

ing", and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/43;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the two special rapporteurs with all the assistance necessary to carry out the study referred to in paragraph 1 above;

3. *Requests* the two special rapporteurs to draft a questionnaire on the right to a fair trial;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the questionnaire, together with the brief report on the right to a fair trial, prepared by Mr. Chernichenko and Mr. Treat, to Governments, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for their response and comments, and to transmit the responses to the special rapporteurs for consideration in connection with the study referred to in paragraph 1 above;

5. *Requests* the special rapporteurs to prepare a preliminary report based on their study and the responses to the questionnaire, proposing ways to develop the basic guarantees necessary for a fair trial into an international standard such as a model code, and to submit the report to the Subcommission for consideration at its forty-third session and to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session for comment.

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**1991/29. Question of a draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* Commission on Human Rights resolution 10 A (XXXIII) of 11 March 1977,<sup>66</sup> by which the Commission requested the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to study the question of the protection of persons detained on the grounds of mental ill-health, with a view to formulating guidelines,

*Recalling also* its resolution 1989/76 of 24 May 1989, by which it authorized an open-ended working group of the Commission to meet to examine, revise and simplify as necessary the draft body of principles and guarantees for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care, submitted by the Subcommission,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Commission on Human Rights for having concluded the elaboration of a draft body of principles,

1. *Decides* to submit the draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care,<sup>67</sup> as well as the report of the working group of the Commission on Human Rights,<sup>68</sup> to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, with a view to the adoption of the body of principles;

<sup>66</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/5927)*, chap. XXI, sect. A.

<sup>67</sup> E/CN.4/1991/39, annex.

<sup>68</sup> E/CN.4/1991/39.

2. *Recommends* that after the General Assembly has adopted the draft body of principles, the complete text should be given the widest possible dissemination, and also recommends that the introduction to the body of principles, contained in annex II to the report of the working group, should be issued at the same time, as an accompanying document, for the benefit of Governments and the public at large.

*13th plenary meeting  
31 May 1991*

**1991/30. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/61 of 6 March 1991,<sup>61</sup>

1. *Authorizes* an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to hold twenty fully serviced meetings at the beginning of December 1991 to complete its second reading of the draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, and with a view to submitting the text to the Commission at its forty-eighth session, in 1992;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the working group with all the assistance it may require for the continuation of its work.

*13th plenary meeting  
31 May 1991*

**1991/31. Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note* of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/63 of 6 March 1991,<sup>61</sup>

1. *Authorizes* the open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the forty-eighth session of the Commission to continue work on a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities to the working group for its meetings.

*13th plenary meeting  
31 May 1991*

**1991/32. Strengthening the independence of the experts members of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking into account* the relevant opinion of the Legal