

1. *Commends* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the work it has done in connexion with the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to intensify its efforts to help the countries concerned to find suitable solutions to the problems relating to the return or restitution of cultural property and urges Member States to co-operate with that organization in this area;

3. *Invites* Member States to draw up, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, systematic inventories of cultural property existing in their territories and of cultural property abroad;

4. *Appeals* to all States to take adequate measures to prohibit and prevent the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property;

5. *Further appeals* to Member States to co-operate closely with the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation, particularly through bilateral agreements, in order to encourage the return or restitution of their cultural property;

6. *Invites once again* Governments to accede without delay to the Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, of 14 November 1970;

7. *Appeals* to Member States to encourage the mass information media and educational and cultural institutions to strive to arouse a greater and more general awareness with regard to the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to take the necessary measures to alert and mobilize international public opinion in favour of the return or restitution of cultural property to its countries of origin, in particular by mobilizing the United Nations information media for this purpose;

9. *Expresses the desire* that the second World Conference on Cultural Policies, to be held in 1982, will devote considerable attention to the question of the return or restitution of cultural property with a view to improving international cultural co-operation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the above considerations into account when preparing, in collaboration with the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the report which is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session in accordance with resolution 34/64.

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35/129. Problems of the elderly and the aged

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/52 of 14 December 1978 by which it decided to convene a World Assembly on the Elderly in 1982, as a forum to launch an international action programme aimed at guaranteeing economic and social security to older persons, as well as opportunities to contribute to national development,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/26 of 2 May 1980 concerning the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Recognizing that the question of aging is a complex one which is concerned with the aging individual as well as with the aging of populations,

Recalling, in particular, paragraph 3 of its resolution 33/52, in which it requested the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, a draft programme for the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Desiring that the World Assembly on the Elderly should result in societies responding more fully to the socio-economic implications of the aging of populations and to the specific needs of older persons,

Appreciating the leading role of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in preparing for the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Appreciating also the financial support of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities in the preparatory work for the World Assembly on the Elderly,

Stressing that the World Assembly on the Elderly is a significant event through which a long-term programme of action can be launched,

Having considered with satisfaction the report of the Secretary-General on the draft programme for the World Assembly on the Elderly,⁵²

1. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enable the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in close co-operation with the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, to undertake all the necessary preparatory and follow-up activities of the World Assembly on the Elderly;

2. *Adopts* the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council contained in its resolution 1980/26;

3. *Decides* to change the name of the World Assembly on the Elderly to the World Assembly on Aging in view of the interrelatedness of the issues of aging individuals and the aging of populations as defined by the Secretary-General's draft programme;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the World Assembly on Aging and to inform Member States of the existence of the fund;

5. *Appeals* to Member States to make in due time generous voluntary contributions to the Fund for the World Assembly on Aging;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to launch a campaign, as soon as possible, to establish an appropriate emblem for the World Assembly on Aging;

7. *Invites* the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to continue to provide financial support to the preparatory work for the World Assembly on Aging as well as to the implementation of the international programme of action which would result from the Assembly;

8. *Invites* Member States to consider establishing national committees for the World Assembly on Aging and to conduct activities at the national level along the lines of the Secretary-General's programme and in ways that are in conformity with the culture, customs and traditions of each country;

⁵² A/35/130.

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session an item entitled “World Assembly on Aging” and requests the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on the preparations for the World Assembly on Aging, including the report of the Advisory Committee for the World Assembly on Aging, whose establishment was recommended by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1980/26,⁵³ to be considered under this item.

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35/130. Human rights and scientific and technological developments

A

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the great importance of the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3384 (XXX) of 10 November 1975,

Considering that scientific and technological progress is a necessary prerequisite for accelerating social and economic development in all countries,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Seriously concerned that the results of scientific and technological progress could be used to the detriment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the dignity of the human person, international peace and security and social progress,

Recognizing that the establishment of the new international economic order calls in particular for an important contribution to be made by science and technology to economic and social progress, and also to the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Aware that the implementation of the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind will contribute to the strengthening of international peace and security and promote co-operation among States in the field of human rights and economic and social development of peoples,

1. *Stresses* the importance of implementing the provisions and principles contained in the Declaration on the Use of Scientific and Technological Progress in the Interests of Peace and for the Benefit of Mankind in order to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms under conditions of scientific and technological progress;

2. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations to take fully into account in their programmes and activities the provisions of the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, in its consideration of the item entitled “Human rights and scientific and technological developments”, to give special attention to the question of the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration;

⁵³ In resolution 1980/26 the Economic and Social Council recommended that the Advisory Committee should be composed of not more than twenty-three Member States appointed by the Chairman of the Third Committee. The Chairman subsequently informed the Secretary-General, by communications dated 30 June and 13 August 1981 (A/35/806 and Add.1), that he had appointed the following twenty-two States as members of the Advisory Committee: Benin, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, France, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Nigeria, Philippines, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Venezuela.

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report prepared on the basis of the information received from Member States regarding the implementation of the provisions of the Declaration;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled “Human rights and scientific and technological developments”.

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B

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/53 of 14 December 1978, in which it urged the undertaking by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of a study on the question of the protection of those detained on grounds of mental ill-health, with a view to formulating guidelines as a matter of priority, and requested a progress report on this question at its thirty-fifth session,

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 A (XXXIII) of 11 March 1977,⁵⁴ in which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to study the question of the protection of those detained on grounds of mental ill-health, with a view to formulating guidelines,

Taking note of resolution 6 (XXXII) of 5 September 1979 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁵⁵ in which the Sub-Commission requested a report from the Secretary-General on medical measures that might properly be employed in the treatment of persons detained on grounds of mental ill-health and procedures for determining whether adequate grounds exist for detaining such persons and applying such medical measures,

Taking note also of resolution 11 (XXXIII) of 10 September 1980 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁵⁶ in which one of its members, Mrs. Erica-Irene A. Daes, was entrusted with the task of elaborating and submitting to the Sub-Commission at its thirty-fourth session guidelines relating to procedures for determining whether adequate grounds existed for detaining persons on the ground of mental ill-health and principles for the protection of persons suffering from mental disorder, taking into account the views of Governments and specialized agencies,

Bearing in mind its resolution 34/168 of 17 December 1979 concerning the draft Code of Medical Ethics submitted by the World Health Organization to the General Assembly,

Concerned, in particular, at reports from several parts of the world of persons being detained in mental institutions on account of their political views and on other non-medical grounds,

Recalling that 1981 has been proclaimed by the United Nations as the International Year of Disabled Persons,

1. *Welcomes* the action taken by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to implement General Assembly resolution 33/53;

⁵⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI, sect. A.

⁵⁵ See E/CN.4/1350, chap. XVI, sect. A.

⁵⁶ See E/CN.4/1413 and Corr.1, chap. XVII, sect. A.