

tative, in particular by not allowing the Special Representative to visit the country,

Taking into account the specific and detailed allegations of grave and extensive violations of human rights to which the Special Representative refers in his interim report on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran¹⁸⁸ and to which the Government of that country has not responded,

Endorsing the conclusion of the Special Representative that continued monitoring of the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran is called for,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the interim report of the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran and of the general observations contained therein;¹⁸⁹

2. *Expresses its deep concern* over the specific and detailed allegations of violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran to which the Special Representative refers in his interim report, and, in particular, those related to the right to life, such as summary and arbitrary executions, the right to freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, the right to liberty and security of person and to freedom from arbitrary arrest or detention, the right to a fair trial, the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion and to freedom of expression, and the right of religious minorities to profess and practise their own religion;

3. *Endorses* the conclusion of the Special Representative that, on the basis of the information available to him, specific and detailed allegations concerning grave violations of human rights cannot be dismissed, and urgently appeals to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to respond satisfactorily to these allegations;

4. *Urges* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as a State party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁷ to respect and to ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognized in that Covenant;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to study carefully the final report of the Special Representative, as well as other information pertaining to the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to consider further steps for securing effective respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all in that country;

6. *Urges* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to extend its full co-operation to the Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights, and, in particular, to permit him to visit that country;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Representative;

8. *Decides* to continue its examination of the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the situation of minority groups such as the Baha'is, during its forty-first session in order to examine this situation anew in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council.

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40/142. Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

The General Assembly.

Recalling its resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948, by which it approved and proposed for signature and ratification or accession the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,

Mindful of the fact that the year 1986 marks the thirty-fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention,

Reaffirming its conviction that genocide is a crime under international law, contrary to the spirit and aims of the United Nations,

Expressing its conviction that implementation of the provisions of the Convention by all States is necessary for the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide,

Bearing in mind that the fortieth anniversary of the victory over nazism and fascism in the Second World War is being commemorated in 1985,

1. *Once again strongly condemns* the crime of genocide;

2. *Reaffirms* the necessity of international co-operation in order to liberate mankind from such an odious scourge;

3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the fact that many States have ratified the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide or have acceded thereto;

4. *Urges* those States that have not yet become parties to the Convention to ratify it or accede thereto without further delay;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-first session a report on the status of the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its forty-second session the question of promoting the full implementation of the Convention and to submit its observations and proposals thereon, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-first session.

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40/143. Summary or arbitrary executions

The General Assembly.

Recalling the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁶ which states that every human being has the right to life, liberty and security of person,

Having regard to the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁷ which states that every human being has the inherent right to life, that this right shall be protected by law and that no one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life,

Recalling also its resolution 34/175 of 17 December 1979, in which it reaffirmed that mass and flagrant violations of human rights are of special concern to the United Nations and urged the Commission on Human Rights to take timely and effective action in existing and future cases of mass and flagrant violations of human rights,

Recalling further its resolution 36/22 of 9 November 1981, in which it condemned the practice of summary or arbitrary executions, and its resolutions 37/182 of 17 December 1982, 38/96 of 16 December 1983 and 39/110 of 14 December 1984,

¹⁸⁸ A/40/874.

¹⁸⁹ *Ibid.*, sect. II.