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## QUESTION OF: REINFORCING LEGISLATIONS TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF VULNERABLE GROUPS AMONG REFUGEES

## The General Assembly,

<u>Noting with approval</u> that the rights and protection of all refugees have been specifically acknowledged in a number of national and international laws,

<u>Recognising</u> that all children have specific protection needs because they are developing physically and emotionally and all children are at risk of sexual exploitation and abuse, which can occur within the family and community,

<u>Deeply concerned</u> that refugee children face additional protection problems related to the causes and consequences of displacement and that refugee children separated from their parents need immediate attention and protection,

<u>Noting with deep concern</u> that specific protection problems arise within the female refugee population due to the overwork, deprivation, and exclusion that result from discrimination by all actors, including humanitarian agencies;

<u>Deploring</u> that refugees are facing difficulties in accessing quality education,

<u>Grieved</u> that traumatic effects of war, violence, torture and crime are having considerable mental and physical impacts on refugees,

<u>Taking into consideration</u> that allegations of sexual harassment and human trafficking among the camp residents are on a dangerous rise,

<u>Stressing</u> that unless strong measures are taken to ensure the protection of vulnerable refugee children and women, the latter will continue to suffer discriminations of all kinds, abuses, assaults, and other similar traumas,

1. <u>Urges</u> host countries to review legal codes and processes adopted in camps to ensure that protection problems affecting refugee womenare covered and that women have access to the legal provisions made in these courts; Commission: UNHCR.

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- 2. <u>Recommends</u> the establishment of effective mechanisms for law enforcement to ensure that abusers are identified and prosecuted for their offence;
- 3. <u>Solemnly affirms</u> that the education of refugee women as to their rights and education of potential abusers of women and children as to their responsibilities, can be a strong defense against protection problems;
- 4. <u>Adopts</u> the idea of allowing interested displaced persons to enroll in programmes provided in resource centres for the unskilled who wish to be the support of their family and to earn a legitimate living;
- 5. <u>Notes</u> that refugees will have access to free healthcare and education as well as professional and vocational training;
- 6. <u>Requests</u> the setting up registration points at borders to keep track of the refugees and issue identity cards as protection tools and to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance;
- 7. <u>Strongly urges</u> member States to provide children with protection, irrespective of their status and under the same conditions as children who are nationals of the host country in accordance with human rights;
- 8. <u>Suggests</u> that stricter and authoritative law enforcement officers should be employed to ensure safe and dignified migration of refugees;
- 9. <u>Appeals</u> to the UNHCR to develop effective communication strategies such as crash courses in the mother tongue of host countries delivered to refugees, thereby ensuring proper communication between assistance providers and the asylum seekers;
- 10. <u>Requests</u> the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund to finance programmes that deploy medical staffers, accompanied by proper security officers, to areas dominated by refugees;
- 11. <u>Encourages</u> enhanced cooperation between regional and national agencies engaged in refugee activities;

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- 12. <u>Emphasizes</u> the need for a range of contraceptive options made available to women so that they can prevent unwanted pregnancies and have access to safe abortion services as an option;
- 13. <u>Acknowledges</u> reinforced monitoring at border points to safeguard the rights of refugees who may be in need of international protection;
- 14. <u>Requests</u> the financial help of businesses to support refugees;
- 15. <u>Expresses its hope</u> that member States shall endorse the idea of a trained provider with midwifery skills to be present at every childbirth and that quality emergency obstetric care is made available;
- 16. <u>Further recommends</u> the divergence of a reasonable portion of medical budget to domestic refugee camps, providing special care to minors, pregnant women and the elderly.