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*96th plenary meeting
15 December 1980*

35/175. Alternative approaches and ways and means in the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 34/48 of 23 November 1979, in which it decided to consider at its thirty-fifth session the question of the creation of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights 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",

Recalling also its resolution 33/105 of 16 December 1978, in which it requested the Commission on Human Rights to consider the proposal for the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as part of its work on the over-all analysis of the alternative approaches and ways and means for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Bearing in mind Commission on Human Rights resolution 28 (XXXVI) of 11 March 1980,⁹⁵ in which the Commission decided to continue at its thirty-seventh session its work on the over-all analysis of the further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Taking note of the proposal for the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,

Bearing in mind that the proposal for the establishment of a post of High Commissioner for Human Rights requires more careful examination,

1. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to consider this proposal at its thirty-seventh session under the item entitled "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission: alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms";

2. *Further requests* the Commission on Human Rights to submit, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session a report on its work with regard to the item mentioned in paragraph 1 above, including the views expressed in the Commission with regard to the proposal for the establishment of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

3. *Decides* to consider the question of the creation of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at its thirty-sixth 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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35/176. Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system to improve the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The General Assembly,

Recalling the responsibility entrusted by the Charter to the United Nations for ensuring universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Noting the growing awareness of the international community of the need to ensure effective promotion and protection of human rights,

Also recalling the experience acquired by the United Nations in pursuing the goal of the promotion and protection of human rights, *inter alia*, through the use of fact-finding missions, in cases in which mass and flagrant violations of human rights have been recognized,

1. *Considers* that the question of the establishment of bodies entrusted with fact-finding missions and the extent to which they may enhance the promotion and protection of human rights requires serious consideration;

2. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to discuss this question at its thirty-seventh session under the item entitled "Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission: 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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35/177. Draft Body of Principles for the Protection of All Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment

The General Assembly,

Recalling the adoption, in its resolution 3452 (XXX) of 9 December 1975, of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,

Recalling also its resolution 34/169 of 17 December 1979, by which it adopted the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials and decided to transmit it to Governments with the recommendation that favourable consideration should be given to its use within the framework of national legislation or practice as a body of principles for observance by law enforcement officials.

Recalling further that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1979/34 of 10 May 1979, requested the Secretary-General to transmit to all Governments, for their comments, the draft Body of Principles for the

⁹⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1980, Supplement No. 3 (E/1980/13 and Corr.1), chap. XXVI, sect. A.*