

Resolution 177 (1960)¹

Reply to the Eighth Report on the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Having studied the Eighth Report on the activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts made by the Office of the High Commissioner in a wide variety of fields and the extent of his achievement;

Aware of the numerous difficulties of implementing the High Commissioner's programmes;

Recalling its [Resolution 167](#) of 24th April 1959 urging the Council of Europe to contribute to World Refugee Year;

Recalling its [Recommendation 228](#), of 21st January 1960, on Hungarian refugees in Austria and refugee seamen;

1. Thanks the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for regularly submitting detailed reports on his activities;
2. Expresses its gratitude for his untiring efforts and manifold activities on behalf of the refugees for whom he is responsible;
3. Fully supports his proposals for the resettlement of "handicapped" refugees and, in particular, of the physically handicapped;
4. Decides that its members shall make representations to their respective Governments and Parliaments with a view to;
 - a. inducing all member States of the Council of Europe to accede to the principal Conventions affecting the legal status of refugees;
 - b. securing new facilities for refugees in respect of the issue of visas, residential permits, working permits and social benefits;
 - c. ensuring more flexible criteria for the admission of refugees, enabling a greater number of handicapped persons to be resettled;
 - d. providing the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the funds needed to enable him to assist refugees for whom he is responsible;
 - e. making an effective contribution to the success of World Refugee Year.

1. Assembly debate on 28th April 1960 (6th Sitting) (see [Docs. 1059](#) Docs. 1059, Eighth Report of U.N.H.C.R., and [Doc. 1108](#), Report of the Committee on Population and Refugees). Text adopted by the Assembly on 28th April 1960 (6th Sitting).

