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Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/136 of 15 December 1989,

Gravely concerned about the continuous deterioration of the
situation in
southern Africa arising from the domination and oppression of the
people of
South Africa by the minority racist regime of South Africa,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General,

Conscious of its responsibility to provide economic, material
and
humanitarian assistance to independent States in southern Africa in
order to
assist them in coping with the situation resulting from the acts of
aggression
and destabilization committed by the apartheid regime of South
Africa,

Noting with appreciation the consultations undertaken by the
Secretary-General to establish within the United Nations system a
mechanism to
ensure the implementation and overall co-ordination of relief
programmes for
internally displaced persons,

Convinced of the necessity to strengthen the capacity of the
identified
focal points within the United Nations system for the implementation

and the
overall co-ordination of relief programmes for internally displaced persons,

Noting with indignation that South Africa's policy of apartheid and its
direct and indirect acts of aggression, intimidation and destabilization
through armed terrorists continue to be the main causes of refugee flows and
increasing displacement of persons in southern Africa,

Convinced also that there is an urgent need for the international
community to extend maximum and concerted assistance to southern African
countries sheltering refugees, returnees and displaced persons and also to
highlight the plight to these persons,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Reaffirms the need to continue the implementation of the Oslo
Declaration and Plan of Action on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and
Displaced Persons in Southern Africa adopted by the International Conference
on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa,
held at Oslo from 22 to 24 August 1988;

3. Expresses its gratitude to the countries and organizations that have
given assistance to the countries of southern Africa to enable them to cope
with the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in their
territories;

4. Calls upon the international community to provide increased assistance to the countries of southern Africa to enable them to strengthen
their capacity to provide the necessary facilities and services for the care
and well-being of the refugees, returnees and displaced persons in their
territories;

5. Reiterates its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his
efforts, on behalf of the international community, to organize and mobilize
special programmes of economic assistance for the front-line and other
neighbouring States to help them to withstand the effects of the acts

of
aggression and destabilization committed by the apartheid regime of
South
Africa;

6. Notes with appreciation the efforts made by the Secretary-General,
the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and
the
Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to
implement the
specific tasks and responsibilities assigned to them in the Oslo
Declaration
and Plan of Action, and encourages them to continue their efforts;

7. Endorses the recommendation of the Secretary-General aimed
at
assigning to the United Nations resident co-ordinators the function
of
co-ordinating assistance for internally displaced persons, in close
co-operation with Governments, local representatives of donor
countries and
United Nations agencies in the field;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the capacity
of the
identified focal points at the field level to enable them to respond
more
effectively to government requests for assistance to refugees and
displaced
persons;

9. Once again urges all Member States, organizations of the
United
Nations system and governmental and non-governmental organizations to
undertake the measures required of them under the Oslo Declaration
and Plan of
Action;

10. Decides to consider this question at its forty-sixth
session on the
basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General.