

Welcoming the Ministers' expressed readiness to work towards the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/130 through the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the progress report on the over-all analysis⁵⁹ which was submitted to the General Assembly by the Commission on Human Rights, through the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Assembly resolution 32/130;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue with high priority this over-all analysis, which will contribute to the implementation of resolution 32/130;

3. *Expresses the hope* that all Member States, the specialized agencies concerned and United Nations organs in the field of human rights will continue to support the ongoing process of over-all analysis being carried out by the Commission on Human Rights;

4. *Looks forward* to discussing at its thirty-fourth session the conclusions and recommendations of the Commission on Human Rights which will result from its over-all analysis;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to the specialized agencies concerned and all United Nations organs in the field of human rights;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-fourth session an item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

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33/105. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for promoting the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the creation of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 32/130 of 16 December 1977, in which it requested an over-all analysis of the United Nations approach to human rights in the light of the concepts enumerated in that resolution,

Recalling the decision of the Third Committee at the thirty-second session of the General Assembly to refer the proposal for the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fourth session in the context of the over-all analysis of the alternative approaches and ways and means for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,⁶⁰

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolution 26 (XXXIV) of 8 March 1978,⁶¹ in which

⁵⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34), chap. IX.*

⁶⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 76, document A/32/423, para. 23.*

⁶¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 4 (E/1978/34), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*

the Commission considered advisable the establishment, which the Economic and Social Council authorized on 5 May 1978 in its decision 1978/20, of an open-ended working group of the Commission that would meet for one week before its thirty-fifth session to undertake the necessary work relating to the over-all analysis,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to take into account, in continuing its work on the over-all analysis mentioned above, the views expressed on the various proposals during the general debate on the present item at the current session, as well as during the thirty-second session of the General Assembly, including a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

2. *Decides* to consider these questions again after the Commission on Human Rights has completed and/or reported on the over-all analysis.

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33/106. Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶² proclaiming that everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion,

Noting that during the thirty years of its existence many portions of the Declaration have been expanded into various international instruments, while article 18 has thus far not been so elaborated,

Still desirous to see article 18 followed by a declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance,

Recalling its resolution 3027 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972, in which it decided to accord priority to the completion of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance before resuming consideration of the draft international convention on this subject,

Recalling also its resolution 3267 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, a single draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, and its resolutions 31/138 of 16 December 1976 and 32/143 of 16 December 1977, in which it urged the Commission to speed up its work so that the draft Declaration might be finalized,

Noting with regret that the Commission on Human Rights has reported, through the Economic and Social Council, that it has as yet not completed the draft Declaration,

Noting further the efforts undertaken by the informal working group set up by the Commission on Human Rights in elaborating a generally acceptable text of the Declaration, taking into account the relevant United Nations documents,

Taking account of the fact that, since the Commission on Human Rights has undertaken to draft the

⁶² Resolution 217 A (III).