

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Rights of Refugees

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Human Rights

SUBMITTED BY: Ethiopia, Kuwait, South Africa, Italy, Greece, Republic of Congo, France, Rwanda

The Commission on Human Rights

1 *Acknowledging* that while Internally Displaced Persons are defined, no rights are directly granted
2 to them,

3 *Recognizing* the importance of protecting the rights of refugees and those internally displaced
4 during armed conflict and natural disasters,

5 *Bearing in mind* the need to enforce and ensure the continuing care for refugees, to strengthen
6 and expand the 1951 Geneva Convention, the 1967 Protocol, and the 2002 Global Consultations
7 on International Protection and the resultant Programme of Action to increase protection for the
8 internally displaced during armed conflicts and natural disasters,

9 *Calls* member states to consider supporting the recommendations that were made in Ethiopia
10 1996 Regional Conference on Assistance to refugees, Returnees, and Displaced Persons at
11 which issues of security were debated,

12 *Notes* the humanitarian relief effort put forth by countries and Non-Governmental Organizations,

13 *Fully Aware* of the conditions in refugee camps that are in violation of basic human rights,

14 *Alarmed by* the lack of refugee care after voluntary repatriation,

15 *Noting* with regret that some refugee become victims of terror laws,

16 1. *Designates* Persons Internally and Externally Displaced (PIED) to include refugees and
17 Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's) under a common definition, guaranteeing equal
18 rights to both,

19 a. Refugees will remain its own definition

- 20 b. IDP's will remain its own definition
- 21 c. PIED is an all inclusive term
- 22 2. *Calls* for the expansion of the existing definition of refugees, as determined by the 1967
23 Convention, to include persons displaced within their homelands, due to human rights
24 violations such as:
- 25 a. Persecution by their home government on any basis including but not limited to
26 religious, gender, political, or ethnic discrimination,
- 27 b. Other violations as described by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
- 28 3. *Recommends* that the refugee burden must be a shared responsibility among the countries
29 of origin, asylum and donor states;
- 30 4. *Invites* all nations to fully promote and contribute to the voluntary repatriation and
31 reintegration of refugees to their homeland;
- 32 5. *Urges* all nations to ensure that legitimate PIED not considered as threat to any national
33 security;
- 34 6. *Encourages* programs to aid PIED in areas such as: education, health, sanitation, and
35 violence;
- 36 7. *Desires* the cooperation of NGO's and governments to increase international awareness
37 of the plight of PIED.

Final Vote: 27 in favor / 2 opposed / 6 abstentions