

Commission: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
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QUESTION OF: **PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE PROTECTION OF REFUGEES**

The General Assembly,

Aware that, 68.5 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, violence or human rights violations, an increase of 2.9 million people over the previous year, including 25.4 million refugees in the world – the highest ever seen,

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

Deeply concerned by the poor living conditions and well-being of those refugees living in the refugee camps. Running water and food are often unavailable,

Noting with deep concern that thousands of refugees are crossing borders, suffering from malnutrition and dehydration due to several days of walking to find a haven,

Noting with regret that thousands of refugees remain without any documentation of temporary stay, and consequently lack guaranteed access to basic human rights which makes them particularly vulnerable to violence, discrimination and xenophobia.

1. Promotes economic inclusion of those forced to flee their homes by advocating for their right to work and build their livelihoods through market-oriented programs;

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2. Requests the setting-up of registration points at borders to keep track of the refugees and issue identity cards as protection tools;

3. Calls upon the use of technology, to be able to alert host countries of mass arrivals of refugees to allow governments to ensure proper and smooth implementation of response plans;

4. Suggests projects that can range from dispatching emergency teams to the scene of a crisis, providing emergency food, shelter, water and medical supplies, and arranging the implementation of emergency services to new arrivals;

5. Further recommends strengthening relevant administrative and judicial institutions, training staff of governmental and non-governmental agencies and liaising with relevant human rights bodies to encourage the provision of education for refugees;

6. Urges the United Nations to set up a donation plan to be able to raise funds for providing for refugees, which would include survival packs for natural disasters;

7. Recommends the amendment of a societal integration plan, in the form of proper training of refugees, to improve their socioeconomic status and be self-sufficient, thus facilitating their integration in the host country;

8. Calls upon the office of the High Commissioner, in conjunction with agencies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations and the International community, to strengthen and revitalise existing partnerships and forge new ones in support of the protection system for refugees, asylum seekers and internally-displaced persons;

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9. Appeals to the UNHCR to develop effective and feasible communication strategies such as crash courses in the mother tongue of host countries for the refugees, with the collaboration of multi-lingual volunteer mediators;

10. Emphasises the present need for the strengthening of borders to prevent the spill over of war and human trafficking that impedes refugees' safety even after crossing;

11. Promotes alternatives to the slow detention of refugees for registration purposes, such as community-based care arrangements, which ensure access to education and healthcare whilst respecting their right to family unity;

12. Endorses the implementation of an identification protocol as adopted by Mexico, whereby Child Protection Officers are trained to recognise potential refugee children and inform them of their right to seek asylum in the country;

13. Requests the government of host countries to combat all kinds of xenophobia and racial discrimination towards refugees and migrants through the use of judicial systems and the use social media campaigns.