

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, 37/170 of 17 December 1982, 38/86 of 16 December 1983, 39/102 of 14 December 1984 and 40/130 of 13 December 1985, 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 seventh session,¹⁴⁸ held from 24 September to 3 October 1986, during which the Group continued with the second reading of the draft convention,

Concerned at the fact that, owing to the current financial situation, the Working Group could not meet between sessions of the General Assembly in 1986, immediately after the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council, following the practice established for the Group by the General Assembly itself,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Working Group to the effect that its inter-sessional meeting should not be suspended again, so as to enable it to complete, as soon as possible, the second reading of the remaining articles of the draft convention,

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Working Group on the Drafting of an International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families¹⁴⁸ and, in particular, of the progress made by the Working Group on the drafting, in second reading, of the draft convention;

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 1987 of the Economic and Social Council;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to transmit to Governments the report of the Working Group so as to enable the members of the Group to continue the drafting, in second reading, of the draft convention during the inter-sessional meeting to be held in the spring of 1987, as well as to transmit the results obtained at that meeting to the General Assembly for consideration during its forty-second session;

4. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to transmit the above-mentioned document to the competent organs of the United Nations and to the 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 forty-second session of the General Assembly, preferably at the beginning of the session, to continue the second reading of the draft international convention on the pro-

tection of the rights of all migrant workers and their families;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to do everything possible to ensure adequate secretariat services for the Working Group for the timely fulfilment of its mandate, both at its inter-sessional meeting to be held after the first regular session of 1987 of the Economic and Social Council and during the forty-second session of the General Assembly.

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41/152. Improvement of social life

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that the Members of the United Nations have undertaken in the Charter of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

Recalling the principles proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights² and in the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,⁷¹

Mindful of the need to establish a harmonious balance between scientific, technological and material progress and the intellectual, spiritual, cultural and moral advancement of mankind,

Considering that the improvement of social life must be based on respect for and the promotion of all human rights and particularly on the elimination of all forms of discrimination,

Aware that freedom of expression, worship and association, and the ensuring of equality of rights and opportunities for all the people on an equal footing in respect of employment, health, education, culture, rest and social security, in particular, also contribute to the improvement of social life,

Considering that healthy recreational, cultural and sports activities contribute to the achievement of a proper level of physical and mental health,

Considering also that the improvement of social life must take place in a continuous and uninterrupted manner,

1. *Acknowledges* that the progress achieved is still inadequate and that greater progress is necessary in the world social situation despite the efforts made, and that efforts to this end should be continued;

2. *Confirms* the need to ensure the well-being of everyone and the enjoyment of all the other basic human rights, particularly freedom of expression, worship and association, and the ensuring of equality of rights and opportunities on an equal footing for all the people in respect of employment, health, education, culture, rest and social security;

3. *Reiterates* that it is the right of everyone to enjoy the greatest possible degree of physical and mental health;

4. *Emphasizes* that participation in cultural, sports and recreational activities and the use of leisure without discrimination of any kind promotes the improvement of social life;

5. *Decides* to resume consideration of the question of the improvement of social life at its forty-second session.

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¹⁴⁸ See A/C.3/41/3.