

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.

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to consider the draft guidelines related to procedures for determining whether adequate grounds exist for detaining persons on the grounds of mental ill-health and the draft principles for the protection of persons suffering from mental disorder requested in resolution 33/53, with a view to their being submitted to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session.

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35/131. Question of a convention on the rights of the child

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/166 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Question of a convention on the rights of the child", and 34/4 of 18 October 1979, entitled "International Year of the Child",

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolutions 20 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978,⁵⁷ 19 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979⁵⁸ and 36 (XXXVI) of 12 March 1980,⁵⁹ as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1978/18 of 5 May 1978 and 1978/40 of 1 August 1978 and Council decision 1980/138 of 2 May 1980,

Aware of the widespread interest during the International Year of the Child in working out an international convention on the rights of the child and of the important role the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund have to play in the subject-matter concerned,

Noting further progress in discussions on and in the elaboration of such a draft convention by the Commission on Human Rights,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the work so far accomplished and the spirit of co-operation in elaborating a convention on the rights of the child;

2. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council decision 1980/138 by which the Council authorized an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of one week prior to the thirty-seventh session of the Commission to complete the work on the draft convention;

3. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, at its thirty-seventh session, to continue to give high priority to the question of completing the draft convention on the rights of the child;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of a convention on the rights of the child".

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35/132. International Covenants on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 31/86 of 13 December 1976, 32/66 of 8 December 1977, 33/51 of 14 December 1978 and 34/45 of 23 November 1979,

⁵⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4* (E/1978/34), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

⁵⁸ *Ibid.*, 1979, *Supplement No. 6* (E/1979/36), chap. XXIV, sect. A.

⁵⁹ *Ibid.*, 1980, *Supplement No. 3* (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

Having noted the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁶⁰

Noting with appreciation that, following its appeal, more Member States have acceded to the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁶¹

Bearing in mind the important responsibilities of the Economic and Social Council in relation to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Noting with appreciation that during the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council in 1980 the Sessional Working Group on the Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights began consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 16, of the Covenant,

Recognizing the important role of the Human Rights Committee in the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol thereto,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the Human Rights Committee on its eighth, ninth and tenth sessions⁶² and expresses satisfaction at the serious and constructive manner in which the Committee is continuing to undertake its functions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights which have extended their co-operation to the Human Rights Committee when submitting their reports under article 40 of the Covenant and urges States parties which have not yet done so to submit their reports to the Committee as speedily as possible;

3. *Urges* States parties which have been requested by the Human Rights Committee to provide additional information to comply with that request;

4. *Takes note* of the fact that the Human Rights Committee is considering the question of the follow-up to its consideration of the reports of the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

5. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/24 of 2 May 1980 regarding the consideration of reports submitted under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

6. *Again invites* all States which have not yet done so to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as well as to consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

7. *Invites* the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to consider making the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant;

8. *Appreciates* that the Human Rights Committee continues to strive for uniform standards in the implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and of the Optional Protocol thereto, and emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties with their obligations under the Covenant;

⁶⁰ A/35/195.

⁶¹ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁶² *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/35/40).