

Noting that the General Assembly has not studied the draft Convention on Freedom of Information at its sixth, seventh and eighth sessions and that the Economic and Social Council, at its sixteenth session, did not consider the draft Convention on Freedom of Information concurrently with the report of the Rapporteur,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give priority, at its seventeenth session, to discussion of freedom of information, including the report of the Rapporteur, and to the formulation, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 631 (VII) of 16 December 1952, of recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly at its ninth session;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, in its discussion of freedom of information, to take into account the views expressed on this subject at the seventh and eighth sessions of the General Assembly;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to complete the report on a programme of concrete action for the development of information facilities in under-developed regions of the world, requested in General Assembly resolution 633 (VII) of 16 December 1952, in time for consideration at the seventeenth session of the Economic and Social Council.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 635 (VII) of 16 December 1952 in which it requested the Secretary-General, if a representative group of information enterprises and of national and international professional associations expressed a desire to do so, to co-operate with it in organizing an international professional conference for the purpose of preparing the final text of an International Code of Ethics for the use of information personnel,

Noting that replies have already been received from a number of the information enterprises and professional associations consulted by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution,

Considering that to await replies from all the information enterprises and professional associations consulted would unnecessarily delay the conference and the preparation of the final text of the Code,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to address a further communication to the enterprises and associations which have not yet replied, requesting them to do so within a reasonable period, and, provided that a representative group of enterprises and associations expresses a desire to do so, to co-operate with the group in organizing an international professional conference for the purpose of preparing the final text of the Code and measures for its implementation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To bring the text of the present resolution to the notice of the information enterprises and national and international associations to which he communicated the draft Code;

(b) To report to the General Assembly at its ninth session on any progress achieved.

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737 (VIII). Draft International Covenants on Human Rights and measures of implementation

A

FEDERAL CLAUSE

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 421 (V), section C, of 4 December 1950,

Having discussed the draft resolutions contained in documents A/C.3/L.366 and A/C.3/L.374 and the amendment contained in document A/C.3/L.388,

1. *Decides* to transmit these draft resolutions and the amendment to the Commission on Human Rights, together with the records of the meetings of the Third Committee relating to the federal clause;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure that the members of the Commission on Human Rights receive the above-mentioned documents not less than two weeks before the opening of the tenth session of the Commission.

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RIGHT OF PETITION

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 421 (V), section F, of 4 December 1950 and 547 (VI) of 5 February 1952,

Having discussed the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/L.372/Rev.1 on the right of petition,

Decides to transmit the draft resolution to the Commission on Human Rights, at its tenth session, together with the records of the discussion thereon in the Third Committee.

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738 (VIII). The right of peoples and nations to self-determination

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 637 C (VII) of 16 December 1952 and Economic and Social Council resolution 472 (XV) of 1 April 1953 inviting the Commission on Human Rights to make recommendations concerning international respect for the right of peoples and nations to self-determination,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 648 (VII) of 10 December 1952,

Considering that the Commission on Human Rights had been unable due to lack of time to prepare such recommendations at its ninth session,

Considering the importance of the observance of and respect for the right of self-determination in the promotion of world peace and of friendly relations between peoples and nations,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to give due priority at its tenth session to the preparation of such recommendations;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission on Human Rights the summary records of the debate on this matter.

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