

Considering, moreover, that the last meeting of the Sub-Commission was held in January 1950,

Resolves to invite the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its resolution 336 (XI) of 16 August 1950, with a view to including in its calendar of conferences for 1951 a session of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

314th plenary meeting,
1 December 1950.

420 (V). Report of the Economic and Social Council (Chapter V, section VII, part 2):⁵ proposal for a session in 1951 of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press

The General Assembly,

Considering it desirable that the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press should continue the study of the agenda items⁶ referred to it by the Economic and Social Council for consideration,

Resolves to invite the Economic and Social Council to reconsider its resolution 336 (XI) of 16 August 1950, with a view to including in its calendar of conferences for 1951 a session of the Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and of the Press.

314th plenary meeting,
1 December 1950.

421 (V). Draft International Covenant on Human Rights and measures of implementation: future work of the Commission on Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Appreciating the priority which, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 217 (III), the Commission on Human Rights during its 1949 and 1950 sessions gave to the preparation of a draft International Covenant on Human Rights and measures for its implementation,

Noting the decision⁷ of the Economic and Social Council at its eleventh session to transmit the draft Covenant together with the relevant documentation and records of the discussion in the Council to the General Assembly at its fifth session for consideration with a view to reaching policy decisions on the points listed in Economic and Social Council resolution 303 I (XI),

Considering it essential that the Covenant should include provisions rendering it obligatory for States to promote the implementation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Covenant and to take the necessary steps, including legislation, to guarantee to everyone the real opportunity of enjoying those rights and freedoms,

⁵ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifth Session, Supplement No. 3*, page 66.

⁶ See Economic and Social Council resolution 197 (VIII) and document E/1369-E/CN.4/Sub.1/98/Rev.1.

⁷ See Economic and Social Council resolution 303 I (XI).

Having considered the draft Covenant prepared by the Commission on Human Rights, particularly with reference to certain basic policies,

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1. *Commends* the Commission on Human Rights for the important work it has thus far accomplished;

2. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to continue to give priority in its work to the completion of the draft Covenant and measures for its implementation in order that the General Assembly may have before it at its sixth session the revised draft of this Covenant;

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3. *Considers:*

(a) That the list of rights in the first eighteen articles of the draft Covenant does not contain certain of the most elementary rights;

(b) That the present wording of some of the first eighteen articles of the draft Covenant should be improved in order to protect more effectively the rights to which they refer;

(c) That in the drafting of the Covenant account should be taken of the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and that these Purposes and Principles should be consistently applied and assiduously protected;

4. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to take into consideration in its work of revision of the draft Covenant:

(i) The views expressed during the discussion of the draft Covenant at the fifth session of the General Assembly and at the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, including those relating to articles 13 and 14 of the draft Covenant and, with a view to the addition in the draft Covenant of other rights, those relating to the rights set forth by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in document A/C.3/L.96 and Yugoslavia in document A/C.3/L.92;

(ii) The view, expressed during the discussion of the draft Covenant at the fifth session of the General Assembly and at the eleventh session of the Economic and Social Council, that it is desirable to define the rights set forth in the Covenant and the limitations thereto with the greatest possible precision;

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5. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to study a federal State article and to prepare, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its sixth session, recommendations which will have as their purpose the securing of the maximum extension of the Covenant to the constituent units of federal States, and the meeting of the constitutional problems of federal States;