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Research Report on measures to accommodate refugees and internally displaced persons.

The issue of accommodation of refugees and internally displaced people is a long-lasting concern for the UN. According to the UNHCR at the end of 2021 there were 89.3 million forcibly displaced people worldwide “as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations or events seriously disturbing public order”, 53.2 million of which are internally displaced people, 27.1 million are refugees, and 36.5 million are children ("Refugee Data"). This is a clear violation of various human rights, seen as “Everyone has the right to freedom from fear. Everyone has the right to seek asylum from persecution. These human rights don’t change based on race, religion, sex or nationality” ("Human lives").

The number of forcibly displaced people worldwide began to rapidly increase in 2012, however it has worsened because of Russian invasion of Ukraine. Even though this invasion is extremely relevant to the issue the officer team urges delegates to target this issue holistically, and not only focus on this crisis. For example, as of the end of 2021, there has been a large number of internally displaced people in countries like Central African Republic, the Darfur region of Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Belarus, and Libya because of intercommunal violence, but also lack of basic resources due to droughts and other natural disasters ("2021 Year"). These countries should aim to have an active role in debate.

Moreover, as of 2021 69% of “all refugees under UNHCR’s mandate” originate from: Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, and Myanmar ("Refugee Data"). In the same manner 38% of refugees are hosted by the following five countries, in order: Turkey,

Colombia, Uganda, Pakistan, and Germany ("Refugee Data"). These statistics are coherent with the statistic that 72% of refugees are hosted in neighboring countries ("Refugee Data").

Finally, to build preambulatory clauses on this resolution, delegates are encouraged to use UNHCR website to find statistics on this issue, and also reference the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. To construct operative clauses, delegates should first search for their countries position and previous action on this issue, if for some reason this cannot be found it is recommended to find the position and possible solution imposed by the countries referenced in this officer report and consider whether these are coherent for your delegation.

Works Cited

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