

3. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the item entitled "International campaign against traffic in drugs".

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36/133. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Reiterating the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹¹⁰ and of the International Covenants on Human Rights¹¹¹ in promoting respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Bearing in mind its resolution 32/130 of 16 December 1977, in which it decided that the approach to the future work within the United Nations system with respect to human rights questions should take into account the concepts set forth in that resolution,

Recognizing that work should continue towards safeguarding human rights in a comprehensive manner to ensure the dignity of human beings and, in that regard, that active efforts should be made to implement the concepts set forth in resolution 32/130, in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Further recognizing that the establishment of the new international economic order is an essential element for the effective promotion and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all,

Reiterating its profound conviction 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 rights, and economic, social and cultural rights,

Welcoming the decision of the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 36 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981¹¹² to set up a working group to study the scope and contents of the right to development and the most effective means to ensure the realization, in all countries, of the economic, social and cultural rights enshrined in various international instruments, and noting with satisfaction the commencement of the work of the working group,

Recalling that, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/130, all human rights and fundamental freedoms of the human person and of peoples are inalienable,

Emphasizing that the right to development is an inalienable human right,

Recognizing that international peace and security are essential elements in the full realization of the right to development,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Seminar on the Relations that Exist between Human Rights, Peace and Development, organized by the United Nations at its Headquarters from 3 to 14 August 1981,¹¹³

Taking note with satisfaction of the study on present international conditions and human rights,¹¹⁴ prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with the request made by the General Assembly in paragraph 12 of its resolution 34/46,

Recalling its resolutions 34/46 of 23 November 1979 and 35/174 of 15 December 1980, as well as Commission on Human Rights resolution 36 (XXXVII),

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue its current work on the over-all analysis with a view to further promoting and improving human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the Commission's programme and working methods, and on the over-all analysis of the alternative approaches and ways and means for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, in accordance with the provisions and concepts of General Assembly resolution 32/130, bearing in mind also other relevant texts;

2. *Reaffirms* that it is of paramount importance for the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms that Member States should undertake specific obligations through accession to, or ratification of, international instruments in this field and, consequently, that the standard-setting work within the United Nations system in the field of human rights and the universal acceptance and implementation of the relevant international instruments should be encouraged;

3. *Reiterates* that the international community should accord, or continue to accord, priority to the search for solutions to mass and flagrant violations of human rights of the peoples and individuals affected by situations such as those mentioned in paragraph 1 (e) of resolution 32/130, paying due attention also to other situations of violations of human rights;

4. *Further reiterates* that the establishment of the new international economic order is an essential element for the effective promotion and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all;

5. *Affirms* that the efforts of the United Nations and its Member States to promote and to protect civil and political rights as well as economic, social and cultural rights should continue;

6. *Reiterates* the need to ensure economic and political stability at the national and international levels for the full enjoyment, promotion and observance of human rights of peoples and individuals;

7. *Reaffirms* that in order to ensure the full enjoyment of all human rights and complete personal dignity it is necessary to promote the right to education and the right to work, health and proper nourishment, through adoption of measures at the national level, including those that provide for the right of workers to participate in management, as well as adoption of measures at the international level, including the establishment of the new international economic order;

8. *Declares* that the right to development is an inalienable human right;

9. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to take the necessary measures to promote the right to development, taking into account the work of the Working Group set up under Commission resolution 36 (XXXVII);

¹¹⁰ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹¹¹ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹¹² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.*

¹¹³ ST/HR/SER.A/10.

¹¹⁴ A/36/462.

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, from the thirty-eighth session on, a biennial progress report bringing up to date the study on international conditions and human rights;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-seventh session the 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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36/134. National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/123 of 16 December 1977, 33/46 of 14 December 1978 and 34/49 of 23 November 1979 concerning national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights,

Mindful of the guidelines on the structure and functioning of national and local institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/46,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights,¹¹⁵

Mindful also of the need to create conditions, at the national and international levels, for the promotion and protection of the human rights of individuals and peoples,

Emphasizing the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹¹⁶ the International Covenants on Human Rights¹¹⁷ and other international human rights instruments for promoting respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Reiterating its conviction 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 rights, and economic, social and cultural rights,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council have been giving attention to the development of public information activities in the field of human rights,

1. *Invites* all Member States to take appropriate steps for the establishment or, where they already exist, the strengthening of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of the integrity and independence of such national institutions, in accordance with national legislation;

3. *Draws attention* to the constructive role that national non-governmental organizations can play in the work of national institutions;

4. *Invites* all Member States to take appropriate steps to disseminate the texts of human rights instruments, including international covenants and conventions, in their respective national or local languages in order to give the widest possible publicity to these instruments;

5. *Recommends* that all Member States should consider including material relevant to a comprehensive understanding of human rights issues in their educational curriculum;

6. *Recommends* that all Member States should take appropriate steps to encourage the exchange of experience in the establishment of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in carrying out public information activities in the field of human rights, to give due attention to the role of national institutions and non-governmental organizations concerned with the promotion and protection of human rights;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of paragraph 4 above, high priority being accorded to the needs of developing countries;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth session a report providing detailed information on the various types of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, taking into account differing social and legal systems and the contribution that national institutions can make towards the implementation of the international human rights instruments;

10. *Recommends* that Member States should bring the present resolution to the attention of representatives of their national institutions;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-eighth session a subitem entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights".

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36/135. Alternative approaches and ways and means in the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 35/175 of 15 December 1980, in which it decided to consider at its thirty-sixth session the question of the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights under the item entitled "Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms",

Having considered the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-seventh session,¹¹⁸

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights informed the General Assembly that it had not been able to reach a decision at its thirty-seventh session on the desirability of the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Noting also that the Commission on Human Rights has been seized of this question since its thirty-fourth session under the item entitled "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission: alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms",

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-eighth session to consider this question with the attention it deserves;

2. *Further requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit a report on its deliberations and their results to

¹¹⁵ A/36/440.

¹¹⁶ Resolution 217 A (III).

¹¹⁷ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹¹⁸ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1).*