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1753 (XVII). Measures to be adopted in connexion with the earthquake in Iran

The General Assembly,

Noting with deep concern the great tragedy which has overtaken the north-western region of Iran as a result of the recent and severe earthquake,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 766 (XXX) of 8 July 1960 as well as resolutions 767

(XXX) of 8 July 1960 and 912 (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 on international co-operation in the field of seismological research,

Having considered the report on international co-operation in the field of seismological research, seismology and earthquake engineering,¹

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 14, document E/3617 and Add.1.*

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the assistance given to Iran by a number of Governments, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and private persons, and expresses the hope that such assistance will be increased;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the heads of the specialized agencies to give consideration to the urgent needs of Iran when deciding, within the scope of their resources and authority, on the additional services to be extended to Member States;

3. *Requests* the Managing Director of the Special Fund to consider sympathetically any qualified project which is presented by Iran in connexion with the work of rehabilitating the people and economy of the region;

4. *Requests* the Executive Director of the World Food Programme to give urgent and sympathetic attention to any requests from Iran to meet emergency food requirements resulting from the disaster;

5. *Recommends* that the Technical Assistance Committee, the Technical Assistance Board and the Executive Chairman of the Board should take account of the special needs of Iran in the years 1962-1964, and do what is possible to meet them;

6. *Draws the attention* of Member States to the recommendations contained in the report on international co-operation in the field of seismological research, seismology and earthquake engineering concerning the improvement of seismological observations, the analysis of seismological data, seismic and seismo-tectonic mapping, codes and regulations for the design of earthquake-resistant structures, *tsunami* warning systems, and relief measures;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, and invites the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and other agencies concerned, to continue to promote actively international co-operation in the study of the origin and mechanism of earthquakes of the type which devastated north-western Iran and in the improvement of the protective measures which can be taken against earthquakes as well as the remedial measures designed to repair damage caused by them.

*1144th plenary meeting,
5 October 1962.*

1763 (XVII). Draft Convention and draft Recommendation on Consent to Marriage, Minimum Age for Marriage and Registration of Marriages

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CONVENTION ON CONSENT TO MARRIAGE, MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

The General Assembly,

Considering that it is appropriate to conclude under the auspices of the United Nations an international convention on the free consent to marriage, minimum age for marriage and the registration of marriages,

Decides to open the Convention annexed to the present resolution for signature and ratification on 10 December 1962.

*1167th plenary meeting,
7 November 1962.*

ANNEX

CONVENTION ON CONSENT TO MARRIAGE, MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE AND REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

The Contracting States,

Desiring, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to promote universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling that article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that:

"(1) Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

"(2) Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses."

Recalling further that the General Assembly of the United Nations declared, by resolution 843 (IX) of 17 December 1954, that certain customs, ancient laws and practices relating to marriage and the family were inconsistent with the principles set forth in the Charter of the United Nations and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Reaffirming that all States, including those which have or assume responsibility for the administration of Non-Self-Governing and Trust Territories until their achievement of independence, should take all appropriate measures with a view to abolishing such customs, ancient laws and practices by ensuring, *inter alia*, complete freedom in the choice of a spouse, eliminating completely child marriages and the betrothal of young girls before the age of puberty, establishing appropriate penalties where necessary and establishing a civil or other register in which all marriages will be recorded,

Hereby agree as hereinafter provided:

Article 1

1. No marriage shall be legally entered into without the full and free consent of both parties, such consent to be expressed by them in person after due publicity and in the presence of the authority competent to solemnize the marriage and of witnesses, as prescribed by law.

2. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 1 above, it shall not be necessary for one of the parties to be present when the competent authority is satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and that the party has, before a competent authority and in such manner as may be prescribed by law, expressed and not withdrawn consent.

Article 2

States parties to the present Convention shall take legislative action to specify a minimum age for marriage. No marriage shall be legally entered into by any person under this age, except where a competent authority has granted a dispensation as to age, for serious reasons, in the interest of the intending spouses.

Article 3

All marriages shall be registered in an appropriate official register by the competent authority.

Article 4

1. The present Convention shall, until 31 December 1963, be open for signature on behalf of all States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies, and of any other State invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a party to the Convention.

2. The present Convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 5

1. The present Convention shall be open for accession to all States referred to in article 4, paragraph 1.

2. Accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.