

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to organize its work on the draft convention on the rights of the child at its thirty-fifth session so that the draft of the Convention may be ready for adoption if possible during the International Year of the Child;

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session the question of a convention on the rights of the child.

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33/167. Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/127 of 16 December 1977,

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 24 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978⁸² on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Noting with serious concern the report of the Secretary-General⁸³ on the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions, in which he reported that owing to financial difficulties he was unable to organize any seminar for the purpose of discussing the usefulness and advisability of the establishment of regional commissions for the promotion and protection of human rights in regions where no regional commission on human rights exists,

Stressing the importance of the speedy and effective implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly on this question,

1. *Reiterates its appeal* to States in areas where regional arrangements in the field of human rights do not yet exist to consider agreements with a view to the establishment within their respective regions of suitable regional machinery for the promotion and protection of human rights;

2. *Requests once again* that the Secretary-General, under the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, give priority to the consideration, in regions where no regional commission on human rights exists, of seminars for the purpose of discussing the usefulness and advisability of the establishment of regional commissions for the promotion and protection of human rights and that at least one such seminar should be organized during 1979;

3. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session and also to include in his report to the Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Commission resolution 24 (XXXIV), such information as he may already possess on the implementation of this resolution.

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33/168. Narcotic drugs

The General Assembly,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸⁴ of that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸⁵ and of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971,⁸⁶ which form the main basis of all efforts in international drug control,

Bearing in mind the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the World Health Organization on the subject in recent years as well as the relevant recommendations of the Fifth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders,⁸⁷

Aware of the comprehensive and valuable work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the International Narcotics Control Board as the main technical and treaty organs entrusted with specific functions in order to ensure and supervise the proper implementation of the Conventions and Protocol and to foster the most efficient international drug control,

Preoccupied by the persistence of serious health, social and economic problems of drug abuse for individuals, young and old, and for societies as a whole,

Noting with great concern the detrimental effects of the continued international drug traffic,

Reaffirming the responsibility of Governments as well as the collective responsibility of the international community to regulate and limit the cultivation, production, manufacture and use of drugs to quantities required for medical and scientific purposes, in accordance with the above-mentioned treaties,

Convinced that measures to reduce illicit demand for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, including prevention through proper information and education, treatment and rehabilitation, must be taken concurrently with measures of adequate control to reduce illicit drug supply and traffic,

Also convinced that co-ordinated efforts by all competent agencies and organizations concerned with the fight against illicit drug traffic should be intensified to bring about even better results in the interception of illicit drug traffic,

Considering the response to paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 32/124 of 16 December 1977 given by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning the launching of a meaningful programme of international drug abuse control strategy and policies to be considered by the Commission at its twenty-eighth session in February 1979,

1. *Reiterates* its appeal to all States not yet parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961,⁸⁸ and the Convention on Psycho-

⁸² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515, p. 151.

⁸³ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.77.XI.3, p. 13.

⁸⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.XI.3, p. 7.

⁸⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.2 and corrigendum, para. 28.

⁸⁶ See *Official Records of the United Nations Conference to consider amendments to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961*, vol. I (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.XI.7), part three.

⁸² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI, sect. A. ⁸³ A/33/219.

tropic Substances, 1971, to take steps to accede to these instruments in order to achieve their universal application and requests the Secretary-General to transmit this appeal to all Governments concerned;

2. *Invites* Governments to co-operate fully with the International Narcotics Control Board and to supply such information as may be necessary to enable it to make meaningful long-range studies and projections designed to promote the maintenance of a world-wide balance between the supply of narcotic raw materials and the legitimate demand for medical and scientific purposes;

3. *Supports* the Board's appeal to States to improve their reporting machinery, with the assistance of the Board, so that they may provide full and prompt information to the Board, thereby enabling it to perform effectively its functions under the relevant treaties;

4. *Urges* Governments to support the work of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to provide complete data and information to the Secretary-General in their annual reports and individual seizure reports as required under the relevant treaties and in response to the Secretary-General's request, and to inform him also without specific requests of any new developments, trends and measures discernible in the drug field which could be of importance or relevance to improved international drug control;

5. *Invites* Governments, in co-operation with competent bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, to increase their joint efforts to eradicate illicit or uncontrolled cultivation of narcotic plants and illicit or uncontrolled manufacture of psychotropic substances in order to ensure a continuing equilibrium between licit supply and licit demand, and to avoid unforeseen imbalances caused by sales of seized and confiscated drugs;

6. *Calls* for more extensive and effective efforts of Governments, in co-operation with competent bodies of the United Nations and the specialized agencies in order to facilitate appropriate designing and implementation of programmes aimed at eradicating illicit demand for and illicit marketing of drugs and at furthering exchange of experience and information among scientists and experts from various nations who are actively engaged in this field;

7. *Reiterates* its appeal to Governments for increased and sustained contributions to the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control and to all international and multilateral organizations and institutions to co-operate with and to support financially the United Nations efforts undertaken through drug control programmes;

8. *Requests* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to undertake at its twenty-eighth session the finalization and implementation of the comprehensive programme of international drug abuse control strategy and policies and requests the Secretary-General to assist the Commission in the implementation of this programme, the progress of which should be monitored by the Commission to ensure that, if necessary, appropriate adjustments in the programme can be made to enable it to meet new requirements of international drug control which might arise out of new developments concerning various aspects of the drug problem;

9. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to give at its first regular session of 1979 due consideration to these questions.

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33/169. Protection of the human rights of arrested or detained trade union activists

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/121 of 16 December 1977 regarding the protection of the human rights of persons who are detained in respect of offences which they have committed, or are suspected of having committed, by reason of their political opinions or convictions,

Noting that one important category of prisoners falling within the ambit of resolution 32/121 is that of those who have been arrested or detained in connexion with their trade union activities,

Also recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/21 of 5 May 1978 regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa,

Having regard, in this context, not only to articles 5, 10 and 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁸⁹ but also to article 20 of the Declaration, which provides that everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association,

Having regard also to article 8 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁹⁰ and to article 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights⁹⁰ which provide that everyone shall have the right to freedom of association with others, including the right to form and join trade unions for the protection of his interests,

Further having regard to International Labour Organisation Convention No. 87 of 9 July 1948 concerning the freedom of association and protection of the right to organize,⁹¹

Recognizing the important work done by the International Labour Organisation in order to promote trade union rights and to take appropriate action in concrete cases of persons arrested, detained or exiled by reason of their trade union activities,

Lending its support to the efforts of the International Labour Organisation in this regard,

1. *Reaffirms* the importance of protecting the right to freedom of association as an essential prerequisite for the conduct of any trade union activities;

2. *Recommends* that special attention should be paid to the violations of the right to freedom of association consisting of the arrest, detention or exile of persons who have engaged in trade union activities consistent with the principles of freedom of association;

3. *Requests* Member States:

(a) To release any persons who, within their jurisdiction and contrary to the provisions of the

⁸⁹ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁹⁰ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁹¹ See International Labour Organisation, *Conventions and Recommendations adopted by the International Labour Conference, 1919-1966* (Geneva, International Labour Office, 1966).