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Report of the Third Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1987, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled:

"Report of the Economic and Social Council:

"(a) Report of the Council;

"(b) Reports of the Secretary-General;

"(c) Reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

At the same meeting, the Assembly decided to allocate to the Third Committee chapters of the Council's report 1/ that were considered under the relevant items of the agenda (see A/C.3/42/3).

2. At its 2nd meeting, on 21 September, the Committee decided that the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families should meet during the forty-second session.

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/42/3).

3. At its 27th meeting, on 28 October, the Committee decided to invite the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives of the Commission on Human Rights to present their reports submitted under item 12.

4. The Committee considered item 12 at its 51st to 53rd and 55th to 64th meetings, from 18 to 20, 23 to 25, 27 and 30 November 1987. An account of the Committee's discussion is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.3/42/SR.51-53 and 55-64).

5. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council for the year 1987; 1/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (A/42/391);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on strategy and policies for drug control (A/42/488);

(d) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to student refugees in southern Africa (A/42/496);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti (A/42/497);

(f) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to refugees in Somalia (A/42/498 and Add.1);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to displaced persons in Ethiopia (A/42/499);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in southern Lebanon (A/42/504);

(i) Report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad (A/42/506);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Chile (A/42/556 and Corr.1);

(k) Note by the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/42/568);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening of international co-operation in the field of human rights (A/42/612 and Add.1);

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in El Salvador (A/42/641 and Corr.1);

- (n) Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees in Somalia (A/42/645);
- (o) Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees in the Sudan (A/42/646);
- (p) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/42/648);
- (q) Report of the Secretary-General on international co-operation in drug abuse control (A/42/658);
- (r) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/42/667 and Corr.1);
- (s) Letter dated 30 December 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/67);
- (t) Letter dated 6 February 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/121);
- (u) Letter dated 19 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/296-S/18873);
- (v) Letter dated 15 July 1987 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/402-S/18979);
- (w) Letter dated 14 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/661);
- (x) Letter dated 19 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/677);
- (y) Letter dated 23 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/685);
- (z) Letter dated 26 October 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/690);
- (aa) Letter dated 9 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/725);
- (bb) Letter dated 10 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/42/734 and Corr.1);

(cc) Report of the open-ended Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families (A/C.3/42/1);

(dd) Report of the open-ended Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families (A/C.3/42/6);

(ee) Letter dated 17 November 1987 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.3/42/8);

(ff) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the text of draft resolution A/C.3/41/L.91, entitled "Promotion of the universal recognition of, and respect for, the rights of peoples, their equality and dignity" (A/C.3/42/L.2);

(gg) Note by the Secretariat containing the text of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/42, entitled "Need to enhance international co-operation in the field of the protection of and assistance for the family", which was recommended for adoption by the General Assembly (A/C.3/42/L.5);

(hh) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the text of draft decision A/C.3/41/L.80, entitled "Programme of work of the Third Committee" (A/C.3/42/L.8).

6. At the 51st meeting, on 18 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights made an introductory statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.51).

7. At the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, made a statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.51).

8. Also at the same meeting, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights, Mr. Félix Ermacora, introduced his interim report on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/42/667 and Corr.1, annex), the Special Representative of the Commission, Mr. Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, introduced his interim report on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/42/648, annex) and the Special Representative of the Commission, Mr. José Antonio Pastor Ridruejo, introduced his report on the situation of human rights in El Salvador (A/42/641 and Corr.1, annex) (see A/C.3/42/SR.51).

9. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Commission on Human Rights introduced the report on the situation of human rights in Chile (A/42/556 and Corr.1), on behalf of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission, Mr. Fernando Volio Jiménez (see A/C.3/42/SR.51).

10. At the 52nd meeting, on 19 November, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of mercenaries made a statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.52).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.50

11. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, the Comoros, the Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, the Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.50) entitled "Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti".

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution I).

B. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.61

13. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, the Gambia, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.61) entitled "Assistance to refugees in Somalia". Subsequently, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

14. In introducing the draft resolution, the representative of Zaire orally revised it as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 6 the words "as appropriate" were inserted after the words "to ensure"; and the words "and, in this respect, requests the High Commissioner to do everything possible to restore the original programmes to their normal scale" were deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 7 the words "the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and" were added before the words "the World Bank".

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution II).

C. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.64

16. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of Algeria, Burkina Faso, the Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, the Comoros, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Kampuchea, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Gabon, Guinea, Haiti, Indonesia, Japan, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, Thailand, Togo and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.64) entitled "Emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad".

17. Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zaire (see A/C.3/42/SR.58).

18. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution III).

D. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.65

19. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, the Central African Republic, Chad, China, the Comoros, Cyprus, Democratic Kampuchea, Democratic Yemen, Djibouti, Egypt, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.65) entitled "Situation of refugees in the Sudan". Subsequently, Colombia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution IV).

E. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.73/Rev.1

21. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Colombia, on behalf of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belize, Chile, Colombia, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Indonesia, Jamaica, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, the Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, Somalia, the Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Thailand, Uganda and Yemen, introduced a revised draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.73/Rev.1) entitled "Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees".

22. Following a statement by the representative of Ethiopia (see A/C.3/42/SR.58), the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution V).

23. At the 59th meeting, on 25 November, the representative of Somalia made a statement (see A/C.3/42/SR.59).

F. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.74

24. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Argentina, Austria, Canada, the Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.74) entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights".

25. Following statements by the representatives of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Egypt (see A/C.3/42/SR.58), the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution VI).

G. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.75

26. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of Zaire, on behalf of Algeria, Botswana, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, the Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Somalia, the Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.75) entitled "Assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Malawi".

27. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution VII).

H. Draft resolution A/C.3/42/L.79

28. At the 58th meeting, on 24 November, the representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, on behalf of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Poland, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.3/42/L.79) entitled "Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide".

29. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 30, draft resolution VIII).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

30. The Third Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/137 of 4 December 1986 on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti, as well as all its previous resolutions on this question,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti, 2/

Deeply concerned about the plight of the refugees and displaced persons in the country, which has been aggravated by the devastating effects of the prolonged drought,

Aware of the heavy economic and social burden placed on the Government and people of Djibouti as a result of the presence of refugees and of the consequent impact on the development and infrastructure of the country,

Appreciating the determined and sustained efforts made by the Government of Djibouti, despite its modest economic resources and limited means, to cope with the growing needs of the refugees,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the Government of Djibouti, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to implement appropriate and lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti,

2/ A/42/497.

Appreciating the assistance provided by Member States, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti and appreciates the efforts of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to keep their situation under constant review;

2. Welcomes the steps taken by the Government of Djibouti, in close co-operation with the High Commissioner, to implement adequate and lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti;

3. Expresses its appreciation to Member States, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies for their assistance to the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti;

4. Urges the High Commissioner to intensify his efforts to mobilize, on an emergency basis, the necessary resources to implement lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti;

5. Calls upon all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system, the specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to support the determined and constant efforts made by the Government of Djibouti to cope with the urgent needs of the refugees and to implement lasting solutions in respect of their situation;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Assistance to refugees in Somalia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/180 of 15 December 1980, 36/153 of 16 December 1981, 37/174 of 17 December 1982, 38/88 of 16 December 1983, 39/104 of 14 November 1984, 40/132 of 13 December 1985 and 41/138 of 4 December 1986 on the question of assistance to refugees in Somalia,

Taking note of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on assistance to refugees in Somalia, 3/

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 4/ on the refugee situation in Somalia and the comprehensive programme of assistance required to enable Somalia to cope with the situation,

Deeply concerned by the heavy burden that has been placed on the fragile economy of Somalia by the continuing presence of large numbers of refugees,

Aware of the additional burden imposed by the continued influx of refugees and the consequent urgent need for additional international assistance,

Concerned by the continuing and serious shortfalls in the provision of food assistance, which have resulted in severe ration restrictions, malnutrition and extreme hardships in refugee camps in Somalia,

Conscious of the pressure that the refugee presence continues to impose on the public services, in particular, education, health, transport and communications, and water supplies,

Noting with concern the deleterious effect of the refugee presence on the environment, which has resulted in widespread deforestation, soil erosion and the threat of destruction to an already fragile economic balance,

1. Commends the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for their reports;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Somalia for the measures it is taking to provide material and humanitarian assistance to refugees in spite of its own limited resources and fragile economy;

3. Appeals to Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to render maximum and timely material, financial and technical assistance to enable the Government of Somalia to carry out the projects and activities described in the report of the Secretary-General;

4. Endorses for urgent and favourable consideration the list of projects contained in the report of the Secretary-General 5/ as the basis for a comprehensive programme of action;

5. Further recommends for urgent and favourable consideration by the Government of Somalia, as well as by the United Nations system and the international donor community, the suggestions proposed in paragraphs 67 to 69 of the report of the Secretary-General, 4/ which would facilitate the implementation of the programme of action recommended in the report;

4/ A/42/645.

5/ Ibid., paras. 55-66.

6. Calls upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to ensure, as appropriate, that the care, maintenance and rehabilitation needs of the refugees are adequately covered;

7. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme to assume the leading role, as required by the Second International Conference on Assistance to Refugees in Africa, 6/ in the conceptualization, implementation and monitoring of refugee-related projects, and to be involved in the mobilization of the financial and technical means required, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank;

8. Requests the pertinent organizations of the United Nations system, namely the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Labour Organisation, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Food Programme, to prepare, in consultation with the Government of Somalia, detailed project documentation for the implementation of those projects and activities identified in the report of the Secretary-General as priority endeavours for a comprehensive programme of action;

9. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to consult with the Government of Somalia on how best the international community can assist Somalia in protecting and rehabilitating its damaged environment;

10. Recognizes the important role that non-governmental organizations are playing with regard to programmes for the care, maintenance and rehabilitation of refugees, particularly in activities related to small-scale development projects, and in the fields of health and agriculture;

11. Calls upon the international community to support the activities of non-governmental organizations in Somalia, local and international, in the planning and implementation of refugee projects and refugee-related development activities;

12. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1988 on the progress made in their respective fields of responsibility with regard to those provisions of the present resolution which concern them;

13. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and United Nations Development Programme, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

6/ See A/39/402, annex.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/140 of 4 December 1986 on emergency assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad, and all its previous resolutions on this question,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on emergency humanitarian assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad, 7/

Deeply concerned about the persistence of the drought and the invasion of locusts and predators, which are compounding the already precarious food and health situation in Chad,

Conscious that the large number of voluntary returnees and displaced persons as a result of the war and the drought in Chad poses a serious problem of integrating them into society,

Considering the mass return to their home villages of persons displaced as a result of war and drought in the northern region of Chad,

Bearing in mind the many appeals made by the Government of Chad for international emergency assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad, who are victims of the war and of natural disasters,

1. Endorses the appeals made by the Government of Chad concerning emergency assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

2. Reiterates its appeal to all States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support, by generous contributions, the efforts being made by the Government of Chad to assist and resettle the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

3. Takes note with satisfaction of the action undertaken by the various bodies of the United Nations system and the specialized agencies with a view to mobilizing emergency humanitarian assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

4. Again requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator to mobilize emergency humanitarian assistance to the voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad;

5. Calls upon the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize special humanitarian assistance for the resettlement of displaced persons in the northern region of Chad;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Situation of refugees in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/139 of 4 December 1986 and its other previous resolutions on the situation of refugees in the Sudan,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees in the Sudan and the report of the inter-agency mission annexed thereto, 8/

Appreciating the important measures that the Government of the Sudan is taking in order to provide shelter, protection, food, education and health and other humanitarian services to a very large and persistent number of refugees in the Sudan,

Recognizing the heavy burden placed on the people and Government of the Sudan and the sacrifices they are making in caring for the refugees and the need for adequate international assistance to enable them to continue their efforts to provide assistance to the refugees,

Gravely concerned at the continuing serious social and economic impact of the massive presence of refugees, as well as its far-reaching consequences for the country's development, security and stability,

Expressing its appreciation for the assistance rendered by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in support of the refugee programme in the Sudan,

Bearing in mind the findings and recommendations of the inter-agency mission to the Sudan, reported to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, particularly the suggestion that the international community should explore new and effective approaches to ensure that the burden of dealing with refugees is shared more equitably, 9/

8/ A/42/646.

9/ See A/41/264, annex, para. 53.

Recognizing the need to view refugee-related development projects within local and national development plans,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 41/139 8/ and welcomes the report of the inter-agency mission annexed thereto;
2. Commends the measures that the Government of the Sudan is taking to provide material and humanitarian assistance to refugees, in spite of the effects of the drought and the serious economic situation it faces, and stresses the need for additional resources to lessen the impact of the presence of refugees on the economy of this least developed country;
3. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, donor countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their efforts to assist the refugees in the Sudan;
4. Expresses grave concern at the serious and far-reaching consequences of the massive presence of refugees in the country on its security, stability and development, as reflected in the reports of the inter-agency missions;
5. Also expresses grave concern at the shrinking resources available for refugee programmes in the Sudan and the serious consequences of this situation for the country's ability to continue to act as host and provide assistance to refugees;
6. Requests the Secretary-General, in following up on the reports of the inter-agency missions and furthering the integration of developmental and refugee aid, to take concrete steps, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, for the early implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the 1987 inter-agency mission; 8/
7. Also requests the Secretary-General to mobilize the necessary financial and material assistance for the full implementation of the ongoing projects in the areas affected by the presence of refugees;
8. Appeals to Member States, the appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international financial institutions to provide the Government of the Sudan with the necessary resources for the implementation of development assistance projects in regions affected by the presence of refugees;
9. Requests the High Commissioner to continue co-ordination with the appropriate specialized agencies in order to consolidate and ensure the continuation of essential services to the refugees in their settlements;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/89 of 9 July 1987 on the enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

1. Decides to increase the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from forty-one to forty-three;
2. Requests the Economic and Social Council to elect the two additional members at its first regular session in 1988;
3. Notes with satisfaction that the Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner has begun to consider ways and means of improving the possibilities for observers to participate effectively in its work.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VI

Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that the year 1988 will mark the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 10/ which, conceived as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and having provided the basis for the development of the International Covenants on Human Rights, 11/ has been and rightly continues to be a fundamental source of inspiration for national and international efforts for the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

10/ Resolution 217 A (III).

11/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

Recalling, in this respect, its resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948, by which it officially proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and its resolution 36/169 of 16 December 1981, concerning the observance of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration, resolution 38/57 of 9 December 1983, relating to the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration, as well as its resolution 41/150 of 4 December 1986 relating to the fortieth anniversary of the Declaration,

Convinced of the continuing need to promote the universal observance and enjoyment of human rights, which contribute to peaceful and friendly relations among nations,

Recalling its decision in its resolution 41/150 to celebrate in 1988 the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

1. Resolves that the celebration, in 1988, of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights shall be used as an occasion to highlight the achievements of the United Nations in its efforts to promote and protect human rights universally, to renew the commitment of the Organization in this area and to encourage Member States to ensure the promotion and protection of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration;

2. Invites once again Member States, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take appropriate measures such as those set forth in the annex to resolution 41/150 and to support appropriate activities aimed at encouraging the promotion of the universal observance and enjoyment of civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights;

3. Urges the Secretary-General to carry out the activities indicated in the annex to resolution 41/150 in order to assure the success of the commemorative activities for the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration;

4. Reiterates its request to the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to disseminate appropriate public information, broadcasting and audio-visual material designed to draw attention to and emphasize the importance of the Declaration and the role played and the work done by the United Nations to ensure the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

5. Urges the United Nations Postal Administration to give special attention to the issuance of commemorative postage stamps on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration;

6. Confirms its decision to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights";

7. Further confirms its decision to devote one plenary meeting during its forty-third session to the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration, which falls on 10 December 1988, and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary preparations for the programme of that meeting;

8. Encourages Governments in a position to do so to include in their delegations participating in the above-mentioned commemorative plenary meeting of the General Assembly persons from their respective countries who were associated with the drafting of the Universal Declaration.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VII

Assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Malawi

The General Assembly,

Having heard the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees regarding the refugee situation in Malawi,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of the Government of Malawi in providing shelter and asylum to the thousands of refugees and displaced persons,

Recognizing the consequences of the social and economic burden placed on the Government and people of Malawi as a result of the influx of refugees and displaced persons and the subsequent impact on the national development and infrastructure of that country,

Noting with appreciation the action already taken by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other international humanitarian organizations in establishing an emergency programme of assistance to the refugees and displaced persons in Malawi,

Noting that a United Nations inter-agency team is currently visiting Malawi to discuss with the Government ways and means of strengthening its capacity to cope with the burden imposed on its economy, vital resources and public services by the presence of refugees and displaced persons and to prepare a comprehensive programme of assistance, combining both refugee-related humanitarian and development needs for eventual submission to the international community,

1. Commends the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme for their timely action in sending an inter-agency mission to Malawi to ascertain the needs and the magnitude of assistance required for the refugees and displaced persons in Malawi;

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to give the report of the inter-agency mission the widest possible circulation to all States, all pertinent international organizations and voluntary agencies;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to mobilize international assistance and to launch an international appeal for generous contributions to the projects and programmes recommended in the report of the inter-agency mission;

4. Appeals to Member States, the United Nations High Commissioner, the United Nations organizations concerned and voluntary agencies to render maximum financial and material assistance to the Government of Malawi in its efforts to provide shelter, food and other services to the growing number of refugees and displaced persons in that country;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session in 1988 and to the General Assembly at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 40/142 of 13 December 1985 and 41/147 of 4 December 1986,

Recalling also resolutions 1986/18 of 10 March 1986 12/ and 1987/25 of 10 March 1987 13/ of the Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling further its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved and proposed for signature, ratification or accession the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Reaffirming its conviction that genocide is a crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations,

12/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1986, Supplement No. 2 (E/1986/22), chap. II, sect. A.

13/ Ibid., 1987, Supplement No. 5 (E/1987/18), chap. II, sect. A.

Noting with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General, 14/

1. Once again strongly condemns the crime of genocide;
2. Reaffirms the necessity of international co-operation in order to liberate mankind from such an odious crime;
3. Notes with satisfaction that many States have ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide or have acceded thereto;
4. Expresses its conviction that implementation of the provisions of the Convention by all States is necessary for the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide;
5. Urges those States which have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto without further delay;
6. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the status of the Convention.