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The Question of: The Legal Status of Refugees

Main Submitter: Botswana

Co-Submitter: Norway, Turkey, Brazil, Poland, Vietnam, India, Bahrain, Hungary

Defining a refugee as a person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country ...", as per the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees,

Alarmed that there are currently 26.6 million refugees, 50.9 million internally displaced people (IDPs) and 4.4 million asylum seekers globally,

Deeply concerned that 68% of the world's refugees come from 5 countries,

Recalling Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which states that "Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution",

Reaffirming the importance of the inclusion of refugees and migrants in relation to the 10th Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) 'Reduced Inequality',

Approving efforts made thus far by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and NGOs for their work improving conditions in refugee camps in relation to food, health, sanitation and education,

1. Suggests

for the creation of a new sub-body within the UNHCR to be called the Committee on the Legal Status of Refugees to work in

- a. to act in all member states to distribute permanent visas/ citizenship to refugees after a set amount of years of
- b. protect their right to seek asylum in another country and the right not to be returned to a country where they

2. Requests

for financial aid from the UN to be provided for refugees, while in temporary and permanent accommodation, which will not

- a. their needs such as foods, clothing, shelter and medical equipment,
- b. jobseekers benefits for all refugees looking for work,
- c. language and communication education,

- d. refugees having full access to first, second and third-level education funded by the World Bank to encourage breaking the poverty cycle,
- e. the creation and/or upkeep of places of worship and providing religious books and texts to refugees and people of other religions.

3. **Recommends**

that all member states recognise the vulnerable positions of refugees and the importance of their having official legal status and legal protection.

4. **Further Requests**all member states to submit a biennial

report to the UNOLA for review, discussing how they are integrating refugees into their societies and to provide insight as to how they are addressing the following:

- a. how they are providing housing, food and other essential living needs to refugees,
- b. how education is being distributed to refugees,
- c. how they plan to help refugees settle and merge with the current population,
- d. updates on their legislation on the criteria needed to seek refuge in their nation;

5. **Urges**

member nations to work in conjunction with UNOLA, the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), and national police forces to ensure the safety of refugees.

6. **Further urges**

all nations capable of doing so to take in refugees and provide them with asylum until they are safe and wish to return to their countries of origin.

- a. are currently facing famine or drought,
- b. are currently at war,
- c. are currently listed as LECDs.

7. **Calls for**

an international conference to be held annually online or in person based on the country's choice in order to propose solutions in order to address the refugee crisis.

8. **Encourages**

countries to build housing either independently or in conjunction with UN habitat in order to negate poor living conditions in refugee camps.

- a. One bathroom per 3 people,
- b. Working plumbing and electricity,
- c. One bedroom per 3 people,
- d. Sufficient cooking space;