

318 (IV). United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report⁶ of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly and the report⁶ of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund,

Recognizing the important role which the Fund has been playing in the structure of the United Nations,

1. *Notes* the steps taken by the Fund with respect to the United Nations Appeal for Children pursuant to General Assembly resolution 215 (III)⁷ of 8 December 1948;

2. *Appeals* to the various official and private international organizations interested in child welfare to collaborate with the Fund in every possible way;

3. *Congratulates* the Fund, now in its third year of operations, for its great humanitarian effort in Europe and in the Middle East, now being extended to Asia, Latin America and Africa, in bringing substantial aid of lasting value, through feeding, medical and related programmes, to millions of mothers and children;

4. *Notes with concern* the existence of children's emergency needs arising out of war and other calamities as well as the great needs which the Fund's experience has demonstrated as existing in under-developed countries;

5. *Notes with approval* the decisions of the Executive Board of the Fund to devote henceforth a greater share of the Fund's resources to the development of programmes outside Europe;

6. *Expresses gratification* at the continued generous support of the Fund by Governments and individuals, amounting to forty million dollars in the past year;

7. *Draws the attention* of Members to the urgent necessity of further contributions to enable the Fund to carry out its programme.

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2 December 1949.*

319 (IV). Refugees and stateless persons

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The General Assembly,

Considering that the problem of refugees is international in scope and nature and that its final solution can only be provided by the voluntary repatriation of the refugees or their assimilation within new national communities,

Recognizing the responsibility of the United Nations for the international protection of refugees,

Having examined resolution 248(IX)A⁸ of the Economic and Social Council of 6 August 1949, the report⁹ of the Secretary-General of 26 October 1949, and the communications from the General

⁸ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly*, Supplement No. 3.

⁹ See *Report of the International Children's Emergency Fund* submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its ninth session.

⁷ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions*, page 70.

Council of the International Refugee Organization of 11 July 1949¹⁰ and of 20 October 1949,¹¹

Considering that in its aforementioned resolution the Economic and Social Council requested the Governments of States Members of the United Nations, and of other States, to provide the necessary legal protection for refugees who have been the concern of the International Refugee Organization and recommended that the General Assembly at its fourth session should decide the functions and organizational arrangements, within the framework of the United Nations, necessary for the international protection of refugees after the International Refugee Organization terminates its activities,

1. *Decides* to establish, as of 1 January 1951, a High Commissioner's Office for Refugees in accordance with the provisions of the annex to the present resolution to discharge the functions enumerated therein and such other functions as the General Assembly may from time to time confer upon it;

2. *Decides* that, unless the General Assembly subsequently decides otherwise, no expenditure other than administrative expenditures relating to the functioning of the High Commissioner's Office should be borne on the budget of the United Nations, and that all other expenditures relating to the activities of the High Commissioner should be financed by voluntary contributions;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To prepare detailed draft provisions for the implementation of the present resolution and the annex attached thereto, to circulate these draft provisions to Governments for comments, and to submit them to the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session, together with such comments thereon as may have been received from Governments;

(b) To prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, a draft budget for the operation in 1951 of the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees;

4. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To prepare, at its eleventh session, a draft resolution embodying provisions for the functioning of the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees and to submit the draft resolution to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifth regular session;

(b) To transmit to the General Assembly at its fifth regular session such recommendations as the Council may deem appropriate regarding the definitions of the term "refugee" to be applied by the High Commissioner;

5. *Decides* to review, not later than at its eighth regular session, the arrangements for the High Commissioner's Office for Refugees with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1953.

*265th plenary meeting,
3 December 1949.*

⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fourth Year, Ninth Session, Resolutions*, page 58.

⁹ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Annex to the Third Committee*, document A/C.3/527.

¹⁰ See document E/1392.

¹¹ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Annex to the Third Committee*, document A/C.3/528.