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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-second session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 February to 5 March 1976. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 2 February 1976.
2. In accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) the Secretary-General had submitted to the Commission at its thirty-first session a draft provisional agenda for its thirty-second session, indicating the documents to be submitted under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Commission to consider the documents from the point of view of their contribution to the work of the Commission and of their urgency and relevance in the light of the current situation. This draft provisional agenda, as amended, was considered by the Commission at its 1332nd meeting, on 6 March 1975. It has been adjusted to reflect the priorities assigned to individual items by the Commission at its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions and is submitted herewith as the provisional agenda of the Commission drawn up under rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. Account was also taken of resolutions of the thirtieth session of the General Assembly having a bearing on the Commission's agenda.
3. The Commission, at its thirtieth and thirty-first sessions, assigned the following priorities: by resolution 6 A (XXXI), the Commission decided to give high priority to the question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East. By resolution 8 (XXXI), the Commission decided to consider the question of reported violations of human rights in Chile as a matter of high priority. By resolution 2 (XXXI), the Commission decided to keep the question of the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and the study of special problems relating to human rights in developing countries, as a standing item on its agenda with high priority. By decision 9 (XXXI), the Commission decided to give high priority to the item on the role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights. By resolution 10 (XXXI), the Commission decided to consider the question of the long-term programme of work of the Commission with priority, and by decision 8 (XXXI), it decided to give high priority to draft resolution E/CN.4/L.1285 on the question of the further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of a long-term programme of work of the Commission.

4. By resolution 3 (XXXI), the Commission decided to place on its agenda every year with priority the item on the right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial and alien domination. By resolution 3 (XXX), the Commission had decided to consider the topic of the adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa as a matter of priority at its thirty-second session. At its 1332nd meeting during its thirty-first session, the Commission decided to include this item in its agenda after the item on the right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial and alien domination. By resolution 11 (XXXI), the Commission decided to give priority to the consideration of the question of human rights and scientific and technological developments. By decision 11 (XXXI), the Commission stated its intention to accord priority to the draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and discrimination based on religion or belief.

5. As envisaged by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1694 (LII), an effort was made to group items which appeared to be related as to the substance.

6. The annotations to the items contained in the provisional agenda will be issued in an addendum to this document.

7. Any decisions affecting the provisional agenda taken by the General Assembly at its thirtieth session and the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in January 1976 will be brought to the attention of the Commission in another addendum to this document.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Organization of the work of the session
4. Question of the violation of human rights in the territories occupied as a result of hostilities in the Middle East (Commission resolution 6 A (XXXI))
5. Study of reported violations of human rights in Chile, with particular reference to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (Commission resolution 8 (XXXI))
6. Question of the realization of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems relating to human rights in developing countries (Commission resolution 2 (XXXI))

7. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of a long-term programme of work of the Commission (Commission resolution 10 (XXXI) and Commission decision 8 (XXXI))
8. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights (Commission resolution 11 A (XXVII) and Commission decision 9 (XXXI)), including:
 - (a) The question of conscientious objection to military service (Commission resolution 11 B (XXVII))
 - (b) Channels of communication with youth and international youth organizations: report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Youth (Economic and Social Council resolution 1842 (LVI))
9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial and alien domination (Commission resolution 3 (XXXI))
10. The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa (Commission resolution 3 (XXX))
11. Human rights and scientific and technological developments (General Assembly resolutions 2450 (XXIII), 2721 (XXV), 3026 B (XXVII), 3149 (XXVIII) and 3268 (XXIX); Commission resolutions 10 (XXVII), 2 (XXX) and 11 (XXXI))
12. Draft declaration on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (General Assembly resolutions 3069 (XXVIII) and 3267 (XXIX); Commission decision 11 (XXXI))
13. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation and of apartheid, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:
 - (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts (Commission resolution 5 (XXXI));
 - (b) Study of situations which reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group established by the Commission at its thirty-first session (Commission decision 7 (XXXI); Economic and Social Council decision 79 (LVIII))
14. Study in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination (General Assembly resolution 3377 (XXX))

15. Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in relation to detention and imprisonment:
 - (a) Necessary steps for ensuring the effective observance of the Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (General Assembly resolution 3453 (XXX));
 - (b) Reports of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (Economic and Social Council resolution 1584 (L) and Commission decision 12 (XXXI));
 - (c) Study of the right of everyone to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention and exile, study of the right of arrested persons to communicate with those with whom it is necessary for them to consult in order to ensure their defence or to protect their essential interests, and draft principles on freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention (Commission resolution 23 (XXV) and Commission decision 12 (XXXI));
 - (d) Formulation of a body of principles for the protection of all persons under any form of detention or imprisonment on the basis of the Study of the Right of Everyone to be Free from Arbitrary Arrest, Detention and Exile and the draft principles attached to it (General Assembly resolution 3453 (XXX))
 16. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its twenty-eighth session
 17. Question of international legal protection of the human rights of individuals who are not citizens of the country in which they live (Economic and Social Council resolutions 1790 (LIV) and 1871 (LVI) and Commission decision 4 (XXXI))
 18. Study of discrimination against persons born out of wedlock, and the draft general principles on equality and non-discrimination in respect of such persons (Economic and Social Council resolution 1787 (LIV) and Commission resolution 1 (XXXI))
 19. Question of measures to be taken against ideologies and practices based on terror or on incitement to racial discrimination or any other form of group hatred (General Assembly resolution 2839 (XXVI) and Commission decision 12 (XXXI))
 20. Advisory services in the field of human rights (General Assembly resolution 926 (X) and Economic and Social Council resolution 1008 (XXXVII))
 21. Communications concerning human rights
 22. Draft provisional agenda and information concerning documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission (Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII))
 23. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the thirty-second session of the Commission
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