

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 1978,⁵⁷ 19 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979⁵⁸ and 36 (XXXVI) of 12 March 1980,⁵⁹ 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,

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

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

⁵⁹ *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,⁶⁰

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

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 sessions⁶² 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;

⁶⁰ A/35/195.

⁶¹ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

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