

Recalling also its decision of 12 December 1972 to include the item in the agenda of its twenty-eighth session and to consider it as a matter of high priority,⁷

Aware that the provisions of the humanitarian conventions at present in force do not cover certain categories of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict and do not correspond to their present needs,

Having examined, article by article, the draft articles of a convention proposed by Australia, Austria, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Iran, Lebanon, Morocco and Turkey,⁸ as well as some related amendments,

Taking also into account that the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts will be held at Geneva from 20 February to 29 March 1974 under the auspices of the Swiss Government,

1. *Expresses the opinion* that it would be desirable to adopt a convention ensuring the protection of journalists engaged in dangerous missions in areas of armed conflict;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts the draft articles and amendments annexed to his note of 9 July 1973,⁹ together with the observations and suggestions made during the twenty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and to invite the Diplomatic Conference to submit its comments and advice on the above-mentioned texts;

3. *Decides* to continue the examination of this question at its twenty-ninth session, as a matter of priority, having regard to the deliberations and findings of the Diplomatic Conference.

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3059 (XXVIII). Question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment

The General Assembly,

Mindful of article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which affirms that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Gravely concerned that torture is still practised in various parts of the world,

Bearing in mind that this subject has been brought before various organs dealing with human rights, through various reports relating to violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind also that the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities has asked the Commission on Human Rights to authorize it to include in its agenda for the next session an item on the human rights of persons subjected to any form of detention and imprisonment,

1. *Rejects* any form of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings*, 2107th meeting, paras. 9 and 10.

⁸ A/9073, annex I.

⁹ *Ibid.*, annexes I and II.

2. *Urges* all Governments to become parties to existing international instruments which contain provisions relating to the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly, under the report of the Economic and Social Council, of the consideration which may have been given to this question by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities or by the Commission on Human Rights and other bodies concerned;

4. *Decides* to examine the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in relation to detention and imprisonment as an item at a future session of the General Assembly.

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3060 (XXVIII). Observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling that in its resolution 2860 (XXVI) of 20 December 1971 it expressed its conviction of the historic significance and enduring value of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations and its desire to mark, in 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration in a manner which would fit the occasion and serve the cause of human rights,

Also recalling that in its resolution 2906 (XXVII) of 19 October 1972 it reaffirmed its adherence to the principles, values and ideals contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and approved a programme of suitable activities which could be undertaken in observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Declaration,

Recalling its resolution 2919 (XXVII) of 15 November 1972, in which it decided to launch the Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination and to inaugurate the activities thereof on 10 December 1973, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Regretting that there are still many objectives of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which have not yet been implemented and urging renewed commitment by all peoples and all nations towards achieving this end,

Having examined the progress report¹⁰ submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with resolution 2906 (XXVII),

Noting with satisfaction the measures and activities undertaken or contemplated in connexion with the programme for the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

1. *Urges* Governments, the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, to rededicate themselves during and after the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to adopting further measures designed to serve the cause of human rights and the implementation of the Declaration;

¹⁰ A/9133 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3.