon adopted by the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner at its thirty-seventh session,⁹⁵

Deeply concerned that refugees and displaced persons of concern to the High Commissioner continue to face distressingly serious problems in all parts of the world,

Particularly concerned that in various regions the safety and welfare of refugees and asylum-seekers continue to be

⁹⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/41/12).*

⁹¹ *Ibid., Supplement No. 12A (A/41/12/Add.1).*

⁹² *Ibid., Forty-first Session, Third Committee, 39th meeting, paras. 9-16 and 42nd meeting, paras. 98-103.*

⁹³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545, p. 150.

⁹⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, No. 8791, p. 267.

⁹⁵ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/41/12/Add.1), para. 127.*

⁸⁸ *Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10).

⁸⁹ E/CN.6/1986/5.