

34/62. Report of the Secretary-General on the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia, held at Geneva on 20 and 21 July 1979⁶² under his chairmanship, and having heard his statement,⁶³

Taking note of the progress mentioned in the Secretary-General's report, indicating a decrease in the number of boat cases arriving in other South-East Asian countries since August 1979,

Expressing its deep concern with the serious plight of the refugees and displaced persons in South-East Asia and the severe burden that the problem causes for many countries and territories, particularly the developing countries of South-East Asia,

Noting that further action is required to deal adequately with the land cases,

Gravely concerned about the large number of refugees recently arrived in the region and their urgent need of prompt and effective international assistance,

Noting the results of the Pledging Conference for Emergency Humanitarian Relief to the People of Kampuchea, held at United Nations Headquarters on 5 November 1979 under the chairmanship of the Secretary-General,⁶⁴

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his initiative in convening and for his chairmanship of the Meeting on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South-East Asia and the Pledging Conference for Emergency Humanitarian Relief to the People of Kampuchea;

2. Also commends the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and his Office as the competent organ in the United Nations system for their active role;

3. Further commends Governments and international relief organizations for their assistance and pledges to increase such assistance, in cash and kind, for the immediate relief of the refugees in South-East Asia;

4. Urges all Governments concerned to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other United Nations agencies in humanitarian activities to deal with this problem, while avoiding any action that may cause human suffering and while ensuring safe and orderly departures; such humanitarian activities should serve the needs of civilian refugees and displaced persons and not any other purpose;

5. Further urges the resettlement countries and other countries in a position to do so to increase the number and speed of their intake of refugees and displaced persons from Indo-China, with due priority given to those already in camps in South-East Asia and adjacent territories, for resettlement in their countries;

6. Requests specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies concerned to give priority, without prejudice to assistance provided to refugees and country programmes in other regions, to their participation in rendering assistance to alleviate the problem, and to

co-operate closely with Governments to find durable solutions to the problem;

7. Also requests the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to continue to follow the situation closely and to submit a report to the Member States if the situation so requires.

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29 November 1979

34/151. International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/7 of 3 November 1978, by which it decided to proclaim an international youth year,

Recognizing the profound importance of the direct participation of youth in shaping the future of humanity and the valuable contribution that youth can make in the establishment of the new international economic order based on equity and justice,

Considering it necessary to disseminate among youth the ideals of peace, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, human solidarity and dedication to the objectives of progress and development,

Convinced of the imperative need to harness the energies, enthusiasms and creative abilities of youth to the tasks of nation building, the struggle for national independence and self-determination, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and against foreign domination and occupation, the economic, social and cultural advancement of peoples, the implementation of the new international economic order, the preservation of world peace and the promotion of international cooperation and understanding,

Emphasizing that the United Nations should give more attention to the role of young people in the world of today and to their demands for the world of tomorrow,

Recalling the topicality of assessing the needs and aspirations of youth, and reaffirming the importance of current and projected United Nations activities designed to increase the opportunities for youth and for its active participation in national development activities,

Believing that it is urgently desirable to consolidate the efforts of all States in carrying out specific programmes concerning youth and to improve the activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the field of youth, including youth exchanges in the cultural, sporting and other fields,

Considering that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will offer a useful and significant opportunity for drawing attention to the situation, needs and aspirations of youth, for increasing co-operation at all levels in dealing with youth issues, for undertaking concerted action programmes in favour of youth and for involving young people in the study and resolution of major international, regional and national problems,

Confident that an international youth year will serve to mobilize efforts at the local, national, regional and international levels to promote the best educational, professional and living conditions for young people, to

⁶² A/34/627 and Corr.1.

⁶³ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Third Committee, 42nd meeting, paras. 14-19.

⁶⁴ See S9/CONF.1/SR.1 and 2.

ensure their active participation in the over-all development of society and to encourage the preparation of new national and local policies and programmes in accordance with each country's experience, conditions and priorities,

Recognizing that the preparation and the observance of an international youth year will contribute to the reaffirmation of the goals of the new international economic order,

Recalling also in this connexion Economic and Social Council decision 1979/64 of 3 August 1979 on international years and anniversaries,

Aware that, for the international youth year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of Governments, all specialized agencies, international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public will be required,

Mindful of the fact that 1985 is the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Promotion among Youth of the Ideals of Peace, Mutual Respect and Understanding between Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 2037 (XX) of 7 December 1965, and the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Volunteers programme by the Assembly in its resolution 2659 (XXV) of 7 December 1970,

Taking note with interest and appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the international youth year,⁶⁵

1. *Decides* to designate 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace;

2. *Invites* all States, all specialized agencies and the international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as youth organizations, to exert all possible efforts for the preparation and the observance of the International Youth Year;

3. *Decides* to establish an Advisory Committee for the International Youth Year, to be composed of twenty-three Member States appointed by the Chairman of the Third Committee on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;⁶⁶

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in accordance with the proposals made by Member States and in consultation with all specialized agencies and interested international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as youth organizations, a draft programme for the preparation and observance of the International Youth Year;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convene three sessions of the Advisory Committee in the period 1980-1985 so that it may formulate, for consideration by the General Assembly, a specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year on the basis of the draft programme prepared by the Secretary-General;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to convene the Advisory Committee in 1980, to provide it with all necessary assistance and to submit the report on its first session to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take concrete measures, through all the communications media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system

in the field of youth and to increase the dissemination of information on youth;

8. *Appeals* to all States, to international governmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to supplement funds provided under the regular United Nations budget for the costs of the programme of the International Youth Year;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session an item entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" and to grant it high priority.

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34/152. World social situation

The General Assembly,

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Recalling that the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, is a basis for national and international action in the field of social development,

Recalling its resolutions 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and 31/84 of 13 December 1976 on the world social situation and 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development,

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, 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation and 33/193 of 29 January 1979 on the preparations for an international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade,

Recalling further its resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the United Nations Secretariat to prepare, on a regular basis, global economic and social surveys and projections,

Bearing in mind that social progress and development are founded on respect for the dignity and value of the human person,

Aware that the fundamental aim of development is the sustained increase of the well-being of the entire population on the basis of its full participation in the process of development and a fair distribution of the benefits therefrom,

Conscious that each Government has the primary role and ultimate responsibility of ensuring the social progress and well-being of its people, planning social development measures as part of comprehensive development plans, encouraging and co-ordinating or integrating all national efforts towards this end and introducing, when necessary, changes in the social structure,

Reaffirming the right of every country to adopt the economic and social system that it deems the most appropriate for its own development and not to be subjected to discrimination of any kind as a result,

⁶⁵ A/34/468 and Corr.1.

⁶⁶ The composition of the Advisory Committee will be announced subsequently.