

8. *Recognizes* the constructive role that non-governmental organizations can play in relation to national institutions;

9. *Affirms* the role of national institutions as focal points for the dissemination of human rights materials and other public information activities under the auspices of the United Nations;

10. *Encourages* the development of funding and other strategies to facilitate the establishment of national human rights institutions and, in this regard, invites Member States to consider making requests for such assistance through the advisory services programme of the United Nations;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to Member States, upon their request, in the implementation of paragraphs 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 above, according priority to the needs of developing countries;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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42/117. Right to development

The General Assembly,

Welcoming the proclamation by the General Assembly at its forty-first session of the Declaration on the Right to Development,¹²⁹

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights relating to the right to development, especially Commission resolution 1987/23 of 10 March 1987,²⁶ approved by the Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating the importance of the right to development for all countries, in particular the developing countries,

Convinced of the importance of the future work of the Commission on Human Rights and its Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development, including practical measures to implement the Declaration,

Having considered the report of the Working Group¹³² and all other relevant documents submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-second session,

Aware of the great interest shown by several Member States, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations which desire to contribute to the work of the Working Group,

1. *Expresses the hope* that the replies of Governments, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other governmental and non-governmental organizations, submitted at the request of the Secretary-General based on Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/23 to offer their comments and views on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development, will contain practical proposals and ideas that should contribute substantially to further work on the implementation of the Declaration;

2. *Calls upon* the Working Group of Governmental Experts on the Right to Development, at its eleventh session, to study the analytical compilation to be prepared by the Secretary-General of all replies received, if necessary together with the individual replies, and to submit to the

Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session its recommendations and suggestions on which proposals would best contribute to the further enhancement and implementation of the Declaration;

3. *Calls upon* the Commission on Human Rights to consider at its forty-fourth session the report, recommendations and suggestions of the Working Group, as well as all other relevant materials, including the analytical compilation, with a view to deciding on practical measures to implement the Declaration, including specific proposals concerning future work;

4. *Invites* the Commission on Human Rights to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council, on organizational and substantial measures to implement the Declaration at all levels;

5. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-third session 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".

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42/118. Development of public information activities in the field of human rights

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that activities to improve public knowledge in the field of human rights are essential to the fulfilment of the purposes of the United Nations set out in Article 1, paragraph 3, of the Charter of the United Nations and that programmes of teaching, education and information are central to the achievement of lasting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling the relevant resolutions on this subject, in particular its resolution 41/130 of 4 December 1986 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1987/39 of 10 March 1987,²⁶

Recognizing the catalytic effect of United Nations initiatives on national and regional public information activities in the field of human rights,

Recognizing also the valuable role that non-governmental organizations can play in these endeavours,

Believing that the fortieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights² should provide a focus and renewed impetus to the promotional activities of the United Nations system in the field of human rights,

Taking note of the successful United Nations regional training course on the teaching of human rights held at Bangkok from 12 to 23 October 1987,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities in the field of human rights,¹³³ and notes that, despite its repeated appeals, adequate resources and priority for these activities continue to be denied;

2. *Invites* all Member States to make special efforts during 1988 to publicize and to facilitate and encourage publicity for the activities of the United Nations in the field of human rights and to accord priority to the dissemination, in their respective national and local languages, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Interna-

¹³² E/CN.4/1987/10.

¹³³ E/CN.4/1987/16 and Add.1-3.