

Recalling the adoption of the Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment,²²⁵

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,

Taking note of the decision of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1990/34 of 2 March 1990³ to extend for two years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine questions relevant to torture,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Committee against Torture;²²⁵

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;²²⁶

3. *Stresses* the importance of strict adherence by States parties to the obligations under the Convention regarding the financing of the Committee against Torture, thus enabling it to carry out in an effective and efficient manner all the functions entrusted to it under the Convention, so as 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. *Welcomes* the attention that the Committee against Torture has given to the development of an effective system of reporting on the implementation of the Convention by States parties, and especially its revision of its general guidelines for the submission of initial reports by States parties;

5. *Welcomes also* the continuing close contacts and exchange of information, reports and documents between the Committee against Torture and the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on questions relating to torture;

6. *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;

7. *Reiterates its request* to all States to become parties to the Convention as a matter of priority;

8. *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 of the Convention;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-seventh session and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a report on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

10. *Decides* to consider the report of the Secretary-General at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled

“Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment”.

68th plenary meeting
14 December 1990

45/143. United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture

The General Assembly,

Recalling article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,⁵ which states that no one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Recalling also the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,²²⁷

Recalling with satisfaction the entry into force on 26 June 1987 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,⁸⁷

Recalling its resolution 36/151 of 16 December 1981, in which it noted with deep concern that acts of torture took place in various countries, recognized the need to provide assistance to the victims of torture in a purely humanitarian spirit and established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture,

Alarmed at the widespread occurrence of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment,

Convinced that the struggle to eliminate torture includes the provision of assistance in a humanitarian spirit to the victims and members of their families,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,²²⁸

1. *Expresses its gratitude and appreciation* to the Governments, organizations and individuals that have already contributed to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture;

2. *Calls upon* all Governments, organizations and individuals in a position to do so to respond favourably to requests for initial as well as further contributions to the Fund;

3. *Invites* Governments to make contributions to the Fund, preferably on a regular basis, in order to enable the Fund to provide continuous support to projects that depend on recurrent grants;

4. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Governments that pledged a contribution to the Fund at the 1990 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include the Fund on an annual basis among the programmes for which funds are pledged at the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for the work it has carried out;

7. *Also expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for the support given to the Board of Trustees

²²⁵ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 44 and corrigendum (A/45/44 and Corr.1).

²²⁶ A/45/405.

²²⁷ Resolution 3452 (XXX), annex.

²²⁸ A/45/633.

of the Fund by carrying out its decisions on an increasing number of projects;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of all existing possibilities, including the preparation, production and dissemination of information materials, to assist the Board of Trustees of the Fund in its efforts to make the Fund and its humanitarian work better known and in its appeal for contributions.

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45/144. Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/143 of 15 December 1989 and taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/11 of 23 February 1990,³

Recalling also 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,²²⁷ the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment⁸⁷ and the Declaration on the Rights of the Child,⁸⁵

Welcoming the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of the Child⁵² and the results of the World Summit for Children, in particular the adoption on 30 September 1990 of the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s,⁵³

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General²²⁹ and in particular of the condemnation expressed therein by the *Ad Hoc* Working Group of Experts on Southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights with regard to the lack of government concern for the violation of the human rights of the children of South Africa in matters of freedom of movement and the right to education and health,²³⁰

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

2. *Vigorously condemns* the *apartheid* racist régime for the continued detention, torture and inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

3. *Reiterates its demand* for the immediate and unconditional release of all children held in detention by the *apartheid* régime in South Africa;

4. *Reiterates its appeal* to all relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to intensify the world-wide campaign aimed at drawing attention to, monitoring and exposing these inhuman practices;

5. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to continue to pay special attention to the question of detention, torture and other inhuman treatment of children in South Africa;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Decides* to consider this question at its forty-sixth session under the item entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".

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45/146. Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 33/168 of 20 December 1978, 35/195 of 15 December 1980, 36/132 of 14 December 1981, 36/168 of 16 December 1981, 37/168 of 17 December 1982, 37/198 of 18 December 1982, 38/93 and 38/122 of 16 December 1983, 39/141 and 39/143 of 14 December 1984, 40/120, 40/121 and 40/122 of 13 December 1985, 41/125, 41/126 and 41/127 of 4 December 1986, 42/111, 42/112 and 42/113 of 7 December 1987, 43/120 of 8 December 1988 and 44/140 of 15 December 1989 and other relevant provisions,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988⁹² for improving international co-operation in that field and further strengthening the existing international instruments for the control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, namely, the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1954,²³¹ and that Convention as amended by the 1972 Protocol,²³² and the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971,²³³

Welcoming the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 on 11 November 1990, the necessary number of ratifications and accessions having been reached,

Expressing its satisfaction with the work thus far done by the Division of Narcotic Drugs of the Secretariat relating to the establishment of various measures to assist States to become parties to the Convention and provisionally implement its provisions, as well as with the inclusion of legal and technical assistance to States to these ends in the programme of work of the Division for the biennium 1990-1991,

Taking note of the Political Declaration and the Global Programme of Action²³⁴ adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, held from 20 to 23 February 1990, as well as the Declaration of the World Ministerial Summit to Reduce the Demand for Drugs and to Combat the Cocaine Threat, held in London from 9 to 11 April 1990,²³⁵

Bearing in mind the Ministerial Meeting on the Consumption, Production and Traffic of Illicit Drugs, held at Ixtapa, Mexico, from 17 to 20 April 1990,

²³¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

²³² *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

²³³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

²³⁴ Resolution S-17/2, annex.

²³⁵ A/45/262, annex.

²²⁹ A/45/615.

²³⁰ *Ibid.*, para. 8 (para. 229 of the quoted text).