

national convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to do its utmost to complete consideration of the above-mentioned draft international convention at its twenty-third session ;

2. *Draws the attention* of the General Assembly to resolution 1 (XXII) of the Commission on Human Rights.

*1445th plenary meeting,  
5 August 1966.*

**1158 (XLI). Question of punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Noting* the part of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity,<sup>74</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 170 (II) of 31 October 1947 on extradition and punishment of war criminals, and General Assembly resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 on affirmation of the principles of international law recognized by the Charter of the Nürnberg Tribunal,

*Recalling* resolution 3 (XXI) of the Commission on Human Rights, in which the Commission expresses the conviction that the prosecution of, and punishment for, war crimes and crimes against humanity would prevent others from committing similar crimes, protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, promote confidence among peoples, and contribute to international peace and security,

*Recalling* its resolution 1074 D (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965, in which it urged all States to continue their efforts to ensure that, in accordance with international law and national laws, the criminals responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity should be traced, apprehended and equitably punished by the competent courts,

*Expressing* its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the study "Question of the non-applicability of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity",<sup>75</sup>

*Considering* that this study lends further support to the desirability of affirming, in international law, the principle that there is no period of limitation for war crimes and crimes against humanity,

*Considering* that the United Nations should take all possible action to affirm and implement such a principle of international law and to secure its universal application,

1. *Urges* all States to take any measures necessary to prevent the application of statutory limitation to war crimes and crimes against humanity, and to continue

their efforts to ensure the arrest, extradition and punishment of persons responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity, and to make available to other States any documents in their possession relating to such crimes ;

2. *Invites* all Governments of States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to inform the Secretary-General of the measures they have adopted in pursuance of paragraph 1 of this resolution, so that he may submit the report on those measures to the Commission on Human Rights at its twenty-third session ;

3. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to prepare, at its twenty-third session, as a matter of priority, a draft convention to the effect that no statutory limitation shall apply to war crimes and crimes against humanity, irrespective of the date of their commission, for consideration by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session and for adoption by the General Assembly at its twenty-second session, and to consider and make any further recommendations it believes desirable with a view to developing international co-operation in the prosecution and punishment of those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity ;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a preliminary draft for such a Convention to assist the Commission on Human Rights in its task and also to carry out a study as regards ensuring the arrest, extradition and punishment of persons responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity and the exchange of documentation relating thereto.

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**1159 (XLI). International Year for Human Rights: co-operation with regional intergovernmental bodies**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Desiring* to make use of all possible information and experience to advance the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, colour or religion,

*Recalling* its resolution 48 (IV) of 29 March 1947, in which it provides for co-operation between the Commission on the Status of Women and regional intergovernmental bodies in the field of women's rights,

*Invites* the Secretary-General to make arrangements for the presence of observers, as appropriate, from the Council of Europe, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, and from other regional intergovernmental bodies particularly concerned for human rights, at sessions of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and to arrange for the exchange of information between the Commission and these bodies on matters relating to human rights.

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<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

<sup>75</sup> E/CN.4/906.