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Status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and called upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority.
2. By its resolution 50/169 of 22 December 1995, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-first session an updated report on the status of the Convention.
3. By its resolution 1996/18 of 11 April 1996, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Secretary-General to provide, from within existing resources, all facilities and assistance necessary for the active promotion of the Convention, through the World Public Information Campaign on Human Rights and the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights; invited organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to intensify their efforts with a view to disseminating information on and promoting understanding of the Convention; and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-third session a report on the status of the Convention and on efforts made by the Secretariat to promote the Convention and the protection of the rights of migrant workers.
4. As at 31 August 1996, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families had been ratified or

acceded to by Colombia, Egypt, Morocco, the Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Uganda and signed by Chile and Mexico. The Convention will enter into force when at least 20 States have ratified or acceded to it.

5. In accordance with the request of the General Assembly, in paragraph 4 of its resolution 50/169, fact sheet No. 24 on the rights of migrant workers was issued by the Centre for Human Rights in April 1996 to promote the Convention.
