

Mindful of the relevance, for the eradication of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials¹³⁹ and of the Principles of Medical Ethics relevant to the role of health personnel, particularly physicians, in the protection of prisoners and detainees against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,⁸⁰

Convinced of the desirability of early finalization and subsequent adoption of the draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,¹⁴⁰

Seriously concerned about the alarming number of reported cases of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment taking place in various parts of the world,

Determined to promote the full implementation of the prohibition, under international and national law, of the practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Welcoming the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1987/29 of 10 March 1987,²⁶ to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture and taking note of other important provisions of the Commission in the same resolution, including those relating to practical measures recommended by the Special Rapporteur to deal with this abhorrent phenomenon,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;¹⁴¹

2. *Welcomes with deep satisfaction* the entry into force on 26 June 1987 of the Convention as a major step in international efforts to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of the establishment by States parties to the Convention of appropriate administrative and financial arrangements to enable the Committee against Torture to carry out in an effective and efficient manner the functions entrusted to it under the Convention, and to ensure the long-term viability of the Committee as an essential mechanism for overseeing the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

4. *Also recognizes* the need for the Committee against Torture to give early attention to the development of an effective reporting system on implementation by States parties to the Convention, taking due account of the draft guidelines of the Secretary-General on reporting and the activities of the Human Rights Committee, as well as of the other human rights treaty bodies, established under the relevant international instruments in the field of human rights;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee against Torture;

6. *Again requests* all States to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;

7. *Once again invites* all States, upon ratification of or accession to the Convention, or subsequently, to consider the possibility of making the declarations provided for in articles 21 and 22 thereof;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session and to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

9. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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42/124. Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,¹³⁷ the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment¹⁴² and the Declaration on the Rights of the Child,⁹⁰

Welcoming the holding of the International Conference on Children, Repression and the Law in *Apartheid* South Africa at Harare, from 24 to 27 September 1987,

Appalled at evidence that children in South Africa are subjected to detention, torture and inhuman treatment,

1. *Expresses its profound outrage* at reports of detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

2. *Calls upon* the South African authorities urgently to release children held in detention in that country;

3. *Calls for* the immediate dismantlement of the so-called "rehabilitation camps" or "re-education centres";

4. *Requests* all relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to draw attention to, monitor and expose these inhuman practices;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission on Human Rights the final documents of the International Conference on Children, Repression and the Law in *Apartheid* South Africa, for action by the Special Rapporteur on Torture.

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42/125. Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/26 of 29 May 1985 and 1987/48 of 28 May 1987 concerning preparations for an Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

Conscious of the considerable contribution made to the preparations for the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes by the regional conferences of the ministers responsible for social welfare and the Commission for Social Develop-

¹³⁹ Resolution 34/169, annex.

¹⁴⁰ A/34/146, annex.

¹⁴¹ A/42/451.

¹⁴² Resolution 39/46, annex.

ment acting as preparatory body for the Interregional Consultation, as well as by specialized agencies, the regional commissions and other organizations of the United Nations system, Member States and non-governmental organizations,

Welcoming the positive response to and support by Member States for the Interregional Consultation and the formulation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,²¹

Convinced that more extensive regional and interregional co-operation among Governments and non-governmental and voluntary organizations is important in strengthening national efforts to promote social progress and enhance social welfare,

Mindful of the importance of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,

Persuaded of the importance of taking measures to ensure system-wide co-ordination within the United Nations in order to develop a comprehensive and integrated approach to the issues of developmental social welfare, including better integrated and mutually supportive economic and social development policies,

Noting with appreciation the decision of the Secretary-General to consolidate all social policy and social development activities at the United Nations Office at Vienna,

Having reviewed the report of the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes, held at Vienna from 7 to 15 September 1987,¹⁴³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes;

2. *Endorses* the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future contained in the report and adopted by consensus at the Interregional Consultation;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to make continuous efforts to implement the principles and recommendations contained in the Guiding Principles adopted by the Interregional Consultation in accordance with their national structures, needs and objectives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of, and follow-up action to, the Guiding Principles as well as to maintain the momentum generated by the Interregional Consultation, taking into account the central role of the Commission for Social Development in the review of issues related to the implementation of the Guiding Principles;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations concerning international co-operation with regard to developmental social welfare, using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point, bearing in mind the responsibility of the specialized agencies;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen, within existing resources, the United Nations Office at Vienna as a nucleus for all issues and reports relating to social policy and social development, including its research capabilities;

7. *Invites* the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions to give appropriate consideration to the Guiding Principles in the formulation of the respective regional work programmes and in the planning of regional

intergovernmental conferences on social welfare and social development;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to give particular attention to increasing the effectiveness of technical co-operation activities to assist Governments, particularly of the developing countries and of the least-developed countries, in formulating appropriate policies and effective programmes in the social welfare field, as indicated in the report of the Interregional Consultation, paying particular attention to the objectives and priorities of national developmental programmes;

9. *Reaffirms* the decision of the Economic and Social Council that the Commission for Social Development shall review, at its thirty-first session, the results of the Interregional Consultation;

10. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to take the necessary measures including, as appropriate, further interregional consultations to ensure, on a periodical basis, the reviewing and updating of the developmental social welfare policies and programmes in view of the rapidly changing socio-economic situation and conditions;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the progress achieved in implementing and following up the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future.

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42/126. Humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 41/137 of 4 December 1986 on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti, as well as all its previous resolutions on this question,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti,¹⁴⁴

Deeply concerned about the plight of the refugees and displaced persons in the country, which has been aggravated by the devastating effects of the prolonged drought,

Aware of the heavy economic and social burden placed on the Government and people of Djibouti as a result of the presence of refugees and of the consequent impact on the development and infrastructure of the country,

Appreciating the determined and sustained efforts made by the Government of Djibouti, despite its modest economic resources and limited means, to cope with the growing needs of the refugees,

Noting with appreciation the steps taken by the Government of Djibouti, in close co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to implement appropriate and lasting solutions in respect of the refugees in Djibouti,

Appreciating the assistance provided by Member States, the specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and voluntary agencies to the relief and rehabilitation programmes for the refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees in Djibouti and appreciates the efforts of the United Nations High Commis-

¹⁴³ E/CONF.80/10.

¹⁴⁴ A. 42/497.