

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,<sup>57</sup> 19 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979<sup>58</sup> and 36 (XXXVI) of 12 March 1980,<sup>59</sup> 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,

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

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

<sup>59</sup> *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,<sup>60</sup>

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

*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 sessions<sup>62</sup> 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;

<sup>60</sup> A/35/195.

<sup>61</sup> Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

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

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to keep the Human Rights Committee informed of the activities of the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and also to transmit the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee to these bodies;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report 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;

11. *Welcomes* the measures already taken by the Secretary-General to improve the publicity for the work of the Human Rights Committee and encourages the Committee to continue its consideration of this question;

12. *Urges* the Secretary-General to take all possible steps to ensure that the Division of Human Rights of the Secretariat is able to assist effectively the Human Rights Committee and the Economic and Social Council in the implementation of their respective functions under the International Covenants on Human Rights, taking into account General Assembly resolutions 3534 (XXX) of 17 December 1975 and 31/93 of 14 December 1976;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make appropriate arrangements, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 31/140 of 17 December 1976, for the holding of meetings of the Human Rights Committee in developing countries, and to report in this regard to the Assembly at its thirty-sixth session.

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### 35/133. International Year of Disabled Persons

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 31/123 of 16 December 1976, by which it proclaimed the year 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 32/133 of 16 December 1977, by which it established the Advisory Committee for the International Year of Disabled Persons, 33/170 of 20 December 1978 and 34/154 of 17 December 1979,

*Recalling further* resolution 2, entitled "Improving the situation of disabled women of all ages", adopted on 30 July 1980 by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,<sup>63</sup>

*Recognizing* that the International Year of Disabled Persons should promote the realization of the right of disabled persons to participate fully in the social life and development of their societies and to enjoy living conditions equal to those of other citizens, as well as an equal share in the improvements in living conditions resulting from social and economic development,

*Bearing in mind* the importance of co-ordination at the national, regional and international levels in the programming for the prevention of disability and the rehabilitation of disabled persons,

<sup>63</sup> See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

*Convinced* that the International Year of Disabled Persons should give the impulse for the establishment of a long-term world plan of action to follow up the activities of the Year.

*Recognizing* that the International Year of Disabled Persons should contribute to a greater awareness of the magnitude and complexity of the incidence of physical, sensorial and mental disabilities through, *inter alia*, effective public information activities,

*Having considered* the offer of the Government of Argentina<sup>64</sup> to act as host to the action-oriented international symposium of experts on technical assistance in the field of disability and technical co-operation among developing countries, to be convened during the International Year of Disabled Persons,

*Concerned* about the need to provide the secretariat of the International Year of Disabled Persons with the resources necessary for the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Year<sup>65</sup> and its follow-up,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the steps already taken in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons by Member States, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, and encourages them to intensify their action and co-ordination during the Year;

2. *Recommends* that, in their efforts to promote the full participation of disabled persons in all aspects of life, Member States and organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system should pay particular attention to the participation of disabled persons themselves and of their organizations in the activities undertaken in connexion with the International Year of Disabled Persons and its follow-up;

3. *Invites* Member States which have not yet done so to establish national committees or similar bodies for the International Year of Disabled Persons;

4. *Urges* Member States to give higher priority to development assistance projects in developing countries in the fields of rehabilitation services, technical aids and training of appropriate personnel, including disabled persons themselves;

5. *Welcomes* the voluntary contributions made by Governments to the International Year of Disabled Persons and appeals for further voluntary contributions to the Year;

6. *Decides* to accept the offer of the Government of Argentina to act as host in 1981 to the action-oriented international symposium of experts on technical assistance in the field of disability and technical co-operation among developing countries, to be held in conformity with the Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons;

7. *Requests* the regional commissions to formulate appropriate programmes for implementing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine the question of access to United Nations buildings, documents and information for persons with sensorial disabilities;

<sup>64</sup> See A/C.3/35/5.

<sup>65</sup> The Plan of Action for the International Year of Disabled Persons adopted by the General Assembly consists of the text appearing in paragraphs 57 to 76 of the annex to document A/34/158 and Corr.1, with the deletion of the phrase following the words "(see subpara. (i) below)" in paragraph 74 (c), of paragraph 74 (u), and of the words following the word "nationally" in paragraph 75 (b).