

*Article 13*

Irrespective of the notifications made under article 8, paragraph 5, of the present Protocol, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States referred to in article 48, paragraph 1, of the Covenant of the following particulars:

- (a) Signatures, ratifications and accessions under article 8;
- (b) The date of the entry into force of the present Protocol under article 9 and the date of the entry into force of any amendments under article 11;
- (c) Denunciations under article 12.

*Article 14*

1. The present Protocol, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited in the archives of the United Nations.

2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies of the present Protocol to all States referred to in article 48 of the Covenant.

**B***The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that the text of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the text of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the text of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights should be made known throughout the world,

1. *Requests* the Governments of States and non-governmental organizations to publicize the text of these instruments as widely as possible, using every means at their disposal, including all the appropriate media of information;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the immediate and wide circulation of these instruments and, to that end, to publish and distribute the text thereof.

*1496th plenary meeting,  
16 December 1966.*

**C***The General Assembly,*

*Considering* the advisability of the proposals for the establishment of national commissions on human rights or the designation of other appropriate institutions to perform certain functions pertaining to the observance of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

1. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission on Human Rights to examine the question in all its aspects and to report, through the Council, to the General Assembly;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite Member States to submit their comments on the question, in order that the Commission on Human Rights may take these comments into account when considering the proposals.

*1496th plenary meeting,  
16 December 1966.*

**2214 (XXI). United Nations Children's Fund***The General Assembly,*

*Taking the opportunity* of the twentieth anniversary of the United Nations Children's Fund to congratulate Governments, organizations and individuals on their

support of and partnership with the Fund in its two decades of significant contribution to the well-being of children throughout the world and to international solidarity,

*Recognizing* the value of aid from the United Nations Children's Fund in helping developing countries accelerate and improve the operation of services benefiting children,

*Noting with approval* that the United Nations Children's Fund is helping Governments, as part of their national development plans and programmes, not only to protect their children and young people, but to ensure that they receive a suitable preparation for making their contribution to the economic and social progress of their countries,

*Welcoming the fact* that the training of national personnel in services benefiting children is now one of the major features of aid from the United Nations Children's Fund,

*Commending* the continued close co-operation between the United Nations Children's Fund and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and the relevant technical and other agencies in the United Nations family,

*Deeply concerned*, however, at the magnitude of the unmet needs of children and youth in the developing countries and the ever-increasing demands on the resources of the United Nations Children's Fund,

*Noting with approval* the support in the Economic and Social Council and the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund for an income goal of \$50 million to be reached by the end of 1969, at the close of the United Nations Development Decade,

1. *Endorses* the activities and objectives of the United Nations Children's Fund;

2. *Urges* Governments to increase their contributions to the United Nations Children's Fund and calls upon supporting organizations, groups and individuals to intensify their efforts so that the new income goal may be reached;

3. *Recommends* that Governments should include projects to meet the needs of children and youth in their over-all development plans.

*1498th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1966.*

**2215 (XXI). World social situation***The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the solemn undertaking embodied in the Charter of the United Nations to promote economic and social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Recalling* its resolutions 1916 (XVIII) of 5 December 1963 and 2035 (XX) of 7 December 1965,

*Noting again with deep concern* that, despite past efforts, the world social situation is far from satisfactory,

*Noting* that progress in the achievement of the goals and objectives set for the United Nations Development Decade has been disappointingly slow,

*Recognizing* the importance of concerted practical action in the social field for attaining the goals of the United Nations Development Decade,

*Bearing in mind* the resolution on the United Nations Development Decade,<sup>10</sup> in which reference is made to the possibility and advisability of preparing a development charter which would serve as a guide for international co-operation to further economic, social and cultural development,

*Convinced* that the concerted practical action of the United Nations in the social field should be concentrated, above all, on the solution of the basic social problems, and should be aimed at creating better standards of living for man and at guaranteeing respect for his dignity,

1. *Endorses* Economic and Social Council resolution 1139 (XLI) of 29 July 1966 concerning the reappraisal of the role of the Social Commission;<sup>11</sup>

2. *Affirms* the main objectives and principles of the social programme of the United Nations and of the Commission for Social Development and the methods and means to be used by the United Nations, Member States and specialized agencies in pursuit of these objectives, which are set forth in section I of Economic and Social Council resolution 1139 (XLI);

3. *Calls upon* the Economic and Social Council to request the Commission for Social Development to prepare, on the basis of the purposes and principles of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and also on the basis of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and taking into account the documentation submitted to the Third Committee<sup>12</sup> and the discussions in that Committee at the twenty-first session of the Assembly, a draft declaration on social development which would, in general terms, define the objectives of social development and the methods and means of achieving them, and to submit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its twenty-third session at the latest;

4. *Calls further upon the* Economic and Social Council to arrange for the specialized agencies to be consulted at appropriate stages in the preparation of the draft declaration;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council and through it the Commission for Social Development, in co-operation with the specialized agencies, to ensure that the periodic reports on the world social situation reflect the over-all social situation and social trends in different regions of the world and in countries with differing economic and social systems, taking into account the close interrelation between economic and social factors, and to submit these reports, together with practical conclusions and recommendations for the substantial improvement of the programmes related to the social situation, to the General Assembly for consideration every three years;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1139 (XLI) and of the present resolution and to submit to the Council, and to the General Assembly for consideration at its twenty-second session, this report, together with the revised programmes of the Commission for Social Development and any recom-

mendations made, in consultation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, for strengthening the co-ordination of the programmes of the United Nations with those of the specialized agencies in the interests of greater concentration of efforts on priority targets;

7. *Decides* to accord high priority to the consideration of the world social situation at its twenty-second session.

*1498th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1966.*

## 2216 (XXI). Freedom of information

*The General Assembly,*

*Considering* that because of the elaboration of the International Covenants on Human Rights the Third Committee was unable to consider the draft Convention on Freedom of Information and the draft Declaration on Freedom of Information at the twenty-first session,

*Reiterating* that freedom of information forms an important part of the human rights and fundamental freedoms to the promotion of which the United Nations is dedicated,

*Decides* to take up at its twenty-second session the consideration of the item on freedom of information.

*1498th plenary meeting,  
19 December 1966.*

## 2217 (XXI). International Year for Human Rights

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*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 and 2081 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the International Year for Human Rights,

1. *Approves* the further programme of measures and activities envisaged for Member States, the United Nations, the specialized agencies and national and other international organizations, which has been recommended by the Commission on Human Rights and is set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Invites* Member States, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and the national and international organizations concerned to devote the year 1968 to intensified efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights, including the measures set out in the above-mentioned programme, and to keep the Secretary-General informed of their plans and preparations;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to make any necessary arrangements to facilitate the co-operation of competent regional intergovernmental organizations in observing 1968 as International Year for Human Rights, as provided in General Assembly resolution 2081 (XX);

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to co-ordinate the measures and activities undertaken by Member States, the United Nations, the specialized agencies, regional organizations and the national and international organizations concerned, and in particular to collect and disseminate at regular intervals information on activities contemplated or undertaken by them in connexion with the International Year for Human Rights;

5. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session an interim report on the plans, preparations, arrange-

<sup>10</sup> General Assembly resolution 2218 A (XXI) of 19 December 1966, p. 42.

<sup>11</sup> By this resolution, the Economic and Social Council, *inter alia*, decided that the Social Commission should be re-designated the Commission for Social Development.

<sup>12</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-first Session, Annexes, agenda item 54, documents A/6409, A/6434 and A/C.3/L.1419.*