

*Determined* to remain vigilant with regard to violations of human rights wherever they occur and to take measures to restore respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Recalling* that, in its resolutions 35/192 of 15 December 1980 and 36/155 of 16 December 1981, it expressed deep concern at the situation of human rights in El Salvador, especially in view of the death of thousands of people, the climate of violence and insecurity prevailing in that country and the impunity of paramilitary forces and other armed groups,

*Bearing in mind* Commission on Human Rights resolution 32 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981,<sup>128</sup> in which the Commission decided to appoint a Special Representative on the situation of human rights in El Salvador, and resolution 1982/28 of 11 March 1982,<sup>129</sup> whereby the Commission extended the mandate of the Special Representative for another year and requested him to report, *inter alia*, to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,

*Taking note* of resolutions 10 (XXXIV) of 9 September 1981<sup>130</sup> and 1982/26 of 8 September 1982<sup>126</sup> of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

*Taking note with grave concern* of the interim report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>131</sup> in which the unabated continuation of a climate of violence and insecurity in El Salvador with armed clashes, acts of terrorism and unbridled, large-scale and grave violations of human rights, as well as the failure of the judiciary to fulfil its duties to uphold the rule of law, are confirmed,

*Observing* that the elections which were held in El Salvador in March 1982 have not led to the cessation of violence or to any improvement in the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in that country,

1. *Expresses its deepest concern* at the continued and unbridled violations of human rights and at the resulting suffering of the Salvadorian people, and regrets that the appeals for the cessation of violence made by the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the international community in general have not been heeded;

2. *Again draws the attention* of all Salvadorian parties concerned to the fact that the rules of international law, as contained in article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949<sup>132</sup> on the laws of war, are applicable to armed conflicts not of an international character and requests all parties to the conflict to apply a minimum standard of protection of human rights and of human treatment to the civilian population;

3. *Notes* that the situation in El Salvador, as is clearly shown in the report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights, has its root causes in internal political, economic and social factors, and that conditions in El Salvador for the effective exercise of civil and political rights do not exist at present;

4. *Reaffirms* the right of the Salvadorian people freely to determine their political, economic and social future without interference from outside and in an atmosphere free from intimidation and terror from all parties;

5. *Regrets* that the Government of El Salvador has not responded to suggestions to initiate, through available channels, contacts to negotiate a peaceful settlement with all representative political forces in that country;

<sup>128</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1)*, chap. XXVIII, sect. A.

<sup>129</sup> *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12 and Corr.1)*, chap. XXVI, sect. A.

<sup>130</sup> See E/CN.4/1512-E/CN.4/Sub.2/495, chap. XX, sect. A.

<sup>131</sup> A/37/611, annex.

<sup>132</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

6. *Calls again upon* the parties in El Salvador to seek an end to all acts of violence in order to end the loss of life and the suffering of the people of El Salvador;

7. *Reiterates its appeal* to the Government and other political forces in El Salvador to work together towards a comprehensive negotiated political solution in order to bring about a peaceful settlement and appropriate conditions for the establishment of a Government through free and unhampered elections, in an atmosphere free from intimidation and terror;

8. *Reiterates its appeal* to all States to abstain from intervening in the internal situation in El Salvador and to suspend all supplies of arms and any type of military assistance, so as to allow the political forces in that country to restore peace and security and to permit the establishment of a democratic system;

9. *Strongly urges* the Government of El Salvador to fulfil its obligations towards its citizens and to assume its international responsibilities in this regard by taking the necessary steps to ensure that human rights and fundamental freedoms are fully respected by all its agencies, including its security forces and other armed organizations operating under its authority or with its permission;

10. *Urges* the judiciary in El Salvador to assume its obligation to uphold the rule of law and to prosecute and to punish those found responsible for assassinations, acts of torture and other forms of cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;

11. *Reiterates its appeal* to all Salvadorian parties concerned to co-operate fully and not to interfere with the activities of humanitarian organizations dedicated to alleviating the suffering of the civilian population, wherever these organizations operate in El Salvador;

12. *Calls again upon* the Government of El Salvador, as well as all other parties concerned, to continue to co-operate with the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights;

13. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session to continue to examine, as a matter of high priority, the situation in El Salvador on the basis of the report of its Special Representative;

14. *Decides* to keep under consideration, during its thirty-eighth session, the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in El Salvador, in order to examine this situation anew in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council.

*110th plenary meeting  
17 December 1982*

### 37/186. Human rights and mass exoduses

*The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of its general humanitarian mandate under the Charter of the United Nations and its mandate to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

*Deeply disturbed* by the increasing scale and magnitude of exoduses and displacements of populations in many regions of the world and by the human suffering of millions of refugees and displaced persons in all regions of the world,

*Conscious* that human rights violations are among the principal factors in the complex and multiple root causes of mass exoduses and displacements of population,

*Deeply preoccupied* by the increasingly heavy burden being imposed upon the international community as a whole,

and more particularly on developing countries with limited resources of their own, by these sudden and mass exoduses and displacements of population,

*Conscious* of its obligations towards the millions of victims of mass exoduses and of displacements of population, and of its dual responsibility, under the Charter, to provide adequate international protection and assistance to such victims and to eliminate or mitigate the root causes of this phenomenon,

*Recalling* its resolution 36/136 of 14 December 1981 on a new international humanitarian order,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/124 of 11 December 1980 and 36/148 of 16 December 1981 on international co-operation to avert new flows of refugees, 35/196 of 15 December 1980 on mass exoduses, and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 29 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981<sup>128</sup> and 1982/32 of 11 March 1982,<sup>129</sup>

*Recalling further* its resolution 32/130 of 16 December 1977 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 4 (XXXIII) of 21 February 1977<sup>133</sup> on the full realization of economic, social and cultural rights,

*Considering* the study on human rights and massive exoduses by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>134</sup>

1. *Commends* the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights for his study on human rights and massive exoduses;

2. *Renews* the invitation extended in Commission on Human Rights resolution 1982/32 to Governments, United Nations agencies or departments concerned, specialized agencies, international organizations and non-governmental organizations to communicate their views on the study and the recommendations contained therein to the Secretary-General;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the views expressed to date on the study and the recommendations contained therein by all interested parties—Governments, United Nations agencies or departments concerned, specialized agencies, international organizations and non-governmental organizations—together with those to be received in the mean time, are made available to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session and to the Group of Governmental Experts on International Co-operation to Avert New Flows of Refugees to facilitate their further consideration of the study and its recommendations;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session, and the Group of Governmental Experts, at meetings to be held pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/121 of 16 December 1982, to give careful consideration to those aspects of the study of the Special Rapporteur which fall within their respective mandates in the light of the views expressed by all interested parties;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue his examination of the recommendations contained in the study, taking into account the views of Governments and other interested parties, as enumerated in paragraph 3 above, the debates in the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session and the deliberations of the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session, and of the Group of Governmental Experts, and to report thereon to the Assembly at its thirty-eighth session in order to enable it to continue its consideration of this matter;

<sup>128</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI, sect. B.

<sup>134</sup> E/CN.4/1503.

6. *Decides* to review the question of human rights and mass exoduses at its thirty-eighth session.

*110th plenary meeting  
17 December 1982*

### 37/187. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution 36/55 of 25 November 1981, in which it proclaimed the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief,

*Believing* that further efforts are required to promote and protect the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion or whatever belief,

*Wishing* to encourage understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief,

*Conscious* of the need to implement the provisions of the Declaration,

*Desiring* that wide publicity be given to the Declaration,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council decision 1982/138 of 7 May 1982, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to disseminate widely, as a matter of priority and in as many languages as possible, the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief and to issue a pamphlet containing the text of the Declaration in the six official languages of the United Nations;

2. *Invites* all Governments to take the necessary measures to ensure wide publicity for the Declaration;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the Declaration to the attention of the appropriate specialized agencies, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and other appropriate bodies within the United Nations system, for the consideration of measures to implement the Declaration, and to report to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-ninth session on the views expressed;

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider what measures may be necessary to implement the Declaration and to encourage understanding, tolerance and respect in matters relating to freedom of religion or belief and to report, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session the item entitled "Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" and to consider the report of the Commission on Human Rights in the context of that item.

*111th plenary meeting  
18 December 1982*

### 37/188. Implications of scientific and technological developments for human rights

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 33/53 of 14 December 1978, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to urge the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to undertake, as a matter of priority, a study of the question of the protection of those detained on the grounds of mental ill-health, with a view to formulating guidelines,

*Recalling also* its resolutions 35/130 B of 11 December 1980 and 36/56 B of 25 November 1981, in which it wel-