

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: The Rights of Refugees

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Human Rights

SUBMITTED BY: Guinea, Ghana, Turkmenistan, South Africa, Nigeria, the Netherlands, Rwanda

The Commission on Human Rights

1 *Recognizing* the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol as
2 the framework for the current refugee system,

3 *Acknowledging* that having the same organization to report and to protect presents a conflict of
4 interests,

5 *Recalling* that protection of refugees includes, but is not limited to, providing basic needs such as
6 food, shelter, clothing, water, basic safety, medical care, and sanitation as stated in the 1951
7 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees,

- 8 1. *Encourages* Non-Governmental Organizations to work more closely together in order to
9 better inform and share information with the United Nations High Commissioner for
10 Refugees reporting body;
- 11 2. *Invites* existing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and regional organizations to
12 attend a Conference on Refugee Cooperation in Accra, Ghana - the first annual meeting,
13 the country of the conference will change annually - for the purpose of discussing the
14 implementation of the reporting procedures. This conference would be a time for NGOs
15 to coordinate their efforts, establish the new reporting procedure, and make
16 recommendations for implementation of this system;
- 17 3. *Endorses* the establishment of a Global Network of NGO's for Refugee Rights. This
18 group would consist of non-partisan and privately funded NGOs, charged with the duty
19 of reporting on a regular and consistent basis. These NGOs should also attend the
20 Annual Conference on Refugee Cooperation;
- 21 4. *Recommends* that the NGOs at these conferences report their plan for action in the future
22 to the next session of the United Nations Commission of Human Rights with an outline
23 of their reporting procedure, a sample report, and a summary of the discussions and

- 24 agreements made at the Conference on Refugee Cooperation;
- 25 5. *Encourages* the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to adopt these reports as a
26 permanent item on their agenda;
- 27 6. *Further recommends* that this body should also report back to the UNCHR with their
28 reports as they are completed and report to all relevant countries along with a submitted
29 report to the UNCHR and countries;
- 30 7. *Emphasizes* that this reporting body agenda will include:
- 31 a. Existence and conditions of refugee camps with respect to basic needs and human
32 rights abuses;
- 33 b. Political climate of both the home country and the host country in regards to a
34 safe environment;
- 35 c. Identify when areas of the country are designated safe for encouraged voluntary
36 refugee repatriation;
- 37 d. Determination of which countries are most in need of assistance, either monetary,
38 human resource, or donations.

Final Vote: 25 in favor / 2 opposed / 11 abstentions