

*Desirous however* of formulating promptly a widely acceptable final text of the draft Convention with a view to opening it for signature as soon as possible,

*Decides:*

1. To proceed, at its fourteenth session, to a discussion of the text of the draft Convention as formulated by the Committee on the Draft Convention on Freedom of Information,<sup>9</sup> established by the General Assembly in its resolution 426 (V) of 14 December 1950, giving special consideration to any new proposals that may be made;

2. To request the Secretary-General, in the light of the discussion in the Third Committee on this matter, to invite the Governments of States with which he communicated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 1189 A (XII) to transmit to him any comments, observations, suggestions, proposals or amendments concerning the text of the draft Convention on Freedom of Information and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fourteenth session.

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

### **1314 (XIII). Recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the right of peoples and nations to self-determination as affirmed in the two draft Covenants

<sup>9</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/AC.42/7, annex.*

completed by the Commission on Human Rights<sup>10</sup> includes "permanent sovereignty over their natural wealth and resources",

*Believing* it necessary to have full information at its disposal regarding the actual extent and character of this sovereignty,

1. *Decides* to establish a Commission composed of Afghanistan, Chile, Guatemala, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Sweden, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Arab Republic and the United States of America to conduct a full survey of the status of this basic constituent of the right to self-determination, with recommendations, where necessary, for its strengthening, and further decides that, in the conduct of the full survey of the status of the permanent sovereignty of peoples and nations over their natural wealth and resources, due regard shall be paid to the rights and duties of States under international law and to the importance of encouraging international co-operation in the economic development of under-developed countries;

2. *Invites* the regional economic commissions and the specialized agencies to co-operate with the Commission in its task;

3. *Requests* the Commission to report to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-ninth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Commission with the necessary staff and facilities.

*788th plenary meeting,  
12 December 1958.*

<sup>10</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Eighteenth Session, Supplement No. 7 (E/2573), annex I.*

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### ***Other decisions taken by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Third Committee***

#### **Draft International Covenants on Human Rights (item 32)**

At its 788th plenary meeting on 12 December 1958, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Third Committee<sup>11</sup> that the Assembly, at its fourteenth session, should give priority to the consideration of the draft International Covenants on Human Rights.

<sup>11</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 32, document A/4045, para. 92.*