

the Committee on the Rights of the Child, when examining periodic reports of States parties, give particular attention to the implementation of, respectively, articles 8 and 24 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹⁰ articles 10, 12 and 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹⁰ article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,²⁹ and articles 32, 34, 35 and 36 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,⁵² with a view to combating contemporary forms of slavery;

9. *Decides* to consider the question of the suppression of traffic in persons at its regular session of 1992 under the item entitled "Human rights questions".

*13th plenary meeting
31 May 1991*

1991/36. Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 45/180 of 21 December 1990, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/23 of 5 March 1991⁶¹ and Council resolution 1990/47 of 25 May 1990,

Bearing in mind also section V of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990 concerning interim measures for additional human resources for the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat,

Recognizing the important role of the Centre for Human Rights in the promotion, protection and implementation of human rights and the need to provide sufficient human resources to the Centre, particularly in view of the fact that its workload has greatly increased while resources have failed to keep pace with the expansion of its responsibilities,⁸²

1. *Notes with regret* that the report requested in paragraph 3 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/23 has not been submitted to the Council;

2. *Notes* that the workload of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat has further increased owing to the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights;

3. *Expresses its concern* that unless appropriate financial measures are taken, the reduced efficiency of the servicing of human rights bodies by the Secretariat could be further impaired;

4. *Calls upon* the General Assembly to take into account the discrepancy between the resources of the Centre and its increased responsibilities and, in accordance with established procedures, to take appropriate and prompt action to rectify the problem;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/180 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/23, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a pro-

gress report on developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights.

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1991/37. Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1989/82 of 24 May 1989, in which it requested the Secretary-General to persist in his efforts to ensure referral of the complaint made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation,

Recalling also its resolution 1990/44 of 25 May 1990,

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights,⁸³

Having examined the relevant section of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights,⁸⁴

Noting the evolving situation in South Africa,

Aware of the ever-growing importance of the independent black trade union movement in the struggle against apartheid,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General,⁸³ submitted pursuant to Council resolution 1989/82, annex II to which contains the note verbale dated 27 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General for persisting in his efforts to ensure the implementation of paragraph 9 of Council resolution 1989/82;

3. *Regrets* that the apartheid regime in South Africa has placed some conditions on its decision to agree that the allegations made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions should be referred to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation, and invites it to cooperate fully in the matter;

4. *Decides* to transmit to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association, through the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, the allegations of infringement of trade union rights made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions in May 1988;

5. *Demands once again* the unimpeded exercise of trade union rights, the immediate unconditional release of all trade unionists imprisoned for exercising their legitimate trade union rights and the cessation of the persecution of trade unionists and repression of the independent black trade union movement;

6. *Takes note* of the relevant section of the report

⁸² See E/1990/50 and A/45/807.

⁸³ E/1991/57.