

Recalling further its resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, by which it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons as a long-term plan of action, on the understanding that no additional resources from the United Nations system would be needed for this purpose, and encouraged Member States to utilize this period as one of the means to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,

Concerned that developing countries are experiencing increasing difficulties in mobilizing adequate resources for meeting pressing needs in the field of disability prevention, rehabilitation and equalization of opportunities for the millions of persons with disabilities, in the face of pressing demands from other high-priority sectors concerned with basic needs,

Convinced that the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons should give a strong impetus to the implementation of the World Programme of Action and to a broader understanding of its importance,

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/19 of 26 May 1983, in which the Secretary-General was requested to monitor and support the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons by enlisting extrabudgetary resources,

Noting with great appreciation the many generous voluntary contributions and pledges already made by Governments, organizations and individuals,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General⁶⁶ concerning the results achieved so far by the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons during the Year and its follow-up activities,

Recognizing that the Trust Fund is an important instrument for the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

1. Recognizes the desirability of the continuation of the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Year of Disabled Persons throughout the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons for the benefit of disabled persons, particularly those in developing countries;

2. Decides that the Trust Fund should continue its activities pending a report by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, which should include recommendations for the further implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, the funding of such activities by voluntary contributions, the possible terms of reference of a trust fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, the implementation of the provisions contained in Assembly resolution 36/77 concerning the organization of support services for technical co-operation in favour of disabled persons, as well as the organization of task forces mentioned in Assembly resolution 37/53;

3. Stresses the need for the administration of the Trust Fund to continue to be carried out as an integral part of the substantive responsibilities for disability matters discharged by the Secretariat;

4. Recommends that the resources of the Trust Fund should be geared, within the framework of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons, towards the implementation of the World Programme of Action and towards helping persons with disabilities to organize themselves, towards assisting in implementing support and consultative services for technical co-operation and inter-organizational task forces, as mentioned in resolutions 36/

77 and 37/53, and towards strengthening the activities of the regional commissions in the field of disability prevention and the advancement of persons with disabilities;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to strengthen the Trust Fund and, to this effect, to enlist extrabudgetary resources as indicated in paragraph 158 of the World Programme of Action;⁶⁵

6. Appeals to Governments and private sources for continuing generous voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund;

7. Calls upon all Member States, all non-governmental organizations concerned and organizations of disabled persons and also calls upon all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, through a reallocation of existing resources, to continue to ensure the early implementation of the World Programme of Action;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his reports to the General Assembly on the implementation of the World Programme of Action a section on the activities of the Trust Fund.

66th plenary meeting
22 November 1983

38/86. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

The General Assembly,

Again reaffirming the permanent validity of the principles and standards embodied in the basic instruments regarding the international protection of human rights, in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶⁷ the International Covenants on Human Rights,⁶⁸ the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination⁶⁹ and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁷⁰

Bearing in mind the principles and standards established within the framework of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the importance of the task carried out in connection with migrant workers and their families in other specialized agencies and in various organs of the United Nations,

Reiterating that, in spite of the existence of an already established body of principles and standards, there is a need to make further efforts to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers and their families,

Recalling its resolution 34/172 of 17 December 1979, by which it decided to establish 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,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/198 of 15 December 1980, 36/160 of 16 December 1981 and 37/170 of 17 December 1982, by which it renewed the mandate of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and requested it to continue its work,

Having examined the progress made by the Working Group during its third inter-session meeting, held from 31 May to 10 June 1983,

⁶⁶ A/38/506.

⁶⁷ Resolution 217 A (III).

⁶⁸ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁶⁹ Resolution 2106 A (XX), annex.

⁷⁰ Resolution 34/180, annex.

Having also examined the reports of the Working Group during the current session of the General Assembly,⁷¹

1. Takes note of the reports of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families and expresses its satisfaction with the substantial progress that the Working Group has so far made in the accomplishment of its mandate;

2. Decides that, in order to enable it to complete its task as soon as possible, the Working Group shall again hold an inter-sessional meeting of two weeks' duration in New York, immediately after the first regular session of 1984 of the Economic and Social Council;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the reports of the Working Group so as to allow the members of the Group to continue their task during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in the spring of 1984, as well as to transmit the results obtained at that meeting in order that the General Assembly may consider them during its thirty-ninth session;

4. Also invites the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned documents to the competent organs of the United Nations and to international organizations concerned, for their information, so as to enable them to continue their co-operation with the Working Group;

5. Decides that the Working Group shall meet during the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, to continue and, if possible, to complete the elaboration of an international convention on the protection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families.

100th plenary meeting
16 December 1983

38/87. Question of the international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolutions 1790 (LIV) of 18 May 1973 and 1871 (LVI) of 17 May 1974 concerning the question of the international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 8 (XXIX) of 21 March 1973,⁷² 11 (XXX) of 6 March 1974,⁷³ 16 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979⁷⁴ and 19 (XXXVI) of 29 February 1980⁷⁵ on the same subject,

Recalling also resolution 9 (XXXI) of 13 September 1978 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,⁷⁶

Recalling that the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1980/29 of 2 May 1980, decided to transmit to the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session the text of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live, prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and amended by the Sub-Commission,⁷⁷ together with the comments on the text received from Member

⁷¹ A/C.3/38/1 and A/C.3/38/5.

⁷² See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5265)*, chap. XX, sect. A.

⁷³ *Ibid.*, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/5464), chap. XIX, sect. A.

⁷⁴ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1979, Supplement No. 6 (E/1979/36)*, chap. XXIV, sect. A.

⁷⁵ *Ibid.*, 1980, Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

States⁷⁸ in response to Council decision 1979/36 of 10 May 1979, and recommended that the Assembly should consider the adoption of a declaration on the subject,

Recalling also its resolutions 35/199 of 15 December 1980, 36/165 of 16 December 1981 and 37/169 of 17 December 1982, by which it decided to establish an open-ended working group for the purpose of concluding the elaboration of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live,

Having considered the comments submitted by Governments, specialized agencies, regional and intergovernmental organizations and the competent organs of the United Nations system pursuant to General Assembly resolution 37/169 on the reports of the open-ended working groups established at the thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions of the Assembly,⁷⁹

Having considered the report of the Working Group established for the purpose of concluding the elaboration of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live,⁸⁰

1. Takes note of the report of the Working Group and of the fact that, although the Working Group has done useful work, it has not had sufficient time to conclude its task;

2. Decides to establish, at its thirty-ninth session, an open-ended working group for the purpose of concluding the elaboration of the draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live;

3. Expresses the hope that a draft declaration on the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live will be adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session.

100th plenary meeting
16 December 1983

38/88. Assistance to refugees in Somalia⁸¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 35/180 of 15 December 1980, 36/153 of 16 December 1981 and 37/174 of 17 December 1982 on the question of assistance to refugees in Somalia,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1981/31 of 6 May 1981 and 1982/4 of 27 April 1982,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees⁸² on the conditions of the refugees in Somalia, particularly paragraph 6 of the report,

Deeply concerned that the refugee problem in Somalia has not yet been resolved,

Recognizing from the recommendations contained in the report of the High Commissioner that there remains an urgent need for increased assistance in the provision of food, water and medicines, the strengthening of health and educational facilities in the refugee camps, and the expansion of the number of self-help schemes and small-scale farming and fruit-growing projects necessary for the promotion of self-reliance among the refugees,

⁷⁶ See E/CN.4/1296, chap. XVII, sect. A.

⁷⁷ E/CN.4/1336.

⁷⁸ E/CN.4/1354 and Add.1-6.

⁷⁹ See A/38/147 and Add.1.

⁸⁰ A/C.3/38/11 and Corr.1.

⁸¹ See also sect. V, resolution 38/216.

⁸² A/38/400 and Corr.1.