

2. *Repeats* its appeal to all States which have not yet become parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, the 1972 Protocol Amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961 and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 to take the necessary steps to accede to these conventions and thus ensure their universal application;

3. *Invites* all Governments to collaborate closely with the International Narcotics Control Board, the Division of Narcotic Drugs and the other relevant bodies in the United Nations system, particularly by supplying them with the necessary information so that they may fulfil their tasks both pursuant to the provisions of the narcotics conventions and in accordance with their purposes;

4. *Urges* all States to take suitable steps to implement Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/8 of 9 May 1979 and 1980/20 of 30 April 1980 with a view to achieving and maintaining a lasting balance between demand and supply of opiates and avoiding the possibility of diversion of licit production to illicit channels;

5. *Invites* States concerned to take appropriate measures to discourage the powerful economic interests which are propagating a false and deceitful image of drug use with the aim of increasing the number of drug abusers and legalizing the abuse;

6. *Underlines* its appeal to all Governments to increase their financial support for the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, so that it may forward the enhancement of measures for the reduction of the illicit supply, traffic and demand for narcotic drugs, and calls particularly upon States which require assistance in crop-substitution or law enforcement programmes to present suitable projects to the Fund and other international funding bodies or projects for bilateral development assistance;

7. *Underscores* the need of producing countries to receive greater assistance from interested Governments and relevant international organizations to facilitate drug abuse control, including crop-substitution policies or law enforcement programmes;

8. *Calls upon* all States to co-operate in a suitable fashion to prevent the uncontrolled or illicit cultivation, production, export, import, transit and consumption of narcotic drugs or psychotropic substances, and to take suitable measures to prevent the misuse of chemical substances for the production of drugs;

9. *Calls upon* the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to present, at its thirtieth regular session, the completed international programme for drug abuse control so that such a comprehensive, co-ordinated global strategy may be translated at the earliest possible date into actions seeking to interdict narcotics trafficking, eradicate the illicit production and demand, educate citizens throughout the world regarding the dangers of drugs and treat and rehabilitate those individuals who have become dependent upon or addicted to drugs;

10. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to give once more particular attention to these questions at its first regular session of 1981;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the present resolution to all Governments.

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35/196. Mass exoduses

The General Assembly,

Mindful of its mandate under the Charter of the United Nations to promote and encourage respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all,

Disturbed by the scale and magnitude of the exoduses and displacements of populations involving hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in many regions of the world,

Noting the immense burden imposed on the first host countries and territories which receive the victims of these sudden and massive movements of population,

Bearing in mind the resolutions of the Economic and Social Council concerning international efforts to meet humanitarian needs in emergency situations,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 30 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980¹³⁴ concerning human rights and massive exoduses,

1. *Expresses deep concern* at the continued incidence of large-scale exoduses and displacements of populations and the resulting hardships and problems for the persons and States concerned;

2. *Expresses its determination* to facilitate solutions to the problems caused by these large-scale movements of population;

3. *Endorses* the requests of the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 30 (XXXVI);

4. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to examine the report of the Secretary-General to be submitted to it at its thirty-seventh session and, on the basis of that report, to make recommendations for further action;

5. *Decides*, in light of the consideration given this question by the Commission on Human Rights, to consider the question at its thirty-sixth session under the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council".

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35/197. Regional, national and local arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/171 of 17 December 1979, in which it reiterated 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 arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Recalling also its resolution 34/49 of 23 November 1979 on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts currently under way within the Organization of African Unity to elaborate an African charter of human rights and to establish an African commission on human rights, and requests the Secretary-General to maintain close co-operation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on this matter and to keep the

¹³⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*

General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights informed as he deems it appropriate:

2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the offer made by the Government of Sri Lanka to be host to a seminar of Member States of the Asian region to consider appropriate arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the region;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements, following finalization of the consultations with Member States of the Asian region, with a view to holding the above-mentioned seminar at Colombo in 1981 and to inform the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session of the deliberations of the seminar.

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35/198. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Affirming the need to establish international cooperation by resolving international problems of an economic, social, intellectual or humanitarian nature and by developing and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recalling in this connexion the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹³⁵ of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination¹³⁶ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights,¹³⁷

Convinced of the contribution made by migrant workers to the economic growth and the social and cultural development of the host countries,

Bearing in mind the international instruments elaborated for the protection of migrant workers by the specialized agencies and especially by the International Labour Organisation,

Bearing in mind the Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) Convention, 1975,¹³⁸ and the Recommendation concerning Migrant Workers, 1975,¹³⁹ adopted by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Conscious, however, of the need for further efforts to ensure the protection of the rights and the improvement of the living conditions of all migrant workers and their families,

Concerned by the fact that the problem of migrant workers is becoming more serious in certain regions, owing to current political and economic circumstances and for social and cultural reasons,

Recognizing the need for the Governments of host countries and of countries of origin to co-operate with a view to finding solutions conducive to improving the situation and ensuring the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

Reaffirming that the family is the natural and fundamental 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,

Recalling its resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, in which it decided to create, at its thirty-fifth session, a working group open to all Member States to elaborate an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families,

Noting with satisfaction that the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families has been able to commence its work during the thirty-fifth session in accordance with its terms of reference,

Noting, in particular, that it is important that the Working Group should make substantial progress before the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly, in order to facilitate the accomplishment of its task,

1. *Welcomes* the fact that at the current session the Working Group has begun its work with a view to the elaboration of a draft convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Chairman of the Working Group¹⁴⁰ as well as the documents annexed to it;

3. *Decides* that the Working Group shall hold an intersessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York in May 1981, immediately after the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council of 1981, to enable it to continue its work in order to discharge its mandate to the best of its ability during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to communicate to Governments the report of the Chairman of the Working Group and the documents annexed to it in order to enable the members of the Working Group, in the light of instructions from their respective Governments, to undertake during the second phase of its activities, at the intersessional meeting of May 1981, the preparation of a preliminary draft convention for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

5. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to communicate, for information purposes, the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations system and to the interested international organizations, in order to enable them to participate in the work of the Working Group and to co-operate in the preparation of the draft convention;

6. *Further invites* the Secretary-General to communicate to Governments, to the competent organs of the United Nations system and to the interested international organizations the report and the preliminary draft convention to be drawn up by the Working Group at its intersessional meeting of May 1981, in order to ensure effective preparation of the work of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly on the elaboration of a draft convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

7. *Decides* that the Working Group shall meet during the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly in order to continue its work on the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

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¹³⁵ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹³⁶ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

¹³⁷ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹³⁸ International Labour Office, *Official Bulletin*, vol. LVIII, 1975, series A, No. 1, Convention No. 143.

¹³⁹ *Ibid.*, No. 1, Recommendation No. 151.

¹⁴⁰ A/C.3/35/13.