

Resolution: Following is the text of the resolution adopted by a plenary meeting of the Assembly on agenda item 28 on October 23, 1953 by a vote of 47 in favour (including Canada) to 5 against, with 3 abstentions (Docs. A/RESOLUTION/117 and A/2523):

"The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 319 (IV) of 3 December 1948 and 428 (V) of 14 December 1950, by which the Assembly decided to establish the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and adopted the Statute governing the operation of that Office.

Considering the continuing need for international action on behalf of refugees,

Considering the valuable work which has been performed by the Office of the High Commissioner both in providing international protection for refugees and in promoting permanent solutions for their problems,

1. Decides to continue the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for a period of five years from 1 January 1954 on the basis of the Statute of the Office contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 428 (V);

2. Decides to review, not later than at the twelfth regular session of the Assembly, the arrangements for the Office of the High Commissioner with a view to determining whether the Office should be continued beyond 31 December 1958;

3. Decides that the High Commissioner shall be elected for a period of five years from 1 January 1954, and that the High Commissioner shall appoint a Deputy High Commissioner of a nationality other than his own."

NOTE: - Following upon the adoption of A/RESOLUTION/117, the General Assembly at its 454th plenary meeting on October 25, 1953, on the nomination of the Secretary-General in accordance with chapter III, paragraph 13, of the Statute, elected Mr. G. J. van Heuven Goedhart (Netherlands) to the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Mr. van Heuven Goedhart has served in this capacity since January 1, 1951.

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