

Special Rapporteur for one year and requested him to report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan,

Emphasizing the relevance and validity for all parties concerned of the Agreements on the Settlement of the Situation Relating to Afghanistan, concluded at Geneva on 14 April 1988,²⁹⁵ which constitute an important step towards a comprehensive political solution,

Noting with deep concern that a situation of armed conflict persists in Afghanistan, that acts of terrorism against civilians have significantly increased, that the treatment of prisoners detained in connection with the conflict does not conform to the humanitarian rules set out in the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto, of 1977, that more than five million refugees are living outside Afghanistan and that many Afghans are displaced within the country,

Aware that the reasons given by the refugees for not returning to Afghanistan pending the achievement of a comprehensive political solution and the establishment of a broad-based government include the continued fighting in some provinces, the use of very destructive arms in the conflict, the minefields that have been laid in many parts of the country, the lack of an effective authority in many areas and other obstacles that would be encountered by refugees in returning to the country,

Taking note with appreciation of the interim report of the Special Rapporteur²⁹⁶ and of the conclusions and recommendations contained therein,

1. *Welcomes* the co-operation of the Afghan authorities with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan;

2. *Welcomes* the co-operation that the Afghan authorities have extended in particular to the Co-ordinator for Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programmes Relating to Afghanistan, and to international organizations such as the specialized agencies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross;

3. *Welcomes* the fact that the Special Rapporteur was able to visit areas in Afghanistan not under government control;

4. *Urges* all parties concerned to work for the achievement of a comprehensive political solution based on the free exercise of the right to self-determination by the people of Afghanistan through democratic procedures acceptable to the people, including free and fair elections, and the creation of conditions conducive to the return of refugees to their homeland in safety and honour and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms by all Afghans;

5. *Also urges* all parties to the conflict to respect the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols thereto, of 1977, to halt the use of weapons against the civilian population, to protect all prisoners from acts of reprisals and violence, including ill-treatment, torture and summary execution, to transmit to the International Committee of the Red Cross the names of all prisoners, and to grant to that Com-

mittee unrestricted access to all parts of the country and the right to visit all prisoners in accordance with its established criteria;

6. *Calls upon* the Afghan authorities to investigate thoroughly the fate of persons who have disappeared, to apply amnesty decrees equally to foreign detainees, to reduce the period during which prisoners await trial, to treat all prisoners, especially those awaiting trial or those in custody in juvenile rehabilitation centres, in accordance with the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners,²⁶¹ and to apply to all convicted persons article 14, paragraphs 3 (d) and 5, of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;³³

7. *Notes with concern* the allegations of atrocities committed against Afghan soldiers, civil servants and captured civilians;

8. *Expresses its concern* at reports that the living conditions of refugees, especially those of women and children, are becoming increasingly difficult because of the decline in international humanitarian assistance;

9. *Urgently appeals* to all Member States, humanitarian organizations and all parties concerned to cooperate fully, especially on the subject of mine detection, in order to facilitate the return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes in safety and honour, in conformity with the Agreements on the Settlement of the Situation Relating to Afghanistan;

10. *Urgently appeals* to all Member States and humanitarian organizations to promote the implementation of the projects envisaged by the Co-ordinator for Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programmes Relating to Afghanistan and the programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, especially the pilot projects for the repatriation of refugees;

11. *Urges* all parties concerned to extend their full co-operation to the Commission on Human Rights and its Special Rapporteur;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur;

13. *Decides* to keep under consideration, during its forty-sixth session, the situation of human rights in Afghanistan in the light of additional elements provided by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council.

69th plenary meeting
18 December 1990

45/175. Rationalization of the work of the Third Committee

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 44/435 of 15 December 1989, in which it decided to defer consideration of the draft decision entitled "Programme of work of the Third Committee" until its forty-fifth session,²⁹⁷

Recalling also that the Third Committee, at its organizational meeting on 24 September 1990, decided to establish an open-ended working group on the rational-

²⁹⁵ S/19835, annex I.

²⁹⁶ A/45/664.

²⁹⁷ See A/C.3/45/L.2. For the printed text of the draft decision, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 12, document A/45/838/Add.1, para. 2.

ization of the work of the Third Committee to consider appropriate ways and means of rationalizing the Committee's programme of work, including existing proposals,²⁹⁸

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Working Group on the Rationalization of the Work of the Third Committee;²⁹⁹

2. *Adopts* the new structure of the agenda of the Third Committee, as contained in section I of the annex to the present resolution;

3. *Approves* the biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1991-1992, as contained in section II of the annex;

4. *Endorses* the recommendations concerning organizational matters, as contained in section III of the annex;

5. *Decides* to implement the provisions of the present resolution beginning at its forty-sixth session;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the present resolution into account in drawing up future agendas of the General Assembly.

69th plenary meeting
18 December 1990

ANNEX

I. NEW STRUCTURE OF THE AGENDA OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [item 12].

Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination.³⁰⁰

Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination.³⁰⁰

Item 4. Social development:

(a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, aging, disabled persons and the family,³⁰¹

(b) Crime prevention and criminal justice.³⁰¹

Item 5. Advancement of women.

Item 6. Narcotic drugs.

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; questions relating to refugees and displaced persons; and humanitarian questions:

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;³⁰²

(b) Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons;³⁰²

(c) Humanitarian questions.³⁰²

Item 8. Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;³⁰³

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;³⁰⁴

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives.³⁰⁴

Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

²⁹⁸ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Third Committee, 2nd meeting, and corrigendum.*

²⁹⁹ A/C.3/45/L.100.

³⁰⁰ Items 2 and 3 to be discussed jointly.

³⁰¹ Sub-items (a) and (b) to be discussed separately.

³⁰² Sub-items (a), (b) and (c) to be discussed jointly.

³⁰³ Sub-item (a) to be discussed separately.

³⁰⁴ Sub-items (b) and (c) to be discussed jointly. (This arrangement will be reviewed at the conclusion of the work of the Third Committee at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly.)

—Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

*Item 2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*³⁰⁰

Annual

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid*

Biennial

Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist régime of South Africa (1992)

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1992)

*Item 3. Right of peoples to self-determination*³⁰⁰

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of people to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 4. Social development

(a) *Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, aging, disabled persons and the family*³⁰¹

Annual

World social situation³⁰⁵

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities (biennially after 1993)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (biennially after end of Decade in 1992)

Biennial

Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights (1993)

Achievement of social justice (1992)

Policies and programmes involving youth (1992)

International Year of the Family, 1994 (1991, 1993, 1994; thereafter, biennially, if necessary)

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (1991)

National experience in promoting the co-operative movement (1992)

International Literacy Year (1991)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1994)

(b) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*³⁰¹

Biennial

Crime prevention and criminal justice (1991, 1993)

International co-operation in combating organized crime (1992, 1994)

³⁰⁵ Year 1 (1991)—Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.

Year 2 (1992)—General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Year 3 (1993)—Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.

Year 4 (1994)—General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Quinquennial

Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (1995)

*Item 5. Advancement of women**Annual*

Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Biennial

United Nations Development Fund for Women (1991)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1992)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (1991)

National experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (1993)

*Item 6. Narcotic drugs**Annual*

Implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances

International action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (1992)

Item 7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; questions relating to refugees and displaced persons; and humanitarian questions

(a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*³⁰²

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(b) *Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons*³⁰²

Annual

International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa

International Conference on Central American Refugees

Assistance to student refugees in southern Africa

Situation of refugees in the Sudan

Assistance to refugees in Somalia

Assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad

Assistance to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia

Assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Malawi

Humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti

Emergency humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees and displaced persons

(c) *Humanitarian questions*³⁰²

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (1992)

Promotion of international co-operation in the humanitarian field (1992)

Humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters and similar emergency situations (1992)

Item 8. Human rights questions

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*³⁰³

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

Convention on the Rights of the Child (biennially after 1992)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (1992)

International Covenants on Human Rights (1991)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1992)

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (1991)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*³⁰⁴

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (biennially after the adoption of a declaration thereon)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

World Conference on Human Rights

Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

Torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa

Biennial

Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others and its contribution to the economic and social development of Member States (1992)

Human rights and mass exoduses (1991)

Human rights in the administration of justice (1991)

Summary or arbitrary executions (1992)

Development of public information activities in the field of human rights (1992)

Guidelines for the regulation of computerized personal data files

Human rights and scientific and technological developments (1991)

National institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (1991)

International co-operation in solving international problems of a social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms (1992)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (1992)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (1992)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*³⁰⁴

II. BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE FOR 1991-1992

1991³⁰⁶

*Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council**Documentation:*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

—Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

³⁰⁶ The programme of work and documentation for 1991 will be revised in the light of the relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1991.

Item 2. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*³⁰⁰*Documentation:*

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 45/105, para. 26)

Report of the Secretary-General on resources for the activities of the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 45/105, paras. 17 and 18)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 45/88, paras. 9 and 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of *Apartheid* (resolution 45/90)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965)

Item 3. *Right of peoples to self-determination*³⁰⁰*Documentation:*

Report of the Secretary-General on the importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights (resolution 45/131, para. 6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (resolution 45/132, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of assistance to colonial Territories and peoples (resolution 45/130, paras. 36 and 37)

Item 4. *Social development*(a) *Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, aging, disabled persons and the family*³⁰⁵*Documentation:*

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
Interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (resolution 45/87, para. 9)

Report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system to improve and further develop quantitative and qualitative indicators that measure accurately the social condition and the standard of living of the world's population, particularly in developing countries (resolution 45/87, para. 11)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities (resolution 45/106)

Report of the Secretary-General on a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond (resolution 45/103, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the preparations for the International Year of the Family (resolution 45/133, para. 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (resolution 45/91, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in implementing and following up the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (resolution 44/65 of 8 December 1989, paras. 14 and 15)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for International Literacy Year (resolution 44/127 of 15 December 1989)

(b) *Crime prevention and criminal justice**Documentation:*

Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice (resolution 45/121, para. 15)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offend-

ers and all other autonomous institutes of the United Nations (decision 45/428)

Report brought to the attention of the General Assembly

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ministerial meeting on proposals for an effective crime prevention and criminal justice programme (resolution 45/108, para. 6)

Item 5. *Advancement of women**Documentation:*

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the resources available and necessary to ensure adequate support to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and for the effective implementation of all other aspects of the programme on the advancement of women (resolution 45/124, paras. 12 and 16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women (resolution 45/129, para. 26)

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (resolution 45/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the interregional consultation on women in public life (resolution 45/127)

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 45/128)

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 44/60 of 8 December 1989, paras. 8 and 9)

Item 6. *Narcotic drugs**Documentation:*

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking (resolution 45/147, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on international action to combat drug abuse and illicit trafficking and on economic and social consequences of illicit traffic in drugs and psychotropic substances (resolution 45/149, sect. II, paras. 2, 5 and 6)

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (resolution 45/148, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control (see resolution 45/179, para. 14)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; questions relating to refugees and displaced persons; and humanitarian questions*³⁰⁷(a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**Documentation:*

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 45/140, para. 17)

(b) *Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons**Documentation:*

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on the Plight of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Southern Africa (resolution 45/137, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Central American Refugees (resolution 45/141, para. 16)

³⁰⁷ Sub-items (a) and (b) to be discussed jointly.

- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to student refugees in southern Africa (resolution 45/171, para. 11)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of refugees in the Sudan (resolution 45/160, para. 9)
- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees in Somalia (resolution 45/154, para. 12)
- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to voluntary returnees and displaced persons in Chad (resolution 45/156, para. 6)
- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees and returnees in Ethiopia (resolution 45/161, para. 4)
- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Malawi (resolution 45/159, para. 8)
- Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to refugees and displaced persons in Djibouti (resolution 45/157, para. 6)
- Report of the Secretary-General on emergency humanitarian assistance to Liberian refugees and displaced persons (resolution 45/139, para. 6)

Item 8. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*³⁰³

Documentation:

- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 45/85, para. 9 (b))
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (resolution 45/104, para. 10)
- Report of the Committee against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 45/142, para. 9)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols thereto (resolution 45/135, para. 19)
- Report of the Human Rights Committee
- Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 45/158, paras. 6 and 7)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*³⁰⁴

Documentation:

- Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council
- Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system on the implementation of the Declaration on the Right to Development (resolution 45/97, para. 7)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the torture and inhuman treatment of children in detention in South Africa (resolution 45/144, para. 6)
- Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the protection and promotion of human rights (resolution 44/64 of 8 December 1989, para. 13)
- Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and mass exoduses (resolution 45/153, para. 13)
- Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 45/155, para. 13)
- Report of the Secretary-General on developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat (see resolution 45/180, para. 3)

Report of the Secretary-General on a draft programme of activities for the International Year for the World's Indigenous People (resolution 45/164, para. 7)

Report of the Secretary-General on his findings in pursuance of paragraphs 10 and 11 of resolution 45/150 and on the United Nations experience in election monitoring

Draft resolution entitled "Respect for the will of the people of Myanmar" (see decision 45/432)

Report of the Secretary-General on respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (resolution 45/151, para. 10)

Draft resolution entitled "Non-discrimination and protection of minorities" (see decision 45/434)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 45/166, para. 12)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*³⁰⁴

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

1992

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Documentation:

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

—Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*³⁰⁴

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council (resolution 45/105)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965)

Report of the Special Rapporteur on adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist régime of South Africa (resolution 45/84)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (resolution 45/89)

Item 3. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Item 4. *Social development*³⁰⁸

(a) *Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, aging, disabled persons and the family*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the status and role of co-operatives in the light of new economic and social trends (resolution 44/58 of 8 December 1989, para. 4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the policies and programmes involving youth (resolution 45/103, para. 14)

(b) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council on international co-operation in combating organized crime (resolution 44/71 of 8 December 1989, para. 3, and resolution 45/123, para. 3)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 45/128)

³⁰⁸ General debate on the world social situation on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124, para. 4)

Item 6. *Narcotic drugs*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 45/146, para. 7)

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (resolution 45/148, para. 4)

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; questions relating to refugees and displaced persons; and humanitarian questions*³⁰²

(a) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Documentation:

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(b) *Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons*

(c) *Humanitarian questions*

Documentation:

Report of the Secretary-General on humanitarian assistance to victims of natural disasters and similar emergency situations (resolution 45/100, para. 8)

Report of the Secretary-General on a new international humanitarian order (resolution 45/101, para. 5)

Item 8. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation:

Report of the Committee against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (resolution 39/46 of 10 December 1984)

Report of the Human Rights Committee

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 45/152, para. 5)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (see decision 45/433)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Documentation:

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the development of public information activities (resolution 45/99, para. 16)

Report of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference on Human Rights (resolution 45/155, para. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of the regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 45/167, para. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the views of Member States on General Assembly resolution 43/124 regarding the impact of property on the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (see decision 45/427)

Report of the Secretary-General on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region (resolution 45/168, para. 8)

III. RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Pre-sessional documentation

1. Pre-sessional documentation should be circulated six weeks in advance in all working languages.

Introductory statements by Secretariat officials

2. Texts of introductory statements by Secretariat officials should be circulated to delegations in the original language and in the other official languages, if possible, at least three days in advance of the introduction of the item. Oral introductory statements should be limited to 15 minutes and should only highlight areas of special interest.

3. Secretariat officials should, at the end of the debate on a particular item, respond to matters raised and to questions asked.

Statements by delegations

4. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session the Chairman should propose to the Third Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers. While it is understood that this decision will have to be applied with a degree of flexibility, delegations are encouraged to exercise self-discipline in this respect.

5. Copies of interventions made by delegations will be distributed by the conference officers. If a delegation is in a position to provide 200 copies, they may be circulated to all delegations during delivery of the statement. If only a limited number of copies can be provided, they may be given to the conference officer for placement at the back of the conference room.

Programme of work

6. The Secretariat should propose the programme of work of the Third Committee on the basis of experience gained at previous sessions of the Committee so that sufficient time is allocated for the consideration of a given item.

Questions for further consideration

7. Further consideration should be given to:

(a) The question of inviting eminent persons to address the Third Committee on the world social situation or other issues. It was considered that the experience of other Committees with that matter should be reviewed;

(b) The question of the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council and the relationship of that exercise to the work of the Third Committee;

(c) The relationship between the work of the Second Committee and that of the Third Committee.

Omnibus draft resolutions

8. Delegations are encouraged, to the extent possible, to draw up omnibus draft resolutions and to make resolutions as short and as concise as possible.

45/179. Enhancement of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by the dramatic increase in drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, which is threatening the health and well-being of millions of people in the majority of countries in the world,

Commending the determined efforts of Governments in the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking and recognizing the importance of support for such efforts by the United Nations system,

Noting with appreciation the significant work carried out within the United Nations system in the field of drug abuse control and the valuable knowledge, expertise and experience represented there,