

Briefing paper - Human Rights Committee

Topic: The issue of mistreatment of refugees

Concerned that refugees are overly stigmatised when seeking asylum, affecting their ability to adapt into a new environment

Affirms the importance of member states taking a more active stance in the protection of refugees

Recognising that 108.4 million people worldwide are forcibly displaced from their homes

Suggesting the creation of an independent organisation which aims to prioritise the needs of refugees

<u>The UN:</u>

- 1. <u>Calls upon member states to:</u>
 - a) provide accommodation for refugees upon arrival
 - b) aim to process applications for asylum within 12 months
 - c) ensure individuals under the age of 18 have access to the education system available
- 2. <u>Demands</u> the creation of an organisation of the UN known as F.L.E.E. which:
 - a) aims to achieve a more sustainable distribution of refugees between member states
 - b) introduces a task force which aims to protect refugees on international waters
- 3. <u>**Recommends**</u> sanctions be placed upon member states or responsible parties that refuse to accept refugees within their capacity