

5. *Welcomes also* the Model Treaty on the Transfer of Supervision of Offenders Conditionally Sentenced or Conditionally Released⁸³ and the recommendations on the treatment of foreign prisoners²⁷³ adopted unanimously by the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and invites Member States to take them into account, as well as the Model Agreement on the Transfer of Foreign Prisoners,²⁷³ in establishing treaty relations with other Member States or in revising existing treaty relations;

6. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/21 of 24 May 1990 on the implementation of United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice;

7. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, bearing in mind the work of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, to invite the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities:

(a) To study the implementation of United Nations norms and standards in this field;

(b) To identify problems that may impinge on the effective implementation of those standards and norms;

(c) To recommend viable solutions with action-oriented proposals to the Commission;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To provide the necessary compilatory and analytical documentation to the Sub-Commission for those tasks;

(b) To prepare, on the basis of comments by Member States and relevant international organizations and bodies, as well as by non-governmental organizations, a draft model text for national legislation in the field of human rights in the administration of justice;

(c) To co-ordinate the activities of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission, mentioned in paragraph 7 above, with the relevant activities of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control;

(d) To invite those Member States and international organizations and bodies which have not yet done so to comment on the aspects of human rights issues in the field of administration of justice they deem relevant to the work of the Sub-Commission;

9. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to invite the Sub-Commission to consider the draft model text requested in paragraph 8 (b) above, with a view to the further elaboration of model texts, and to propose such texts to the Commission for adoption;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to assist Member States, at their request, in implementing existing international human rights standards in the administration of justice, in particular under the programme of advisory services;

(b) To continue to provide all necessary support to United Nations bodies working on standard-setting in this field;

(c) To continue to co-ordinate the various technical advisory services provided by the Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat with a view to undertaking joint programmes and strengthening existing

mechanisms for the protection of human rights in the administration of justice;

11. *Emphasizes* the important role of the regional commissions, specialized agencies and the United Nations institutes in the area of human rights and crime prevention and criminal justice and other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including national professional associations concerned with promoting United Nations standards in this field;

12. *Decides* to consider at its forty-sixth session the question of human rights in the administration of justice on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.

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45/167. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/127 of 16 December 1977 and all its subsequent resolutions concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular resolutions 43/140 and 43/152 of 8 December 1988,

Recalling that, in its resolution 43/152, the General Assembly invited the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session a report on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights and to include therein the results of action taken in pursuance of that resolution,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/72 of 8 March 1989¹⁸³ and taking note of Commission resolution 1990/58 of 7 March 1990³ concerning advisory services in the field of human rights,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/50 of 7 March 1989¹⁸³ and taking note of Commission resolution 1990/71 of 7 March 1990³ concerning regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian-Pacific region,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,²⁷⁷

Noting 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,

Reaffirming that regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights may make a major contribution to the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms and that the exchange of information and experience in this field among the regions, within the United Nations system, may be improved,

Bearing in mind that regional instruments should complement the universally accepted human rights standards and that the persons chairing the human rights treaty bodies of the United Nations noted during their third meeting, held at Geneva from 1 to 5 October 1990, that certain inconsistencies between provisions of

²⁷⁷ A/45/348.

international instruments and those of regional instruments might raise difficulties with regard to their implementation,²⁷⁸

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

2. *Notes with interest* that various contacts between regional bodies and commissions and the United Nations have continued to be pursued and strengthened through advisory services and technical assistance activities, particularly those relating to the organization of regional and subregional training courses in the field of human rights;

3. *Welcomes* in that respect the close co-operation given by the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat in the organization of the training courses or workshops that, as mentioned in the report of the Secretary-General, took place at Banjul, Brasilia, Buenos Aires, Castel Gandolfo, Kiev, Manila, Moscow, Quito and San Remo;²⁷⁹

4. *Welcomes also* the assistance provided by the Centre for Human Rights in the establishment of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies at Banjul, as well as the co-operation of the Centre with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the International Institute of Human Rights at Strasbourg and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights at San José, and the technical assistance provided by the Centre to the Arab Institute for Human Rights at Tunis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue encouraging these developments;

6. *Notes with interest* in this regard the announcement by the Secretary-General in the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997¹⁵⁴ that efforts would be made to strengthen exchanges between the United Nations and regional intergovernmental bodies dealing with human rights issues, that it might be expected that during the medium-term plan period more national, regional and subregional workshops and training courses would be organized for administrators of justice and government officials engaged in the implementation of international conventions on human rights, and that more countries in all regions of the world would develop forms of co-operation and assistance with the Centre for Human Rights, in keeping with their specific needs;

7. *Invites* States in areas where regional arrangements in the field of human rights do not yet exist to consider agreements with a view to the establishment within their respective regions of suitable regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights;

8. *Endorses* the appeal made to all Governments in Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1989/72 and 1990/58, to consider making use of the possibility offered by the United Nations of organizing, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, information and/or training courses at the national level for appropriate government personnel on the application of international human rights standards and the experience of relevant international organs;

9. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to pay special attention to the most appropriate ways of assisting, at their request, countries of the different regions under the programme of advisory services and to make, where necessary, the relevant recommendations;

10. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session and to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session a report on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights and to include therein the results of action taken in pursuance of the present resolution;

11. *Decides* to consider this question further at its forty-seventh session.

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45/168. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions, in particular resolution 43/140 of 8 December 1988, on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region,

Recognizing that regional arrangements make a major contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights and that non-governmental organizations may have a valuable role to play in this process,

Bearing in mind that intergovernmental arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights have been established in other regions,

Reiterating its appreciation for 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 1982,²⁸⁰ the comments on the report of the Seminar received from the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and from States members of the Commission,²⁸¹ and the report of the Secretary-General on the training course on human rights teaching held at Bangkok from 12 to 23 October 1987 under the United Nations programme of advisory services in the field of human rights,²⁸²

Noting the designation of the Social Development Division of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific as a regional focal point on human rights,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/50 of 7 March 1989¹⁸³ and taking note of Commission resolution 1990/71 of 7 March 1990,³

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁸³

2. *Welcomes* the designation of the library of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific as a depository centre for United Nations human

²⁷⁸ A/45/636, annex, para. 27.

²⁷⁹ A/45/348, sect. II.

²⁸⁰ A/37/422, annex.

²⁸¹ See A/39/174-E/1984/38 and Add.1 and E/CN.4/1986/19.

²⁸² E/CN.4/1988/39/Add.1.

²⁸³ A/45/210-E/1990/21.