

35/190. Voluntary fund of the United Nations for victims of gross and flagrant violations of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/174 of 20 December 1978, by which it established a United Nations Trust Fund for Chile as a voluntary fund to receive contributions and distribute humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons whose human rights have been violated in Chile,

Recalling also its resolution 34/176 of 17 December 1979,

Noting that all Governments have an obligation to respect and promote human rights, in accordance with the responsibilities they have undertaken under various international instruments,

Noting with concern that gross and flagrant violations of human rights take place in various countries,

Considering the plight of victims of gross and flagrant human rights violations wherever they take place,

1. *Decides* to request the Commission on Human Rights to study, at its thirty-seventh session, the possibility of extending the mandate of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile to receive voluntary contributions and further to study criteria for their distribution, through established channels of assistance, as humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons, not covered by the mandate of other existing United Nations trust funds, whose human rights have been grossly and flagrantly violated, to those who have been forced to leave their countries as a result of gross and flagrant violations of their human rights and to relatives of persons in the above-mentioned categories, and to report thereon to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1981;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session recommendations concerning the extension of the mandate of the existing United Nations Trust Fund for Chile to become a United Nations Trust Fund for Victims of Gross and Flagrant Violations of Human Rights.

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35/191. The right to education

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/170 of 17 December 1979 on the right to education,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, which recognizes the right of everyone to education,

Bearing in mind the importance of the Convention against Discrimination in Education,¹¹⁸ adopted on 14 December 1960 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

Reaffirming the paramount importance of the implementation of the right to education for the full development of human personality and for the enjoyment of other fundamental human rights and freedoms,

Convinced that the educational process could bring a substantial contribution to social progress, national development, mutual understanding and co-operation among peoples and to strengthening peace and international security,

Recalling that the establishment of the new international economic order requires effective support for the improvement and expansion of educational systems and for the training of specialized personnel and qualified cadres for the economic development of the developing countries,

Convinced of the topicality and urgency of provisions on education contained in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,¹¹⁹

Bearing in mind the valuable work of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the education and training of national personnel, as well as the importance of its contribution to the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Welcoming the recommendations adopted by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women on the importance of the non-discriminatory implementation of the right to education for the improvement of the status of women in general and of young women in particular,¹²⁰

Taking note with satisfaction of the interest shown by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 34/170,

1. *Invites* all States to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures, including material guarantees, in order to ensure the full implementation of the right to universal education through, *inter alia*, free and compulsory primary education, universal and gradually free-of-charge secondary education, equal access to all educational facilities and the access of the young generation to science and culture;

2. *Appeals* to States which have not yet done so to accelerate the procedure of ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and of the Convention against Discrimination in Education, and to States parties to those instruments and to other instruments in this field to put into effect systematically their provisions;

3. *Invites* all States to give all necessary attention to defining and determining in a more precise manner the means for implementing the provisions concerning the role of education in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Invites* all specialized agencies to co-operate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to ensure education a high priority in the implementation of various programmes and projects, in the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

5. *Appeals again* to all States, in particular the developed countries, to support actively through fellowships and other means, including the general in-

¹¹⁸ See sect. V, resolution 35/56, annex, sect. O.

¹²⁰ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I.

¹¹⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 429, No. 6193, p. 93.

creasing of resources for education and training, the efforts of the developing countries in the education and training of national personnel needed in industry, agriculture and other economic and social sectors;

6. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the report on the right to education prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 34/170;¹²¹

7. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to include in the consultation he will be holding with Member States and specialized agencies prior to the establishment of the draft medium-term plan for 1984-1989 such points as will enable him to meet the desires expressed by the General Assembly in paragraph 3 (b) and (c) of its resolution 34/170;

8. *Invites* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in the light of resolution 34/170, and of the experience of that organization in this field, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on the most appropriate measures to be taken by Member States, at the national and international levels, for the effective implementation of the right to education in the application of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade.

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35/192. Situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Guided by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹²²

Conscious of its responsibility to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Noting that all Governments have an obligation to respect and promote human rights in accordance with the responsibilities they have undertaken under various international instruments,

Bearing in mind resolution 19 adopted on 30 July 1980 by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,¹²³

Dismayed by reports of human rights violations in El Salvador and especially by the death of thousands of persons and the climate of repression and insecurity prevailing in the country, which favours terrorism by paramilitary groups and enables it to be engaged in with impunity,

Deeply shocked by the vile assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, a prestigious personality, outstanding for his defence of the human rights of the Salvadorian people, and by the persecution of Salvadorian figures such as Monsignor Arturo Rivera Damas, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of San Salvador,

¹²¹ A/35/148, annex.

¹²² Resolution 217 A (III).

¹²³ See *Report of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Copenhagen, 14-30 July 1980* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.80.IV.3 and corrigendum), chap. I, sect. B.

Gravely concerned about the unknown fate of many persons detained by the authorities,

Profoundly indignant at the assassination of Mr. Enrique Alvarez Córdova, President of the Revolutionary Democratic Front of El Salvador, as well as of five other members of the Executive Committee of that Front, perpetrated on 27 November 1980 in San Salvador,

Considering that the supply of arms and other military assistance will serve to aggravate the situation in that country,

1. *Expresses its deep concern* at the grave violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador;

2. *Deplores* the murders, disappearances and other violations of human rights reported in El Salvador and requests the Salvadorian authorities to take prompt action to curb the reprehensible activities of paramilitary groups;

3. *Urges* the Government of El Salvador to take the necessary steps to ensure full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country and to guarantee the safety of Monsignor Arturo Rivera Damas, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, whose life is in danger;

4. *Appeals* for a cessation of violence and for the establishment of full respect for human rights in El Salvador;

5. *Calls upon* Governments to refrain from the supply of arms and other military assistance in the current circumstances;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to examine, at its thirty-seventh session, the situation of human rights in El Salvador.

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35/193. Question of involuntary or enforced disappearances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/173 of 20 December 1978, entitled "Disappeared persons",

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 20 (XXXVI) of 29 February 1980,¹²⁴ Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/38 of 10 May 1979 and resolution 23 adopted on 30 July 1980 by the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women,¹²³

Convinced of the need to take appropriate action, in consultation with the Governments concerned, to promote the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/173 and other United Nations resolutions relevant to the plight of missing or disappeared persons,

Expressing again its emotion at the anguish and sorrow of the families of victims of involuntary or enforced disappearances,

1. *Welcomes* the establishment by the Commission on Human Rights of the working group which has been asked to examine questions relevant to involuntary or enforced disappearances of persons and to submit to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session a report on its

¹²⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*