

728 (VIII). Work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problems of refugees who are the concern of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the light of his report¹ to the General Assembly at its eighth session and of the Secretary-General's memorandum,²

Having noted with appreciation the work being done on behalf of these refugees,

Having noted with concern the precarious situation of certain groups of refugees within the High Commissioner's mandate, in particular those in need of emergency aid, the considerable number still living in camps, and those requiring special care for whom no satisfactory arrangements have yet been made,

1. *Invites* the High Commissioner to concern himself in particular with these groups of refugees in carrying out his functions as defined in the Statute of his Office and to pay special attention to them in his report to the General Assembly at its ninth session;

2. *Appeals* to the governments of States Members and non-members of the United Nations to intensify their efforts to promote, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, solutions for the problems of refugees, through repatriation, resettlement and integration in accordance with General Assembly resolution 538 B (VI) of 2 February 1952;

3. *Takes note* of the relations which the High Commissioner has established with interested organizations, expresses the hope that appropriate consultations will take place in the drawing up of all programmes of international action designed to improve the situation of refugees within his mandate and invites the High Commissioner to give an account of such consultations in his reports.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

729 (VIII). Technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women

The General Assembly,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 504 J II (XVI) of 23 July 1953 concerning technical assistance in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women,

Approves the decision of the Council 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 these States in promoting and safeguarding the rights of women.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

730 (VIII). Technical assistance in the fields of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities

The General Assembly,

Having considered the recommendation contained in paragraph 2 of Economic and Social Council reso-

lution 502 G (XVI) of 3 August 1953 on technical assistance in the fields of prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities,

1. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to render, at the request of any State Member of the United Nations, 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;

2. *Decides* that the services so authorized may include, but need not be restricted to, technical advice regarding the drafting of legislation and the establishment of administrative and judicial machinery and appropriate services in such matters of fundamental importance as education, subject to arrangements within existing agreements with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other competent specialized agencies.

*453rd plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

731 (VIII). Development of political rights of women in Territories where these rights are not fully enjoyed

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56 (I) of 11 December 1946 relating to the political rights of women, which was reaffirmed in resolution 640 (VII) of 20 December 1952,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 504 F (XVI) of 23 July 1953,

Urges States to take all necessary measures, particularly educational and legislative measures, leading to the development of the political rights of women in all Territories in which women do not enjoy full political rights, including Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories.

*454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

732 (VIII). Programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the principles contained in its resolution 535 (VI) of 2 February 1952,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the efforts made to establish the programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies adopted in Economic and Social Council resolution 496 (XVI) of 31 July 1953;

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies to keep particularly in mind, in the implementation of the projects of the programme of concerted practical action, the general principles, methods and techniques defined in Economic and Social Council resolution 496 (XVI), special consideration being given to the needs of the under-developed countries;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council should supplement the programme of concerted practical action in the social field of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as set forth in reso-

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eighth Session, Supplement No. 11.*

² See document A/2457.