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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/61/436)]

61/137. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office¹ and the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its fifty-seventh session² and the conclusions and decisions contained therein,

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2. *Welcomes* the important work undertaken by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and its Executive Committee in the course of the year, and notes in this context the adoption of the conclusion on women and girls at risk and the conclusion on identification, prevention and reduction of statelessness and protection of stateless persons,³ which are aimed at strengthening the international protection regime, consistent with the Agenda for Protection,⁴ and at assisting Governments in meeting their protection responsibilities in today's changing international environment, including by promoting the

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4. *Notes* that sixty-two States are now parties to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons⁷ and that thirty-three States are parties to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness,⁸ encourages States that have not done so to give consideration to acceding to these instruments, notes the work of the High Commissioner in regard to identifying stateless persons, preventing and reducing statelessness, and protecting stateless persons, and urges the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to work in this area in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and Executive Committee conclusions;

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7. *Emphasizes* that prevention and reduction of statelessness are primarily the responsibility of States, in appropriate cooperation with the international community;

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¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/61/12).*

² *Ibid., Supplement No. 12A (A/61/12/Add.1).*

³ *Ibid.*, chap. III, sects. A and B.

⁴ *Ibid., Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 12A (A/57/12/Add.1), annex IV.*

⁷ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 360, No. 5158

⁸ *Ibid.*, vol. 989, No. 14458.