

1784 (XVII). The problem of Chinese refugees in Hong Kong

The General Assembly,

Considering that for humanitarian reasons refugees in various parts of the world require international assistance,

Recalling its resolution 1167 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which it recognized that the problem of the Chinese refugees in Hong Kong is of concern to the international community and pointed out the need for emergency and long-term assistance,

Appreciating the efforts of Member States, the Government of Hong Kong, certain non-governmental organizations and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in endeavouring to meet the needs of the refugees entering Hong Kong,

1. *Reaffirms* its concern over the situation of the Chinese refugees;

2. *Appeals* to the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and to interested non-governmental organizations to increase their contributions and to continue giving all possible aid to those refugees;

3. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to use his good offices, in agreement with the Governments of the countries concerned, to provide assistance to the Chinese refugees in Hong Kong.

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7 December 1962.*

1839 (XVII). Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Third Committee has adopted the preamble and article 1 of the draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum,

Having been unable to complete the consideration of the draft Declaration,

Decides to take up the item entitled "Draft Declaration on the Right of Asylum" as soon as possible at its eighteenth session and, at that session, to devote as many meetings as necessary to the completion of this item.

*1198th plenary meeting,
19 December 1962.*

1840 (XVII). Draft Convention on Freedom of Information; draft Declaration on Freedom of Information

The General Assembly,

Having made progress in the preparation of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information at its fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth sessions,

Bearing in mind that a draft resolution concerning the future organization of work on this subject was submitted to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session,⁹

Having been unable at its seventeenth session to consider the draft Convention and the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information, as well as the above-mentioned draft resolution,

⁹ *Ibid.*, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 45 and 47, document A/C.3/L.1048/Rev.1.

Decides to give priority to the items entitled "Draft Convention on Freedom of Information" and "Draft Declaration on Freedom of Information" and to devote, at its eighteenth session, as many meetings as necessary to the consideration of these items.

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1841 (XVII). Implementation of the Supplementary Convention of 1956 on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 4 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states:

"No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms",

Believing that slavery, the slave trade and all institutions and practices similar to slavery should be abolished.

Believing further that the participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies in the International Slavery Convention of 1926¹⁰ and the Final Act and Supplementary Convention of 1956 on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices similar to Slavery,¹¹ and the full implementation of these instruments, would constitute an important advance towards the achievement of this end,

Noting that as yet fifty-two States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies are not parties to the Convention of 1926, and that seventy-eight are not parties to the Supplementary Convention of 1956,

1. *Calls upon* those States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies which have not yet become parties to these Conventions to do so;

2. *Urges* all States parties to the Conventions to cooperate fully in carrying out their terms, in particular by furnishing to the Secretary-General, if they have not already done so, the information called for under article 8, paragraph 2, of the Supplementary Convention of 1956.

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1842 (XVII). Measures designed to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1572 (XV) of 18 December 1960 on measures designed to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples,

Taking note of the report on this subject submitted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Economic and Social Council,¹² as well as Council resolution 895 (XXXIV) of 27 July 1962 requesting the General Assembly to take such decision thereon as it may see fit,

¹⁰ Publications of the League of Nations, VI.B.Slavery, 1926.VI.B.7 (document C.586.M.223.1926.VI).

¹¹ United Nations publication, Sales No.: 57.XIV.2.

¹² Transmitted by a note of the Secretary-General (E/3638).

Bearing in mind that a draft declaration on the subject¹³ has been submitted to the General Assembly at its seventeenth session for consideration,

Having been unable to consider the item at its seventeenth session,

Decides to give priority to the item entitled "Measures designed to promote among youth the ideals of peace, mutual respect and understanding between peoples" and to devote, at its eighteenth session, as many meetings as possible to the consideration of this item.

*1198th plenary meeting,
19 December 1962.*

1843 (XVII). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights

A

The General Assembly

1. *Decides* to request the Economic and Social Council to refer to the Commission on Human Rights all the proposals relating to an article on the rights of the child, together with the records of the discussion thereon at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, for a thorough study, taking into consideration all the legal implications of including such an article in the draft Covenants;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to send to the Governments of Member States and to the specialized agencies the documents mentioned in paragraph 1 above so that they may submit their comments thereon to the Commission on Human Rights;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to report on its deliberations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session.

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19 December 1962.*

B

The General Assembly,

Having regard to the forthcoming discussion by the Third Committee of the articles on the implementation of the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Considering that the question of implementation raises a number of issues which are urgently in need of clarification,

Noting that the Secretary-General's annotations¹⁴ on the texts of the draft International Covenants on Human

¹³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 83, document A/C.3/L.1051.

¹⁴ *Ibid.*, *Tenth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 28 (part II), document A/2929.

Rights submitted by the Commission on Human Rights in 1952 need to be brought up to date,

Believing that such clarification is necessary to facilitate an effective discussion of the problem of implementation,

Mindful of the fact that since 1952 the membership of the United Nations has more than doubled and that not all Governments of Member States have had an opportunity to participate in the drafting of the articles on implementation,

Convinced of the desirability that all Member States have before them a systematic account of all proposals and suggestions concerning measures of implementation and a review of the important issues involved,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with a view to clarifying the main issues involved in the implementation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, to prepare an explanatory paper bringing his annotations up to date in the light of the developments that have taken place since the publication of that document in 1955;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to forward the explanatory paper by 1 May 1963 to the Governments of Member States in order that they may send to him any observations thereon by 30 July 1963;

3. *Invites* the Governments of all Member States to send to the Secretary-General the observations referred to in paragraph 2 above, within the time-limit prescribed therein;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the explanatory paper to the General Assembly at its eighteenth session, together with such observations of Governments thereon as he may receive.

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C

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Third Committee has adopted articles 2 to 5 of the draft Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and articles 3 and 5 of the draft Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

Considering however that the Committee has been unable to complete its consideration of the general provisions, the measures of implementation and the final clauses relating to the two draft Covenants,

Decides to give priority, at its eighteenth session, to the consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights.

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