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DRAFT DECLARATION AND DRAFT CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF ALL FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its 1187th meeting on 7 December 1962 the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of its Third Committee, adopted resolution 1731 (XVII) on the preparation of a draft declaration and a draft convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance. The resolution reads:

"The General Assembly,

Desiring to put into effect the principle of the equality of all men and all peoples without distinction as to race, colour or religion, as stated in the Charter of the United Nations,

Being deeply disturbed by the manifestations of discrimination based on differences of race, colour and religion still in evidence throughout the world,

Considering the necessity of taking all possible steps conducive to the final and total elimination of all such manifestations, which violate the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,

Emphasizing that each State ought to take all the necessary action to put an end to these violations, which infringe human dignity,

Noting that the Commission on Human Rights is preparing draft principles on freedom and non-discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices,

1. Requests the Economic and Social Council to ask the Commission on Human Rights, bearing in mind the views of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the debates at the seventeenth session of the General Assembly, any proposals on this matter that may be submitted by Governments and any international instruments already adopted in this field by the specialized agencies, to prepare:

(a) A draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, to be submitted to the Assembly for consideration at its eighteenth session;

(b) A draft international convention on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, to be submitted to the Assembly if possible at its nineteenth session and, in any case, not later than at its twentieth session;

2. Invites Member States to submit their comments and proposals concerning the draft convention by 15 January 1964."

2. The report of the Third Committee on this matter may be found in document A/5305, paras. 9-26, and the debates in the Third Committee are summarized in documents A/C.3/SR.1165-1173.

3. At its resumed 34th session the Economic and Social Council on 19 December 1962 decided to transmit the General Assembly resolution to the Commission on Human Rights as well as to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

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