

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments of the Bahamas, Greece and India for acting as hosts to regional and interregional meetings during 1983;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, to explore all avenues leading to a further improvement of regional and interregional co-ordination of activities against drug trafficking and drug abuse, in particular:

(a) To continue to pursue efforts and initiatives with a view to establishing, on a continuing basis, co-ordination mechanisms for drug law enforcement in regions where these do not yet exist;

(b) To give appropriate priority to measures designed to alleviate the special problems of transit States through co-operative regional and interregional efforts and, in this regard, to bring the present resolution to the attention of all regional and interregional meetings concerned with drug trafficking and drug abuse;

(c) To make every effort to convene, within the resources that may be made available to him, the interregional meeting of heads of national drug law enforcement agencies proposed in paragraph 5 (c) of General Assembly resolution 37/198;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report, for review by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session, on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution;

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

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38/123. National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights

The General Assembly:

Recalling its resolutions 32/123 of 16 December 1977, 33/46 of 14 December 1978, 34/49 of 23 November 1979 and 36/134 of 14 December 1981 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,

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

Conscious of the significant role which institutions at the national level can play in protecting and promoting human rights and fundamental freedoms and in developing and enhancing public awareness and observance of those rights and freedoms,

Emphasizing the importance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,¹⁸² the International Covenants on Human Rights¹⁸³ and other international human rights instruments for promoting respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁸⁴

2. *Invites* all Member States to take appropriate steps for the establishment or, where they already exist, the

strengthening of national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights:

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

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

5. *Recommends* that all Member States should take appropriate steps to encourage the exchange of experience in the establishment of national institutions;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit his report to Governments and to invite them to submit additional information, comments and observations, with a view to developing further the various types of national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in the light of his previous reports and of further information received, to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session an updated report providing detailed information on the various types of national and local institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights, taking into account differing social and legal systems and the contributions that national and local institutions can make towards the implementation of international human rights instruments;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-ninth session the sub-item entitled "National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights".

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38/124. 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 that in the Charter of the United Nations the peoples of the United Nations declared their determination to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person and in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Recalling also the purposes and principles of the Charter 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,

Reaffirming the continued significance and validity of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹⁸² and the importance of the International Covenants on Human Rights¹⁸³ in promoting respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Recalling 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,

¹⁸² Resolution 217 A (III).

¹⁸³ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

¹⁸⁴ A/38/416