



American Model United Nations

## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNHCR/II/7

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Strengthening UNCHR Repatriation Operations

SUBMITTED TO: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

SUBMITTED BY: Cambodia, South Africa

### *The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

1 *Applauding* those Member States that are able to support large numbers of  
2 refugees and asylum seekers, and have continuously done so,  
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4 *Acknowledging* the work of the UNHCR in decreasing the number of refugees  
5 internationally, with the majority of refugees returning to their country of origin through  
6 voluntary repatriation,  
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8 *Mindful* of the need for the international community to assume a greater role with  
9 regard to burden sharing through financial and humanitarian effort,  
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11 *Realizing* the importance of durable solutions to refugees, and the augmented role  
12 of the UNHCR and its programs in decreasing the number of refugees worldwide in the  
13 last four years,  
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15 *Recognizing* the effort of the Working Group on Resettlement, a body established  
16 to foster and enhance common efforts on relocation,  
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18 *Expressing* concern for the problems associated with insufficient security  
19 pertaining to refugees, and the lack of protection guarantees, such as refoulement, that  
20 often follows,  
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22 *Recognizing* that resettlement is an option for only a small amount of refugees,  
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24 *Noting* the increasing number of refugees forced into refoulement and the  
25 accompanying negative political and economic effects,  
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27 *Reaffirming* the definition of refugee as articulated by 1951 refugee conventions,  
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29 1. *Invites* the UNHCR and Member States to encourage additional countries,  
30 provided they have the resources and consent to accept refugees and asylum seekers;  
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32           2. *Urges* multilateral efforts in the international community, along with United  
33 Nations Commissions and regional organizations, to employ new programs to further  
34 increase global burden sharing;

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36           3. *Calls upon* member states and the UNHCR to work together in order to  
37 guarantee the safety and ongoing protection of refugees, including post-return monitoring  
38 and safe passage to a third country;

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40           4. *Recommends* the UNHCR create multilateral agreements with commitments to  
41 address the protection and needs of refugee groups including, but not limited to,  
42 comprehensive plans of action;

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44           5. *Stresses* the importance of broadening the strategic use of resettlement in order  
45 to make resettlement a viable option for more refugees, including those in protracted  
46 refugee situations, and in situations where repatriation is not an option;

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48           6. *Discourages* of the use of unilateral forced repatriation, also called  
49 refoulement, to move refugees back to areas where they will again face persecution.

Passed, Yes: 28 / No: 1 / Abstain: 10