

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

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925 (X). Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having taken note of the report¹ of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the annexed report of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, and of the progress which has been made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 832 (IX) of 21 October 1954,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 589 (XX) of 29 July 1955,

Considering that under the Statute² of his Office the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is charged with the duty of seeking solutions for the problems of refugees through voluntary repatriation, resettlement and integration,

Noting with concern that the approved target for governmental contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund for 1955 has not yet been reached,

1. Requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue his efforts to effect solutions by the above-mentioned means, under due safeguards to be applied by him in accordance with his responsibility under the Statute of his Office to provide international protection to refugees within his mandate;

2. Notes with satisfaction that the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee, in laying down the principles which are to govern the implementation of the programme for permanent solutions under General Assembly resolution 832 (IX), has directed that the main emphasis of the programme should be on the reduction of the number of refugees in camps;

3. Urges States Members and non-members of the United Nations to give early and serious consideration to making contributions to the United Nations Refugee Fund in order that the targets for 1955 and 1956 may be

¹ Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/2902 and Add.1).

² Ibid., Fifth Session, Supplement No. 20, resolution 428 (V), annex.

attained and the High Commissioner enabled fully to implement the programmes planned for those years.

*537th plenary meeting,
25 October 1955.*

926 (X). Advisory services in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Considering that, by Articles 55 and 56 of the United Nations Charter, the States Members of the United Nations have pledged themselves to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recognizing that technical assistance, by the international interchange of technical knowledge through international co-operation, represents one of the means by which it is possible to promote the human rights objectives of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 729 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist those States in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 730 (VIII) of 23 October 1953 authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of any Member State, technical advice and other services which do not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist the Government of that State within its territory in the eradication of discrimination or in the protection of minorities, or both,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 839 (IX) of 17 December 1954 authorizing the Secretary-General to render, at the request of Member States, services which do not fall within the scope and objectives of existing technical assistance programmes, in order to assist those States in promoting freedom of information, and Economic and Social Council resolution 574 A (XIX) of

26 May 1955 requesting the Secretary-General to take steps to put into operation a programme to promote freedom of information by providing such services as experts, fellowships and seminars,

Taking account of the arrangements previously established by the General Assembly concerning the regular technical assistance programme and the advisory services of the United Nations in its resolutions 200 (III) of 4 December 1948, 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, 305 (IV) of 16 November 1949, 418 (V) of 1 December 1950, 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952 and 723 (VIII) of 23 October 1953,

Considering that the specialized agencies, within their competence and by virtue of their regular programmes of technical assistance, are already rendering important services to their members with a view to ensuring the effective observance of human rights,

1. *Decides* to consolidate the technical assistance programmes already approved by the General Assembly (relating to the promotion and safeguarding of the rights of women, the eradication of discrimination and the protection of minorities as well as to the promotion of freedom of information) with the broad programme of assistance in the field of human rights proposed in the present resolution, the entire programme to be known as "advisory services in the field of human rights";

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General:

(a) Subject to the directions of the Economic and Social Council, to make provision at the request of Governments, and with the co-operation of the specialized agencies where appropriate and without duplication of their existing activities, for the following forms of assistance with respect to the field of human rights:

- (i) Advisory services of experts;
- (ii) Fellowships and scholarships;
- (iii) Seminars;

(b) To take the programme authorized by the present resolution into account in preparing the budgetary estimates of the United Nations;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the assistance provided for in paragraph 2 (a) above, in agreement with the Governments concerned, on the basis of requests received from Governments and in accordance with the following policies:

(a) The kind of service to be rendered to each country under paragraph 2 (a) (i) shall be determined by the Government concerned;

(b) The selection of the persons under paragraph 2 (a) (ii) shall be made by the Secretary-General on the basis of proposals received from Governments;

(c) The amount of assistance and the conditions under which it is to be rendered shall be decided by the Secretary-General, with due regard to the greater needs of the under-developed areas, and in conformity with the principle that each requesting Government shall be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or a considerable part of the expenses connected with the assistance furnished to it, either by making a contribution in cash, or by providing supporting staff, services and payment of local costs for the purpose of carrying out the programme;

(d) The assistance shall be applicable to any subject in the field of human rights, in addition to the subjects covered by the relevant resolutions of the General As-

sembly, provided however that the subject shall be one for which adequate advisory assistance is not available through a specialized agency and which does not fall within the scope of existing technical assistance programmes;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council, to the Commission on Human Rights and, as appropriate, to the Commission on the Status of Women, on the measures which he takes in compliance with the terms of the present resolution;

5. *Recommends* that the specialized agencies continue to develop their technical assistance activities with a view to aiding Member States to further the effective observance of human rights;

6. *Invites* the specialized agencies to communicate to the Economic and Social Council, for transmission to the Commission on Human Rights, any observations which they may find appropriate on the above-mentioned assistance and on any new measures of assistance which they may deem necessary with a view to assisting Member States in furthering the effective observance of human rights;

7. *Expresses the hope* that international and national non-governmental organizations, universities, philanthropic foundations and other private groups will supplement this United Nations programme with similar programmes designed to further research and studies, the exchange of information and assistance in the field of human rights;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform Member States of this new programme and of the procedures to be followed in obtaining assistance;

9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its thirteenth session a report containing:

(a) An evaluation of the projects carried out under the programme of advisory services in human rights, with particular reference to the extent to which these projects have furthered the aims and purposes of the United Nations in the field of human rights;

(b) Recommendations concerning the future of the programme.

*554th plenary meeting,
14 December 1955.*

927 (X). Question of the safety of commercial aircraft flying in the vicinity of, or inadvertently crossing, international frontiers

The General Assembly,

Mindful of incidents involving attacks on civilian aircraft innocently deviating from fixed plans in the vicinity of, or across, international frontiers,

Noting that such incidents cause loss of human life and affect relations between States, and that the problem is therefore a matter of general international concern,

1. *Calls upon* all States to take the necessary measures to avoid such incidents;

2. *Invites* the attention of the appropriate international organizations to the present resolution and to the debate on the matter held in the General Assembly at its tenth session.

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14 December 1955.*