

18. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/18 of 22 May 1989;

19. *Expresses its serious concern* at the considerable reduction in the budget and staff of the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board, which threatens their ability to carry out adequately any additional responsibilities deriving from the activities which the United Nations must undertake to tackle the new dimension of the problem of drug abuse and illicit trafficking;

20. *Recommends* that the Secretary-General take urgent steps to ensure the increase of allocations to the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the secretariat of the International Narcotics Control Board;

21. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the results of the Second Interregional Meeting of Heads of National Drug Law Enforcement Agencies;¹⁶¹

22. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General¹⁶² and requests him to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution and also to prepare on a yearly basis a detailed report on international drug-control activities reflecting the work done by the United Nations system to implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Multidisciplinary Outline of Future Activities in Drug Abuse Control;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-fifth session an item entitled "International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking".

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3. *Reiterates its demand* for the immediate and unconditional release of children held in detention by the *apartheid* régime in South Africa;

4. *Demands* the immediate dismantlement of the so-called "rehabilitation camps" and "re-education centres" in South Africa, since they only serve the racist régime's strategy of physically and mentally abusing black South African children;

5. *Reiterates its request* to all relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to intensify the world-wide campaign aimed at drawing attention to, monitoring and exposing these inhuman practices;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to pay special attention to the question of detention, torture and other inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

7. *Also requests* the Commission on Human Rights to pay special attention to the children of Namibia who have been victims of torture, detention and other inhuman treatment by the *apartheid* régime, with a view to rehabilitating them;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-fifth session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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44/143. Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa and Namibia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/134 of 8 December 1988 and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/4 of 23 February 1989,²

Recalling also 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,¹⁶³ the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment¹⁶⁴ and the Declaration on the Rights of the Child,³

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General¹⁶⁵ and in particular the conclusion that torture and other forms of inhuman and degrading treatment of children and young people have continued unabated during the period under review,¹⁶⁶

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

2. *Vigorously condemns* the *apartheid* racist régime for the increasing detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

44/144. Status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁴ and article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁵ both of which provide that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975,

Recalling further its resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984, by which it adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and called upon all Governments to consider signing and ratifying the Convention as a matter of priority, as well as its resolutions 40/128 of 13 December 1985, 41/134 of 4 December 1986, 42/123 of 7 December 1987 and 43/132 of 8 December 1988 and Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1987/30 of 10 March 1987⁴⁴ and 1988/36 of 8 March 1988,⁴⁵ and taking note of Commission resolution 1989/29 of 6 March 1989,²

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 Officials¹⁶⁷ and of the Principles of Medical Ethics relevant to the role of health personnel, particularly physicians, in

¹⁶¹ See E/CN.7/1990/2.

¹⁶² A/44/572 and A/44/601.

¹⁶³ Resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.

¹⁶⁴ Resolution 39/46, annex.

¹⁶⁵ A/44/623.

¹⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, para. 15.

¹⁶⁷ Resolution 34/169, annex.

the protection of prisoners and detainees against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,¹⁶¹

Recalling the adoption of the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,¹⁶⁸

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,

Recalling the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1988/32 of 8 March 1988,⁴⁵ to extend for two years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee against Torture;¹⁶⁹

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;¹⁷⁰

3. *Stresses* the importance of strict adherence by States parties to the obligations under the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee against Torture, to enable it to carry out in an effective and efficient manner all the functions entrusted to it under the Convention, and appeals to all States parties not to take any measures that might impair the financing of all the functions of the Committee under the Convention, so as 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. *Welcomes* the attention that the Committee against Torture has given to the development of an effective system of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by States parties, and especially its decision to revise its general guidelines for the submission of initial reports by States parties;¹⁷¹

5. *Notes with appreciation* the adoption by the Committee against Torture of its rules of procedure;¹⁷²

6. *Welcomes* the exchange of views that has taken place between the Committee against Torture and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on questions relating to torture, and requests that this exchange be continued;

7. *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;

8. *Reiterates its request* to all States to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;

9. *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 of the Convention;

¹⁶⁸ Resolution 43/173, annex.

¹⁶⁹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 46 and corrigendum (A/44/46 and Corr.1)*

¹⁷⁰ A/44/443.

¹⁷¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 46 and corrigendum (A/44/46 and Corr.1), sect. II para. 32.*

¹⁷² *Ibid.*, sect. IV and annex IV

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

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

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44/145. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁴ which states that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,¹⁶³

Recalling with satisfaction the entry into force on 26 June 1987 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment¹⁶⁴

Recalling its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981, in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture took place in various countries, recognized the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit and established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes the provision of assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and members of their families,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹⁷³

1. *Expresses its gratitude and appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for initial as well as further contributions to the Fund;

3. *Invites* Governments to make contributions to the Fund, if possible on a regular basis, in order to enable the Fund to provide continuous support to projects that depend on recurrent grants;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include the Fund on an annual basis among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the work it has carried out;

6. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees of the Fund;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities, including the preparation, production and dissemination of information materials, to assist

¹⁷³ A/44/708