



# REFUGEE WAREHOUSING

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE, UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

RESOLUTION 05.48



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*It was resolved to:*

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- a) note that the 1951 Refugee Convention and the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees state that people fleeing persecution across international borders are entitled to certain protections. These include freedom from forcible return (refoulement), and basic employment, property and freedom of movement rights. These documents form the basis for the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and
- b) that seven million refugees are currently warehoused, confined and segregated in camps or settlements for periods of a decade or more, and divested of their basic rights. Sometimes warehousing situations have been in place for generations.

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- a) oppose the practice of warehousing refugees as an infraction of international refugee rights and a waste of human potential;
- b) endorse the international campaign to end the warehousing of refugees;
- c) support that the NCCA in its advocacy for an end to the practice of Refugee Warehousing;
- d) encourage members, congregations, groups and agencies of the Uniting Church to educate and advocate against the practice of refugee warehousing.