

1979, 35/197 of 15 December 1980, 36/154 of 16 December 1981, 37/171 and 37/172 of 17 December 1982 and 38/97 of 16 December 1983 concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights.

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,<sup>110</sup>

*Reaffirming* that regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights may make a major contribution to the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and that the exchange of information and experience in this field among the regions, within the United Nations system, may be improved,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;
2. *Expresses its thanks* to the specialized agencies, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental regional organizations which contributed to the preparation of that report;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the possibility of encouraging contacts between representatives of regional bodies and United Nations bodies entrusted with the promotion of human rights with a view to exchanging information and experience in this field;
4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, when considering the item on its agenda entitled "Advisory services in the field of human rights", to pay special attention to the most appropriate ways of assisting, at their request, the countries of the different regions under the programme of advisory services and to make, where necessary, the relevant recommendations;
5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session a report on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights and to include therein the results of action taken in pursuance of the present resolution;
6. *Decides* to consider this question further at its forty-first session.

*101st plenary meeting  
14 December 1984*

### **39/116. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian region**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 34/171 of 17 December 1979, 35/197 of 15 December 1980, 36/154 of 16 December 1981 and 37/171 of 17 December 1982,

*Having considered* the report of the Seminar on National, Local and Regional Arrangements for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asian Region, held at Colombo from 21 June to 2 July 1982,<sup>111</sup>

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights;<sup>112</sup>
2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the comments received from Member States in the Asian and Pacific region on the report of the Seminar on National, Local and Regional Arrangements for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asian Region;

3. *Invites* States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific that have not yet done so to communicate their comments on the report of the Seminar to the Secretary-General as early as possible so that further consultations may be held;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-first session, through the Economic and Social Council, on the responses received;

5. *Decides* to consider this question further at its forty-first session.

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### **39/117. Human rights and mass exoduses**

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of its general humanitarian mandate under the Charter of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Deeply disturbed* by the continuing scale and magnitude of exoduses of refugees and displacements of population in many regions of the world and by the human suffering of millions of refugees and displaced persons,

*Conscious* of the fact that human rights violations are among the multiple and complex factors causing mass exoduses of refugees, as indicated in the study of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on this subject,<sup>113</sup>

*Considering* the efforts which have been made to address this subject within the United Nations, in particular by the Commission on Human Rights,

*Deeply preoccupied* by the increasingly heavy burden being imposed upon the international community as a whole, particularly upon developing countries with limited resources of their own, by these sudden mass exoduses and displacements of population,

*Stressing* the need for international co-operation aimed at the prevention of new massive flows of refugees along with the provision of adequate solutions to actual refugee situations,

*Taking note again* of the report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses,<sup>114</sup>

*Recalling* its resolutions 35/196 of 15 December 1980, 37/186 of 17 December 1982 and 38/103 of 16 December 1983 and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 30 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980,<sup>115</sup> 29 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981,<sup>116</sup> 1982/32 of 11 March 1982<sup>117</sup> and 1983/35 of 8 March 1983,<sup>118</sup>

1. *Welcomes* the steps taken so far by the United Nations to examine the problem of massive outflows of refugees and displaced persons in all its aspects, including its root causes;

2. *Invites* Governments to intensify their co-operation and assistance in world-wide efforts to address the serious problem of mass exoduses of refugees and displaced persons;

3. *Welcomes* the special interest which the Secretary-General has taken in this question and reiterates its request to him to follow closely developments in the field of human rights and mass exoduses;

<sup>110</sup> A/39/570.

<sup>111</sup> A/37/422, annex.

<sup>112</sup> A/39/174-E/1984/38 and Add.1.

<sup>113</sup> E/CN.4/1503.

<sup>114</sup> A/38/538.

<sup>115</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3* (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

<sup>116</sup> *Ibid.*, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.

<sup>117</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

<sup>118</sup> *Ibid.*, 1983, Supplement No. 3 (E/1983/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVII, sect. A.