

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate, in consultation with Member States, the specialized agencies and organizations concerned, and to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a draft programme for the World Assembly on the Elderly and to make recommendations on the organization and objectives of the World Assembly;

4. *Recommends* that Member States, in formulating their comments on the draft programme, should include, *inter alia*, attention to categorizing and analysing the problems of elderly persons in their societies;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fifth session the item entitled "Problems of the elderly and the aged", under which the report of the Secretary-General on the World Assembly on the Elderly would be considered.

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14 December 1978*

33/53. Human rights and scientific and technological developments

The General Assembly,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 A (XXXIII) of 11 March 1977,⁴⁰ in which the Commission requested the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to study the question of the protection of those detained on the grounds of mental ill-health with a view to formulating guidelines, if possible, and to submit to the Commission a progress report on this study,

Requests the Commission on Human Rights to urge that the study of the question of the protection of those detained on the grounds of mental ill-health be undertaken as a matter of priority by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, and to submit a progress report on this question to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session.

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33/54. Review and co-ordination of human rights programmes of organizations in the United Nations system and co-operation with other international programmes in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Conscious of its responsibilities under Article 13 of the Charter of the United Nations to initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of promoting international co-operation in the economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields, and assisting in the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Having in mind the responsibility of the General Assembly for the discharge of the functions set forth

⁴⁰ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI, sect. A.

in Chapter IX of the Charter and the particular role of the Economic and Social Council under Chapter X in co-ordinating activities in the field of human rights,

Taking into account the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in addition to reports of the Economic and Social Council, including those of the Commission on Human Rights, which provide a broader basis for consideration of human rights activities of the United Nations,

Recognizing that some of the specialized agencies, especially the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization, have developed procedures and programmes for the promotion of human rights within their fields of competence, and that the work of these agencies significantly complements the work done by the United Nations human rights organs,

Noting the existence of other human rights organs and programmes which function under separate constitutional instruments of intergovernmental organizations and have compiled significant records of human rights actions within their areas of jurisdiction,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1159 (XLI) of 5 August 1966, by which formal relations between regional organizations and the Commission on Human Rights were authorized,

Recalling that, in its resolution 32/130 of 16 December 1977, it reaffirmed that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interdependent, and that equal attention and urgent consideration should be given to the implementation, promotion and protection of both civil and political, and economic, social and cultural rights,

Considering that the interdependence and indivisibility of human rights and fundamental freedoms demand renewed efforts to stimulate greater co-operation, co-ordination and communication among all the intergovernmental agencies and institutions involved in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights, in the context of the over-all analysis it has undertaken in response to General Assembly resolution 32/130 and in accordance with Commission resolution 26 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978,⁴¹ to consult with specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system which are, according to their mandates, concerned with the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms and, as appropriate, with other regional intergovernmental bodies related to the United Nations system particularly concerned with human rights, on the various human rights activities and programmes and the existing modes of co-ordination, co-operation and communication among them;

2. *Further requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council and within the report of the aforementioned over-all analysis:

⁴¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34)*, chap. XXVI, sect. A.