

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to apprise the Economic and Social Council, at its second regular session of 1987, of the implementation of the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-second session.

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41/142. Implementation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁷¹ based on the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly proclaimed on 11 December 1969,

Recalling also its resolutions 2543 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 and 34/59 of 29 November 1979 on the implementation of the Declaration,

Recalling further its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 35/56 of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, 33/48 of 14 December 1978 on world social development, and 34/152 of 17 December 1979 and 37/54 of 3 December 1982 on the world social situation,

Convinced that international peace and security, on the one hand, and social progress and economic development, on the other, are closely interdependent and influence each other,

Bearing in mind that the ultimate aim of development is the constant improvement of the social situation of entire populations and ensuring their full participation in the process of development and the fair distribution of the benefits therefrom,

Reaffirming that social progress and development shall be founded on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and shall ensure the promotion of human rights and social justice,

Aware of the fact that, seventeen years after the adoption and proclamation of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, its main objectives, embodied also in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, which include, the elimination of unemployment, hunger, malnutrition and poverty, the eradication of illiteracy, the assurance of the right to universal access to culture, the provision of health protection for the entire population, the provision of free, universal education at the primary level and the promotion of human rights and social justice, have not yet been universally realized,

Recalling that the peoples of the United Nations expressed in the Charter of the United Nations their determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Fully conscious of the urgent need to intensify the efforts by the international community and the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to achieve the objectives set forth in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Reaffirms* the lasting validity and importance of the principles and objectives proclaimed in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development;

2. *Urges* all States and the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take the Declaration resolutely into consideration and, in their policies, plans, programmes and implementation machinery, to take increasingly into consideration, as far as they are concerned, the principles, objectives, means and methods of the Declaration;

3. *Urges* all Governments to take into account the provisions of the Declaration in their bilateral and multilateral relations in the field of development;

4. *Recommends* that international organizations and agencies concerned with development should consider the Declaration as an important international document in the formulation of strategies and programmes designed to achieve social progress and development, and that it be taken into consideration in the drafting of instruments that the United Nations may undertake in the field of social progress and development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a substantive report on possible ways and means of increasing the contribution of the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as far as they are concerned, to achieving the full realization of the principles and objectives contained in the Declaration and to submit it, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a draft framework of the above-mentioned substantive report and to submit it to the Commission for Social Development at its thirtieth session in order to allow the Commission to make suggestions in regard to the preparation of that report;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to continue to inform the General Assembly, in a summary form in annexes to the reports on the world social situation, of the measures adopted by Governments—not included in other reports provided on a regular basis—and by the international organizations concerned with a view to the realization of the provisions of the Declaration and the implementation of the present resolution.

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41/143. Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

The General Assembly,

Having considered, under the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council", the work of the Commission on Human Rights and the work now being done by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Mindful of the importance of the work being done by both the Commission and the Sub-Commission in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind, in particular, that the Sub-Commission is now in the final stage of its consideration of questions of great importance, such as those relating to the results achieved and the obstacles encountered during the first Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, the independence and the impartiality of the judiciary, juries

and legal advisers and the independence of lawyers, the status of the individual in present-day international law, the present dimensions of the problem of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief, the right to adequate food as a human right, and the right to leave any country, including one's own, and to return to one's country.

Convinced that it would be highly beneficial for the present members of the Sub-Commission to continue the work needed to complete those studies and to consider the final reports thereon at the forthcoming thirty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission, in 1987, since they have taken an active part in those studies and provided the necessary guidance to the special rapporteurs for the drafting of their reports,

Profoundly concerned by the fact that the thirty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission, which was to have been held in 1986, has been postponed until 1987 owing to the current financial situation of the United Nations,

Recalling that the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1985/28 of 11 March 1985,³⁰ endorsed the desirability of better continuity in the work of the Sub-Commission,

Recalling further that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1986/35 of 23 May 1986, established a new procedure for the election of the members of the Sub-Commission with the object of ensuring that continuity,

Bearing in mind that in 1949¹³¹ and 1956,¹³² as an exception, the mandates of the experts then serving on the Sub-Commission were extended,

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1987, decide:

(a) To extend the mandate of the present members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities for one year in order to ensure their participation in the thirty-ninth session of the Sub-Commission, to be held in 1987;

(b) To postpone until the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights, in 1988, the election of new members of the Sub-Commission scheduled to be held during the forty-third session of the Commission, in 1987, and to ensure that the election is governed by the procedure established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/35;

(c) That the Sub-Commission resulting from the election referred to in subparagraph (b) above should begin to exercise its mandate, in accordance with present practice, immediately following that election.

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41/144. Summary or arbitrary executions

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² which states that every human being has the right to life, liberty and security of person,

Having regard to the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,²² which states that every human being has the inherent right to life, that this right shall be protected by law and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life,

Recalling also its resolution 34/175 of 17 December 1979, in which it reaffirmed that mass and flagrant violations of human rights are of special concern to the United Nations and urged the Commission on Human Rights to take timely and effective action in existing and future cases of mass and flagrant violations of human rights,

Recalling further its resolution 36/22 of 9 November 1981, in which it condemned the practice of summary or arbitrary executions, and its resolutions 37/182 of 17 December 1982, 38/96 of 16 December 1983, 39/110 of 14 December 1984 and 40/143 of 13 December 1985,

Deeply alarmed at the continued occurrence on a large scale of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions,

Recalling resolution 1982/13 of 7 September 1982 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,¹³³ in which the Sub-Commission recommended that effective measures should be adopted to prevent the occurrence of summary or arbitrary executions,

Welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/50 of 25 May 1984, and the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty annexed thereto, which resolution was endorsed by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in its resolution 15,¹³⁴ as well as the ongoing work on summary or arbitrary executions within the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control,

Recognizing the need for closer co-operation between the Centre for Human Rights and the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in efforts to bring an end to summary or arbitrary executions,

Convinced of the need for appropriate action to combat and eventually eliminate the abhorrent practice of summary or arbitrary executions, which represents a flagrant violation of the most fundamental human right, the right to life,

1. *Strongly condemns once again* the large number of summary or arbitrary executions, including extra-legal executions, which continue to take place in various parts of the world;

2. *Demands* that the practice of summary or arbitrary executions be brought to an end;

3. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/35 of 7 May 1982, in which the Council decided to appoint for one year a special rapporteur to examine the questions related to summary or arbitrary executions;

4. *Also welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/36 of 23 May 1986, in which the Council decided to continue the mandate of the Special Rapporteur, Mr. S. A. Wako, for a further year and requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider the question of summary or arbitrary executions as a matter of high priority at its forty-third session;

5. *Urges* all Governments and all others concerned to co-operate with and assist the Special Rapporteur of the

¹³³ See E/CN.4/1983/4-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1982/43 and Corr.1, chap. XXI, sect. A.

¹³⁴ See *Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders*, Milan, 26 August-6 September 1985: report prepared by the Secretariat (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.86.IV.1), chap. I, sect. E.

¹³¹ E/1371, para. 13 (b).

¹³² E/2844, para. 122.