

FORUM: The Special Council

QUESTION OF: Measures to alleviate the refugee crisis in Europe

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The Special Council (SPC),

Recalling various previous refugee-related international agreements, resolutions, and treaties, and the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner (UNHCR) for Refugees since its establishment by the General Assembly,

Expressing deep concern of the increase of people being forcibly displaced owing to, inter alia, conflict, persecution, natural disaster, and violence, including terrorism, is increasing, especially after the outbreak of the 2022 Ukraine Crisis,

Aware that, despite the unprecedented generosity of host countries, member states, and donors, the gap between demand and humanitarian funding continues to grow due to the aforementioned factors of concern, and recalling in this context the need for shared responsibilities and efforts,

Acknowledging the importance of providing cultural orientation and language as well as access to education and employment to help refugees to resettle,

Reaffirming the purpose and the objectives of the Charter of the United Nations regarding the progressive relationship and consistent development of friendly and egalitarian relations among nations, catalyzing firm cooperation in solving international economic, social, cultural, and humanitarian problems whilst promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms in a global scale,

Recognizing that the greatest share of the refugees and other persons of concern to the United Nations is hosted by LEDCs, with the majority of them being women and children,

1. Encourages the Member States and the Office of the High Commissioner to work in partnership and full cooperation with relevant national authorities, United Nations offices and agencies, international and intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the development of humanitarian response capacities at all levels including, but not limited to:
 - a. encouraging open dialogue and active engagement between Member States and the aforementioned relevant national authorities include but not limited to:
 - i. facilitate European-targeted forums annually for Member States to share their perspectives and ideas with the aforementioned relevant national authorities on various refugee-based issues, and encourage active participation from all members in European countries,
 - ii. provide both international and European-based regional platforms for Member States, the Office of the High Commissioner, and aforementioned relevant

- national authorities to engage in dialogue through meetings, summits, and conferences;
 - b. developing cooperation and partnership with each Nation's government to focus on global and regional issues through annual conferences, to foster collaborations through the communication between Member States in issues including, but not limited to:
 - i. Security/conflict-based refugee issues,
 - ii. Environmental-based refugee issues,
 - iii. Economic-based refugee issues,
 - iv. Ordinary internally displacement-based issues and other issues of the group of concern;
 - c. suggests all governments from Member States to increase funding and cooperation with intergovernmental organizations including:
 - i. the UNHCR and UNICEF, to enhance the provision of humanitarian assistance, protection, and settlement to refugees in Europe;
- 2. Demands necessary improvements to be made in the transportation, treatment, and living conditions of refugees to prevent any deaths, injuries, and illnesses by aggregating UN-sponsored appraisal panel to assess for shortcomings in nations' handling of refugees, and informing relevant authorities of necessary changes;
- 3. Recommends the implementation of methods to alleviate financial stress on refugees through approaches including but not limited to:
 - i. encouraging national governments or state banks to provide special long-term low-interest loans to refugees to support their settlement, provide for families, and seek employment, in ways including, but not limited to:
 - ii. given they meet certain standards and pass evaluation,
 - iii. subject to legal action if loans are not returned;
 - b. creating accessible jobs that provide refugees with sufficient income including but not limited to:
 - i. reserved available temporary job slots with weekly wage payments,
 - ii. reserved available temporary job slots with multiple candidates and assisting positions;
 - c. incentivizing charities to support refugees in their host countries, to reduce pressure on governments in handling the issue by contributing to charity organizations;
- 4. Promotes the engagement of NGOs in providing a compressive and congruent system for solving global, multinational, and multidisciplinary refugee issues, along with supplying further safety and health support to by measures including, but not limited to:
 - a. providing more secured shelters and temporary infrastructure that can have basic needed supplies including but not limited to:
 - i. basic furniture,
 - ii. cooking utensils,
 - iii. water, electricity, and sanitation;
 - b. promoting engagement with NGOs to increase the number of available skilled medical practitioners, to be further trained to aid the safety of the migration process, including but not limited to:

- i. Doctors Without Borders (MSF),
 - ii. International Rescue Committee,
 - iii. International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies,
 - iv. World Health Organization (WHO),
 - v. Emergency Nutrition Network;
 - c. providing NGOs and other aforementioned relevant national authorities with financial and technological assistance on projects that collide with the 2030 SDGs and all topics and areas under the large banner of the refugee crisis in Europe, in measures including but not limited to:
 - i. defining and clarifying the boundaries between the rights of NGOs and relevant national authorities and the autonomous right of countries to the internal affairs of foreign countries,
5. Calls upon European nations to ensure that the refugees can integrate with host communities easily and help smooth transitions through ways including, but not limited to:
- a. providing employment opportunities to make them independent in making living through means including, but not limited to:
 - i. Employment Pathways hosted by UNHCR,
 - ii. Career Pathways hosted by RSS (Refugee Social Services);
 - b. promoting the integration of refugees to adapt to the new environment and involving them in participation in community activities,
 - c. urges the United Nations and all Member States to emphasize the importance of diversity and inclusiveness in decision-making processes, recognizing that diverse perspectives and experiences are necessary for effective and equitable decision-making through ways including, but not limited to:
 - i. establishing educational workshops aimed to cultivate future leadership targeting the refugee groups,
 - ii. creating an online database for educational courses and resources;
 - d. fostering education, language training, vocational skills development, and social support, to enable refugees to rebuild their lives and contribute to the societies they live in through collaboration with civil organizations to take initiatives to aid refugees in Europe, including but not limited to:
 - i. public-private partnerships,
 - ii. community sponsorship programs,
 - iii. digital platforms for refugee resettlement and integration;
6. Urges all member states, the UNHCR, and partners to effectively provide and facilitate further support for nations in different situations, enabling them to build and expand the capacity of national-level systems to protect persons; primarily refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and internally displaced groups; and for communities hosting them, as well as support for durable solutions and emergency response that could be further implemented, consistent with the principles of burden and responsibility-sharing, whilst considering the importance of national ownership and leadership;
7. Encourages the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat (OCHA) to enhance the coordination, effectiveness, and efficiency of humanitarian measures and to contribute, in consultation with States, as appropriate, to make further progress

towards common humanitarian needs assessments, through ways including, but not limited to:

- a. delivering emergency response supplies to support the refugees including but not limited to:
 - i. packaged food with a persistent and extended expiration date,
 - ii. health care nutrition pack / Nutrition Specialist Course & Exam Package,
 - iii. carbohydrate Supplement;
 - b. strengthening the current marine search and rescue capabilities,
 - c. protecting existing humanitarian corridors and ensuring the safety of refugees;
8. Advocates the exploration of possible safe and consensual approaches to return refugees to their source nations:
- a. seeking governmental cooperation between the host and source countries,
 - b. asking international organizations to coordinate and overlook the process,
 - c. prioritizing and ensuring the non-refoulment of refugees.