International Conference on the Reception and Integration of Resettled Refugees

Report on Next Steps

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- 1. The Executive Committee of the ICRIRR Steering Group will be meeting 28 April 2001 to begin the process of editing, finalising and distributing the final statement of principles.
- 2. A Proceedings Report will be drafted to include the vital information collected in the Rapporteur's Report Forms and all appropriate ICRIRR documents. This report will be provided to all participants and posted on the website of Integrationsverket.
- 3. The Swedish National Integration Office (Integrationsverket) will continue to make their website available to ensure that on-going dialogue can be fostered and relationships established between representatives of the resettlement countries at this conference and in the lead-up process, will be nurtured.
- 4. The Executive Committee will continue to function and plans to reconvene on 19 June prior to the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement, scheduled for 20-21 June 2001 in Geneva. In the interim, they will review progress and follow-up on the objectives, recommendations and conclusions of ICRIRR.
- 5. In this regard, the Executive Committee will also seek the means to facilitate the development of both formal and informal links and exchanges between the various resettlement countries; guide the development of the Integration Handbook according to the recommendations provided in the Rapporteur Report Forms; and continue to seek ways in which the reception and integration programmes of the resettlement countries can be strengthened.
- 6. The Executive Committee will begin discussions on ways in which the integration initiative might continue and the principles resulting from this conference be disseminated beyond the Annual Tripartite Consultations where appropriate, e.g. through possible inclusion in the agendas for the UNHCR Executive Committee, Standing Committee and Global Consultations.
- 7. Finally, the Executive Committee will explore the potential for convening future international conferences on the reception and integration of resettled refugees.

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