



Executive Committee of the UNHCR

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Resolution 1

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Emphasizing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, specifically on Article 15 of that states that everyone has the right to nationality,

Guided by what Article 1 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons establishes the definition of a stateless as someone who is not considered as a national by any state under the operation of its law,

Bearing in mind that statelessness is still a widespread problem today affecting the development of many communities,

Acknowledging the existence of over 10 million stateless individuals in the world,

Alarmed by the increasing numbers of stateless individuals due to the Syrian refugee crisis,

Noting with regret that 27 countries still have discriminatory laws in their constitutions,

1. *Proclaims* to ease the process of getting citizenship by reducing resident requirements and implementing for stateless persons;

2. *Requests* for issue de facto stateless persons with special permission for residence, so they can work legitimately, access health services until their situation with citizenship is fully resolved;

3. *Recommends* the Member States to set up the institution of ombudsman in the states which lack the one;

4. *Requests* a compulsory child registration and a naturally-obtained citizenship for everyone born in the countries that are most vulnerable to the problem, despite discrimination by political, religious, racial and other reasons by:

- a. improving the procedure of registration at birth;

- b. child acquiring the nationality of the country he was born in, in case parents are of different nationalities and one of them is of nationality of the country;
- c. child acquiring the nationality of their parent, in case both parents are of the same nationality.