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THE SITUATION PERTAINING TO REFUGEES IN CENTRAL AMERICA  
AND REGIONAL EFFORTS TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1990)

WHEREAS:

Special attention has been given to the situation pertaining to refugees in the region who, by virtue of international instruments that are universal and regional in scope and the 1984 Declaration of Cartagena on Refugees, have received protection and assistance in several member countries of the Organization, and notably, some of the Central American countries and Mexico;

Building firm and lasting peace in Central America requires putting an end to the problem of the refugees and displaced persons, without which peace will be threatened;

Those mechanisms that have been put into operation in aid of the voluntary repatriation of refugees in Central America, with the participation or sponsorship of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, need to be underscored;

The role played by the nongovernmental organizations, to which a new appeal is made to join in the efforts of governments to maximize the effectiveness of actions in support of uprooted populations, should be especially noted;

In like manner, the studies conducted by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, under the cooperative program established in 1982, should be taken into account,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm its confidence that the states of the region will continue to coordinate efforts to find solutions within their reach, in support of the refugees, with full respect for their right of return, the voluntary character of repatriation, the principle of non-refoulement, and observance of the conditions of international protection and assistance they enjoy in the countries in which they are given sanctuary.

2. To recognize the multilateral efforts in aid of the voluntary repatriation of the refugees which the governments of the region that have been affected have been making, with the participation of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to request that Office to continue to provide international financial support to the voluntary repatriation programs.

3. To solemnly urge the international community to participate in the International Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of CIREFCA and to contribute the necessary resources to enable the countries affected to continue to implement any plans and priority proposals presented.

4. To express its satisfaction with the work carried out under the Cooperation Program between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Organization of American States, and to thank the General Secretariat, and especially, the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, for collaborating in such work.