

item, as well as the observations and documents submitted by the Chilean authorities,⁴⁴

Commending the Chairman and the members of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group for the thorough and objective manner in which the report was prepared, in spite of the difficulties arising from the persistent refusal of the Chilean authorities to permit the Group to visit the country in accordance with its mandate,

Deeply deploring the destruction of the democratic institutions and constitutional safeguards formerly enjoyed by the Chilean people,

Gravely concerned by the fact that, in spite of the appeals by the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, private institutions and citizens of Chile, the Chilean authorities have consistently failed to give a satisfactory account for missing persons,

Concluding that constant and flagrant violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms continue to take place in Chile, notwithstanding recent developments, mainly due to the continuous efforts of the Chilean people and the international community, which, according to the report of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group, indicate a decrease in the number of political prisoners and in the number of detainees under the state of siege,

1. *Reiterates* its profound indignation that the Chilean people continue to be subjected to constant and flagrant violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms, to lack adequate constitutional and judicial safeguards of their rights and liberties and to suffer assaults on the freedom and integrity of their persons, in particular by methods of systematic intimidation, including torture, disappearance of persons for political reasons, arbitrary arrest, detention, exile and deprivation of Chilean nationality;

2. *Expresses* its particular concern and indignation at the continuing disappearance of persons, which is shown by the available evidence to be attributable to political reasons, and the refusal of the Chilean authorities to accept responsibility or to account for the large number of such persons, or even to undertake an adequate investigation of cases drawn to their attention;

3. *Deplores*, in this connexion, the unsatisfactory way in which the Chilean authorities have sought to fulfil their undertakings to the Secretary-General, acting under the mandate of General Assembly resolution 31/124, and relating to the disappeared relatives of the Chileans who drew attention to their plight by engaging in a hunger strike at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America at Santiago;

4. *Further deplors* the failure of the Chilean authorities to comply with their own repeated assurances to allow the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile to visit the country in accordance with its mandate;

5. *Calls once more upon* the Chilean authorities to restore and safeguard, without delay, basic human rights and fundamental freedoms and fully to respect the provisions of the relevant international instruments to which Chile is a party and, to this end, to implement paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 31/124;

6. *Demands* that the Chilean authorities put an immediate end to practices of inadmissible secret arrests and subsequent disappearance of persons whose de-

tion is systematically denied or never acknowledged, and clarify forthwith the status of such persons;

7. *Reiterates* its invitation to Member States, United Nations agencies and other international organizations to inform the Secretary-General of steps taken to implement paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 31/124 in order to allow him to submit further reports to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session and the Assembly at its thirty-third session;

8. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights:

(a) To extend the mandate of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group, as presently constituted, so as to enable it to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session and to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session, with such additional information as may be necessary;

(b) To submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, specific recommendations on possible humanitarian, legal and financial aid to those arbitrarily arrested or imprisoned, to those forced to leave the country and to their relatives;

(c) To submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, a progress report on action taken in compliance with paragraph 5 (c) of Assembly resolution 31/124;

9. *Requests* the President of the thirty-second session of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to assist in any way they may consider appropriate in the re-establishment of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms in Chile.

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32/119. Assistance to South African student refugees

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 31/126 of 16 December 1976, in which it requested the Secretary-General to take immediate steps to organize and provide emergency financial and other appropriate forms of assistance for the care, subsistence and education of South African student refugees,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 417 (1977) of 31 October 1977, in which the Council, *inter alia*, requested all Governments and organizations to contribute generously for assistance to the victims of violence and repression, including educational assistance to South African student refugees,

Noting the appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as co-ordinator of assistance within the United Nations system to South African student refugees,

Expressing deep concern that the Government of South Africa continues to take more and more repressive measures against students in that country,

Noting with concern the continuing influx of South African refugees, including in particular students, into neighbouring countries,

Concerned over the pressure on the educational systems of the three host countries—Botswana, Lesotho

⁴⁴ A/C.3/32/6 and Corr.1.

and Swaziland—as a result of the continued influx of children from South Africa seeking freedom from repression and also an opportunity to further their studies,

Having examined the reports of the Secretary-General⁴⁵ on the progress achieved in regard to the assistance required by and provided to these refugees in Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland,

Recognizing that the needs of South African student refugees are also imposing serious pressures on Zambia,

1. *Endorses* the measures taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the mobilization of a programme of assistance to South African student refugees in Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland;

2. *Notes with appreciation* the generous contributions of the Governments of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland in providing asylum and making available educational facilities for student refugees;

3. *Notes with satisfaction* the contributions so far made by Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies;

4. *Expresses concern*, however, that the total assistance received to date falls short of the needs;

5. *Urges* all Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies to contribute generously towards the assistance programmes for these student refugees, both through financial support and by offering the necessary opportunities for their care and subsistence, education and vocational training;

6. *Requests* all agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, including in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa and the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa, to assist the High Commissioner in carrying out the humanitarian task entrusted to him;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner to strengthen their efforts for the mobilization of emergency financial and other appropriate forms of assistance for these student refugees in Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia;

8. *Further requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To undertake a similar programme of assistance for South African student refugees in Zambia;

(b) To arrange for a review of the matter in time for it to be considered by the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fifth session;

(c) To report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

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32/120. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Recalling the terms of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁴⁶ and of the International Convention

on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,⁴⁷

Considering the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961⁴⁸ and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963,⁴⁹

Considering also the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975,⁵⁰ and the Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975,⁵¹ adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Recalling its resolutions concerning migrant workers, in particular resolutions 3449 (XXX) of 9 December 1975 and 31/127 of 16 December 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1749 (LIV) of 16 May 1973 and 1926 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975, in which the Council affirmed the need for the United Nations to consider the situation of migrant workers in an interrelated manner and in relation to general factors which have a bearing on human rights and human dignity,

Aware that the problem of migrant workers continues to be of major importance to many countries, that it is becoming increasingly serious in certain regions and that the Commission on Human Rights and other relevant organs of the United Nations should take immediate measures to ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers,

Emphasizing its serious concern at the *de facto* discrimination suffered by alien workers in some countries despite the legislative and other efforts exerted to prevent and punish it,

Believing further that the problem of migrant workers is becoming more serious in certain regions for transient political and economic reasons and for social and cultural reasons,

Recalling that the family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State, and that in that context the families of migrant workers are entitled to the same protection as the migrant workers themselves,

Aware of the work done in the field of migrant workers by the specialized agencies, particularly the International Labour Organisation, and by some United Nations organs, such as the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Appreciating, in particular, the efforts which the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization continues to exert in the field of migrant workers,

Convinced, in particular, that an effort at close co-operation between the International Labour Organisation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization will contribute to the improvement of the situation of migrant workers,

Aware of the efforts made by countries of origin to facilitate the return of migrant workers and their reintegration into the economic and social life of their country,

Having regard to Economic and Social Council resolution 2083 (LXII) of 13 May 1977,

⁴⁷ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁴⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 500, No. 7310, p. 95.

⁴⁹ *Ibid.*, vol. 596, No. 8638, p. 261.

⁵⁰ International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. LVIII, 1975, Series A, No. 1, Convention No. 143.

⁵¹ *Ibid.*, Recommendation No. 151.

⁴⁵ A/32/65 and Add.1.

⁴⁶ Resolution 217 A (III).