

that, although the movement of migrants should as far as possible be effected by the normal commercial shipping and air transport services, co-ordination in this field is necessary in order to enable the movement of the largest possible number of migrants by those services, and furthermore to ensure that the I.R.O.'s present shipping facilities are applied to the extent necessary to secure an additional movement of migrants;

that steps should be taken to provide transport facilities for such refugees as may desire and have the opportunity to emigrate from overpopulated countries; and

that, consequently, provisional intergovernmental arrangements between the democratic governments which adopt or may hereafter adopt this resolution are necessary in order to move persons who are attached to the principles to which these governments subscribe and who desire to emigrate to overseas countries where their services can be utilized in conformity with generally accepted international standards of employment and living conditions, with full respect for human rights; and

AGREE

(1) to constitute a "Provisional Intergovernmental Committee for the Movement of Migrants from Europe";

(2) that the purpose of the Committee will be to make arrangements for the transport of migrants, for whom existing facilities are inadequate and who could not otherwise be moved, from certain European countries having surplus population to countries overseas which offer opportunities for orderly immigration, consistent with the policies of the countries concerned;

(3) that the terms of reference of the Committee will be:

(a) to provide and arrange for land, sea and air transportation, as required;

(b) to assume responsibility for the charter of such ships operated under auspices of the I.R.O. as may be required;

(c) to co-ordinate a shipping programme utilizing commercial shipping facilities to the maximum extent possible and the chartered ships transferred from the I.R.O. to secure those movements for which commercial facilities are inadequate;

(d) to take such actions as may be directly related to these ends, taking account of such national and international services as are available;

(e) to take such other actions as will be necessary and appropriate to discharge the foregoing functions;

(4) that among the migrants with whom the Committee will be concerned are included refugees and new refugees for whose migration arrangements may be made between the Committee and the Governments of the countries affording asylum;

(5) that membership in the Committee will be open to governments with a demonstrated interest in the principle of the free movement of persons and which undertake, subject to approval by the proper governmental authorities, to make a financial contribution to the Committee, the amount of which will be agreed to by the Committee and by the government concerned;

(6) that the Committee will elect its own officers, establish its Rules of Procedure, establish such sub-committees as it may decide (including an inter-governmental sub-committee on the co-ordination of transport), and exercise the powers required to carry out its purpose;