

Recalling also its resolutions 35/198 of 15 December 1980 and 36/160 of 16 December 1981, by which it renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and requested it to continue its work,

Having examined the progress made by the Working Group during its second inter-sessional meeting, held from 10 to 21 May 1982,

Having also examined the report of the Working Group during the current session of the General Assembly,<sup>95</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and expresses its satisfaction with the substantial progress that the Working Group has so far made in the accomplishment of its mandate;

2. Decides that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the Working Group shall again hold an inter-sessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1983 of the Economic and Social Council;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the report of the Working Group so as to allow the members of the Group to continue their task during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in the spring of 1983, as well as to transmit the results obtained at that meeting in order that the General Assembly may consider them during its thirty-eighth session;

4. Also invites the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations and to international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the Working Group;

5. Decides that the Working Group shall meet during the thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, to continue and, if possible, to complete the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

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17 December 1982*

### **37/171. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 34/171 of 17 December 1979 and 35/197 of 15 December 1980 on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as its resolution 36/154 of 16 December 1981, in which it requested the Secretary-General to organize a seminar at Colombo, in 1982, to consider appropriate arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian region and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session,

Having considered the report of the Seminar on National, Local and Regional Arrangements for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in the Asian Region, held at Colombo from 21 June to 2 July 1982,<sup>96</sup>

1. Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Sri Lanka for acting as host to the Seminar on National,

Local and Regional Arrangements for the Promotion of Human Rights in the Asian Region, as well as for the excellent facilities provided;

2. Takes note of the report of the Seminar, as well as of the conclusions and recommendations which it adopted by consensus;<sup>97</sup>

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the Seminar to States members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, to invite their comments thereon and to submit the report of the Seminar, together with the comments received thereon, to the Commission on Human Rights at its fortieth session for its consideration, and to report through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session;

4. Decides to consider this question further at its thirty-ninth session.

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### **37/172. Regional arrangements for the protection of human rights**

*The General Assembly,*

Recalling its resolutions 32/127 of 16 December 1977, 33/167 of 20 December 1978, 34/171 of 17 December 1979, 35/197 of 15 December 1980 and 36/154 of 16 December 1981 concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting the regional arrangements which exist in the African, American, Arab and European regions and also the efforts which are currently under way to initiate Commonwealth activities in the area of human rights,

Welcoming recent developments in the Asian region with a view to consideration of appropriate arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting that the United Nations and regional intergovernmental organizations exchange information and materials on the promotion and protection of human rights,

1. Notes with satisfaction the progress achieved so far in the promotion and protection of human rights at the regional level, under the auspices of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the regional intergovernmental organizations;

2. Commends the Organization of African Unity for its continuing efforts to promote respect for the guarantees and norms of human rights and fundamental freedoms and notes with interest the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights<sup>98</sup> and the efforts to obtain its early entry into force;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to compile and update his reports on the status of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights and to include therein a review of the exchanges of experience and information between the United Nations and regional organs and organizations for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as ways and means to further these exchanges, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session.

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<sup>95</sup> See A/C.3/37/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

<sup>96</sup> A/37/422, annex.

<sup>97</sup> *Ibid.*, chap. IV.

<sup>98</sup> See American Society of International Law, *International Legal Materials*, vol. XXI, No. 1, January 1982, p. 59.