

*Mindful* of the relevance, for the eradication of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials<sup>139</sup> and of the Principles of Medical Ethics relevant to the role of health personnel, particularly physicians, in the protection of prisoners and detainees against torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,<sup>80</sup>

*Convinced* of the desirability of early finalization and subsequent adoption of the draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,<sup>140</sup>

*Seriously concerned* about the alarming number of reported cases of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment taking place in various parts of the world,

*Determined* to promote the full implementation of the prohibition, under international and national law, of the practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

*Welcoming* the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1987/29 of 10 March 1987,<sup>26</sup> to extend for one year the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture and taking note of other important provisions of the Commission in the same resolution, including those relating to practical measures recommended by the Special Rapporteur to deal with this abhorrent phenomenon,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;<sup>141</sup>

2. *Welcomes with deep satisfaction* the entry into force on 26 June 1987 of the Convention as a major step in international efforts to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of the establishment by States parties to the Convention of appropriate administrative and financial arrangements to enable the Committee against Torture to carry out in an effective and efficient manner the functions entrusted to it under the Convention, and to ensure the long-term viability of the Committee as an essential mechanism for overseeing the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention;

4. *Also recognizes* the need for the Committee against Torture to give early attention to the development of an effective reporting system on implementation by States parties to the Convention, taking due account of the draft guidelines of the Secretary-General on reporting and the activities of the Human Rights Committee, as well as of the other human rights treaty bodies, established under the relevant international instruments in the field of human rights;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the provision of appropriate staff and facilities for the effective performance of the functions of the Committee against Torture;

6. *Again requests* all States to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;

7. *Once again invites* all States, upon ratification of or accession to the Convention, or subsequently, to consider the possibility of making the declarations provided for in articles 21 and 22 thereof;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-fourth session and to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

9. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-third session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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#### 42/124. Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the relevant provisions of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,<sup>137</sup> the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment<sup>142</sup> and the Declaration on the Rights of the Child,<sup>90</sup>

*Welcoming* the holding of the International Conference on Children, Repression and the Law in *Apartheid* South Africa at Harare, from 24 to 27 September 1987,

*Appalled* at evidence that children in South Africa are subjected to detention, torture and inhuman treatment,

1. *Expresses its profound outrage* at reports of detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

2. *Calls upon* the South African authorities urgently to release children held in detention in that country;

3. *Calls for* the immediate dismantlement of the so-called "rehabilitation camps" or "re-education centres";

4. *Requests* all relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies to draw attention to, monitor and expose these inhuman practices;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to the Commission on Human Rights the final documents of the International Conference on Children, Repression and the Law in *Apartheid* South Africa, for action by the Special Rapporteur on Torture.

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#### 42/125. Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolutions 1985/26 of 29 May 1985 and 1987/48 of 28 May 1987 concerning preparations for an Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

*Conscious* of the considerable contribution made to the preparations for the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes by the regional conferences of the ministers responsible for social welfare and the Commission for Social Develop-

<sup>139</sup> Resolution 34/169, annex.

<sup>140</sup> A/34/146, annex.

<sup>141</sup> A/42/451.

<sup>142</sup> Resolution 39/46, annex.