

## 46/138. Human rights in Haiti

*The General Assembly,*

*Guided* by the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>8</sup> and the International Covenants on Human Rights,<sup>26</sup>

*Reaffirming* that all Member States are required to promote and protect human rights and to comply with the obligations laid down in the various instruments in this field,

*Taking note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/77 of 6 March 1991 on the situation of human rights in Haiti,<sup>38</sup>

*Deeply concerned* at the grave events occurring in Haiti since 29 September 1991, which abruptly and violently interrupted the democratic process in that country and have resulted in the violation of human rights and the loss of human lives,

*Concerned also* at the current mass exodus of Haitian nationals from the country because of the deteriorating political and economic situation since 29 September 1991,

*Noting* the unanimous declaration on the situation of the displaced Haitians, adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on 22 November 1991,<sup>189</sup> and the subsequent dispatch by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of an investigating team to Haiti on 4 December 1991,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 46/7 of 11 October 1991 concerning the situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti;

2. *Strongly condemns* the overthrow of the constitutionally elected President, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and the use of violence and military coercion and the subsequent violation of human rights in that country;

3. *Condemns also* the flagrant human rights violations committed under the illegal Government set up following the coup of 29 September 1991, particularly summary executions, arbitrary arrests and detentions, torture, searches without warrant, rape, ransacking of private and public buildings, restrictions on the freedoms of movement, expression, assembly and association and the repression of popular demonstrations calling for the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the work it is doing in favour of the Haitian nationals fleeing the country and invites Member States to continue giving financial and material support for these efforts;

5. *Calls the attention* of the international community to the fate of the Haitian nationals who are fleeing the country and requests its support for the efforts undertaken to assist them;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session to consider the report of the independent expert appointed by the Secretary-General to review the situation of human rights in Haiti, and invites the independent expert to submit an updated report to the Commission in the light of the events of 29 September 1991 and subsequent developments.

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17 December 1991*

## 46/139. Social development

*The General Assembly,*

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230 of 30 May 1991,

*Bearing in mind* the general debate during the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly,

*Mindful* of the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, adopted on 30 September 1991, in which the Ministers reiterated the importance of social matters within the system of the United Nations, stressed the need for a concerted effort by developing countries to coordinate and harmonize their positions in this area and, in this regard, welcomed the possibility of convening a world summit for social development,<sup>190</sup>

*Taking into account* the debate on the question in the Third Committee and the widespread support expressed for the world summit for social development and for the consultations under way,

*Taking note* of the statements delivered by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation and the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and Head of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat before the Third Committee at the forty-sixth session,<sup>191</sup>

*Recalling* its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future,<sup>43</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 44/65 of 8 December 1989, in which it reaffirmed the validity of the Guiding Principles as an appropriate framework for future action in the field of social welfare and development,

*Mindful* of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, proclaimed by the Assembly in its resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

*Conscious* of the increasing international awareness of economic and social factors as important components of peace and security,

1. *Welcomes* Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all Member States on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development and to report thereon to the Council at its regular session of 1992;

2. *Welcomes also* the decision of the Secretary-General to appoint a special representative to carry out those consultations on his behalf, and invites the Special Representative to take due note in his report to the Secretary-General of the points of view expressed in the General Assembly and in the Third Committee on the world summit for social development;

3. *Calls upon* Governments to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General and his Special Representative by participating actively in those consultations;

4. *Requests* the concerned organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to assist the Secretary-General and his Special Representative in those consultations, as appropriate;

5. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council, after considering the report of the Secretary-General requested by Council decision 1991/230, to make an appropriate rec-

ommendation to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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**46/140. Rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, including the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1992-1993**

*The General Assembly*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Working Group on the Rationalization of the Work of the Third Committee;<sup>192</sup>

2. *Reaffirms* the recommendations on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee contained in General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990 and recommends further rationalization measures, as outlined in annex I to the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1992-1993, as contained in annex II to the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to draw up the provisional agenda for the Third Committee at the forty-seventh session in accordance with the present resolution.

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**ANNEX I**

**Further measures for the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee**

**A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME-LIMITS AND NUMBER OF STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS AND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS**

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolution 45/175 of 18 December 1990, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by delegations or on behalf of groups of delegations and by Secretariat officials, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session, should not exceed 15 minutes. This time-limit will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers. With a view to saving time, all speakers are encouraged to exercise self-discipline, in particular delegations associated with group statements. For practical reasons, group statements are encouraged for the first day of the discussion of an item or sub-item. In this connection, it is important to emphasize the timely distribution of documentation in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, in order to enable delegations to inscribe themselves on the list of speakers at an early stage.

*Introductory statements by Secretariat officials*

3. In addition to the provisions contained in General Assembly resolution 45/175 concerning introductory statements by Secretariat officials, introductory statements should be made at the beginning of the discussion of an item.

*Statements under the items entitled "Elimination of racism and racial discrimination" and "Right of peoples to self-determination"*

4. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/175, the above items are to be discussed jointly.

5. Delegations wishing to make two separate statements, i.e., one on each of the above items, may do so.

*Statements under the item entitled "Social development: (a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family; (b) Crime prevention and criminal justice"*

6. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/175, sub-items (a) and (b) are to be discussed separately.

7. Delegations wishing to make two separate statements under sub-item (a) may do so.

*Statements under the item entitled "Human rights questions: (a) Implementation of human rights instruments; (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives"*

8. In its resolution 45/175, the General Assembly recommended that sub-item (a) should be discussed separately and that sub-items (b) and (c) should be discussed jointly.

9. Delegations wishing to make two statements under this item may do so, but no statement should be made on any of the sub-items twice.

**B. INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS**

10. Statements introducing draft resolutions should be as brief as possible.

**C. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES**

11. Reports of all treaty bodies will, in accordance with their respective legislative mandates, be submitted to the General Assembly annually. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that separate draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

**D. DRAFT PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

12. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting draft proposals to the General Assembly should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

**E. ORGANIZATION OF WORK**

13. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee based on a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects relating to the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

14. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

*Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*<sup>193</sup>

*Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination*<sup>193</sup>

*Item 4. Social development:*

(a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;<sup>194</sup>

(b) Crime prevention and criminal justice<sup>194</sup>

*Item 5. Advancement of women*

*Item 6. Narcotic drugs*

*Item 8. Human rights questions:*

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;<sup>195</sup>

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;<sup>196</sup>

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives<sup>196</sup>

*Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions:*

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;<sup>197</sup>

(b) Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons;<sup>197</sup>

(c) Humanitarian questions<sup>197</sup>

*Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [item 12]*

15. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee particularly in the light of the status of documentation at that time.