

the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Decides* to resume consideration of this question at its thirty-seventh session, also taking into account the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its thirty-eighth session and the views expressed by Member States at the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly 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" and to examine what steps may be taken in this regard.

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### 36/136. New international humanitarian order

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting with interest* the proposal for the promotion of a new international humanitarian order,<sup>119</sup>

*Recognizing* the importance of further improving a comprehensive international framework which takes fully into account existing instruments relating to humanitarian questions as well as the need for addressing those aspects which are not yet adequately covered,

*Bearing in mind* that institutional arrangements and action of governmental and non-governmental bodies might need to be further strengthened to respond effectively in situations requiring humanitarian action,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Governments on the proposal for the promotion of a new international humanitarian order;

2. *Decides* to consider the question at its thirty-seventh session on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General.

*97th plenary meeting  
14 December 1981*

### 36/151. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 33/174 of 20 December 1978, by which it established a United Nations Trust Fund for Chile as a voluntary fund to receive contributions and distribute humanitarian, legal and financial aid to persons whose human rights had been violated by detention or imprisonment in Chile,

*Recalling also* its resolution 35/190 of 15 December 1980, by which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to study the possibility of extending the mandate of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile,

*Taking note* of Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/39 of 8 May 1981 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 35 (XXXVII) of 11 March 1981,<sup>120</sup>

*Noting* that all Governments have an obligation to respect and promote human rights in accordance with the responsibilities they have undertaken under various international instruments,

*Noting with deep concern* that acts of torture take place in various countries,

*Considering* the plight of victims of torture wherever it takes place,

<sup>119</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Annexes, agenda item 138, document A/36/245.*

<sup>120</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1981, Supplement No. 5 (E/1981/25 and Corr.1), chap. XXVIII, sect. A.*

*Recognizing* the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit,

1. *Decides:*

(a) To extend the mandate of the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile, established by General Assembly resolution 33/174, in order to make it capable of receiving voluntary contributions for distribution, through established channels of assistance, as humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of torture and to relatives of such victims, priority being given to aid to victims of violations by States in which the human rights situation has been the subject of resolutions or decisions adopted by either the Assembly, the Economic and Social Council or the Commission on Human Rights;

(b) To redesignate the United Nations Trust Fund for Chile as United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;

(c) That the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the United Nations by the Secretary-General, with the advice of a Board of Trustees of the Fund, composed of a chairman and four members with wide experience in the field of human rights, acting in their personal capacity, to be appointed by the Secretary-General with due regard to equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with their Governments;

(d) To adopt the arrangements for the management of the Fund set forth in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General;<sup>121</sup>

(e) To authorize the Board of Trustees of the Fund to promote and solicit contributions and pledges;

(f) To request the Secretary-General to give the Board of Trustees of the Fund all the assistance it may require;

2. *Appeals* to all Governments to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Fund.

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16 December 1981*

### 36/152. The right to education

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 34/170 of 17 December 1979 and 35/191 of 15 December 1980 on the right to education,

*Recalling* the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by its resolution 2200 A (XXI) of 16 December 1966, which recognizes the right of everyone to education,

*Bearing in mind* the importance of the Convention against Discrimination in Education,<sup>122</sup> adopted on 14 December 1960 by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

*Reaffirming* the paramount importance of the implementation of the right to education for the full development of the human personality and for the enjoyment of other fundamental human rights and freedoms,

*Recognizing* that for the effective implementation of the right to education the eradication of illiteracy has a particular priority and urgency,

*Convinced* that the educational process could bring a substantial contribution to social progress, national development, mutual understanding and co-operation among peoples and to strengthening peace and international security,

<sup>121</sup> A/36/540.

<sup>122</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 429, No. 6193, p. 93.

*Recalling* that the establishment of the new international economic order requires effective support for the improvement and expansion of educational systems and for the training of specialized personnel and qualified cadres for the economic development of the developing countries,

*Convinced* of the topicality and urgency of the provisions on education contained in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,<sup>123</sup>

*Recalling* that, since its establishment, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has constantly striven for the effective realization of the right to education and equality of educational opportunities for all, without distinction as to race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, economic status or birth and that, for many years past, activities directed to securing the right to education and the extension and improvement of educational and training systems in member States, more particularly in the developing countries, have occupied a central place in that organization's programme,

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the interest shown by the Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 34/170 and 35/191,

1. *Invites again* all States to consider the adoption of appropriate legislative, administrative and other measures, including material guarantees, in order to ensure the full implementation of the right to universal education through, *inter alia*, free and compulsory primary education, universal and gradually free-of-charge secondary education, equal access to all educational facilities and the access of the young generation to science and culture;

2. *Invites* all States to give all necessary attention to defining and determining in a more precise manner the means for implementing the provisions concerning the role of education in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

3. *Invites* all specialized agencies to co-operate with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to ensure education a high priority in the implementation of various programmes and projects within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Appeals again* to all States, in particular the developed countries, to support actively through fellowships and other means, including the general increasing of resources for education and training, the efforts of the developing countries in the education and training of national personnel needed in industry, agriculture and other economic and social sectors;

5. *Expresses its thanks* to the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the report on the right to education,<sup>124</sup> prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 35/191;

6. *Requests* the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session a report dealing with the questions raised in resolution 35/191 and also in the present resolution, on the basis of the broad lines of approach established in the draft medium-term plan of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for 1984–1989, with a view to fostering the full implementation of the right to education.

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<sup>123</sup> Resolution 35/56, annex, sect. O.

<sup>124</sup> See A/36/524.

### **36/153. Assistance to refugees in Somalia**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 35/180 of 15 December 1980 on the question of assistance to refugees in Somalia,

*Recalling further* Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/31 of 6 May 1981,

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the review mission to Somalia<sup>125</sup> and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>126</sup> on the conditions of the refugees in Somalia and containing an assessment of their over-all needs,

*Having heard* the statement of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,<sup>127</sup>

*Deeply concerned* at the need to continue to provide assistance to the refugees in Somalia,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General and of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the situation of refugees in Somalia;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for their continued efforts to mobilize international assistance on behalf of the refugees in Somalia;

3. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the assistance rendered to refugees in Somalia by various Member States, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and other concerned intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

4. *Appeals* to Member States, international organizations and voluntary agencies to render maximum material, financial and technical assistance to the Government of Somalia in its efforts to provide all necessary assistance to the refugees;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to dispatch a mission to Somalia early in 1982 to make a comprehensive review of the over-all needs of the refugees, including those aspects relating to their settlement and rehabilitation;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to submit the report of the proposed review mission on the refugee situation in Somalia to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1982;

7. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the High Commissioner, to submit a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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16 December 1981*

### **36/154. Regional 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,

<sup>125</sup> A/36/136.

<sup>126</sup> A/36/136/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

<sup>127</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-sixth Session, Third Committee*, 56th meeting, paras. 1-3.